



Hinton, Alberta



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# PROGRESSING THE CONVERSATION IN HINTON, ALBERTA

*Three major takeaways from our second “Community Conversation”  
in this rural Alberta town*

## A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH...

In January 2022 we held our initial event in Hinton, Alberta, to discuss income security, community, and environmental changes. Since then, the region experienced an extreme storm event in August 2022 causing infrastructure, road and trail damage, basement flooding, and sewage failures and backups. This resulted concern for the expense these extreme weather events would cause residents in the short and long term.

This second event was hosted in November 2022. It helped not only build on the initial results from session one, but also provide a blueprint for future community sessions.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

In this second conversation, participants started to form three really clear priorities.

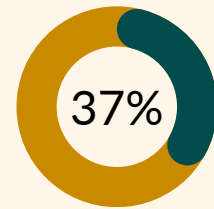
- **Rural Accessibility:** access to essential services & affordability, particularly around housing costs and cost of living, were a big priority.
- **Communication:** a lack of visibility about core services, where to get the resources people need, and a connection to local programs is lacking. Clearer dissemination and promotion of local offerings would benefit everyone.
- **Defining the Transition:** residents felt that a transitioning economy was already under way and that understanding and prioritizing a new economic backbone for the town would help sustain the quality and way of life that they want from their town.



## WHY HINTON?

Oil, gas, and coal have built prosperity for Hinton, which is a resource-based economy.. However, the climate-induced weather events have also unduly impacted the community. We offered this session as a space to talk about these issues, understanding the diversity of opinions, and bringing the community together to find innovative solutions tailored specifically to Hinton's needs.

# of participants  
from the agriculture  
& natural resource  
sector.







## WHAT'S NEXT

This is the second of three sessions in Hinton, with the third taking place in October 2024. We're also planning events across Canada in Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador.

This event not only provided valuable knowledge about the local community, but provided a clear blueprint for subsequent events. When carefully designed to use language that avoided polarizing terminology, we were able to talk about the climate-induced weather events impacting them, the changing economy, and hear a shared vision for solutions.

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