



Hinton, Alberta



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# HINTON, ALBERTA: EMERGING THEMES FROM COMPLEX CONVERSATIONS

## A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH...

The themes of these conversations were prompted from the breakout questions that focused on enhancing rural accessibility, strengthening communication between Hinton residents, and promoting economic diversification in the town. These questions were developed based upon themes from the initial two dialogues, to ensure the topics were driven by the community and resonated specifically with the needs of the Hinton community.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

This conversation was the third and final workshop in this region. The conversation was structured around discussion questions that evolved from the first two sessions. This time, participants identified **three major themes** to address their concerns and fears:

- **Improving accessibility through infrastructure:** Participants verified that they experience significant rural accessibility issues, including healthcare, housing, and education - much of which is exacerbated with the affordability crisis.
- **Community Growth:** Throughout all three events, participants have made clear that Hinton is growing and changing through an influx of in-migration to the community, though participants also noted that young people were leaving the community. Tourism was flagged as a potential economic opportunity.
- **Interconnected Communities:** Participants described a network of communities with highly interconnected economies, as people travel frequently to other towns and cities to access services that are not available in Hinton and vice-versa.

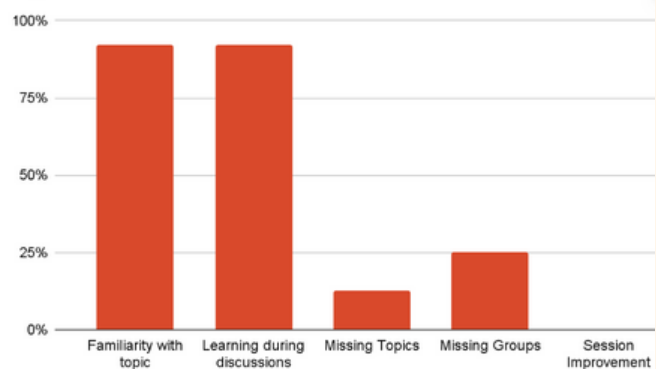
## WHY HINTON?

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.

## Feedback from Participants:

Though 92% stated that they were already familiar with the topics covered, the same number of participants said that they learned something new in the discussion.

Figure 3.1 - Feedback Form Results







## KEY TAKEAWAYS

the third community session highlighted the need for improving community infrastructure, fostering Hinton's growth and the interconnectedness between neighbouring communities. This session reinforced the second session's findings about the community's communication challenges and their keen interest in addressing this issue, driven by the desire for greater involvement in the community.

participants expressed enthusiasm for the community's potential growth and diversification, with less reliance on a single industry and more opportunities across various sectors.

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