

Structural Outline
SSHRC MCRI Project
Community Characterization Project
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Community: Brooks, Alberta

I. Description

Brooks is located just two hours east of Calgary on the TransCanada Highway; one hour west of Medicine Hat; or 1 ½ hours north of Lethbridge on Highway #36.

The Town of Brooks is a thriving community of 11,584 people, located in the County of Newell and the Lake Newell region. As the service and business centre for the region, Brooks offers a vibrant, exciting location for business.

Originally, the area of Brooks was used as a buffalo hunting ground for the Blackfoot and Crow natives. After Treaty 7 was signed in 1887, homesteaders moved into the area to begin dry land farming.

Founded in 1911, Brooks became the base for a dynamic agricultural region. With the development of an extensive irrigation system, courtesy of the CPR and eventually turned over to the Eastern Irrigation District, this region has become a highly productive livestock, grain and vegetable producer.

In more recent times, the oil and gas industry has taken on a high profile. Situated in one of Alberta's most active gas fields, Brooks is home to regional offices of several major oil and gas companies. Local service companies provide the resources required to maintain the support system to the industry.

Bounded on the north by the Red Deer River and on the south by the Bow River, the area surrounding Brooks is known for great fishing and sites to see include: the Brooks Aqueduct, a National/Provincial historical site; the Crop Diversification Centre South, a research centre that supports the horticultural industry; Brooks and District Museum, representing life in this area from 1900 to 1950; Lake Newell, one of the country's largest man made lakes; and Dinosaur Park, a World Heritage Site and home of the field station of the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

Brooks operates as the retail and service sector for both the Town of Brooks and the surrounding region servicing approximately 25,000 people. As a regional service centre, Brooks has a wide range of urban amenities and retail services such as an enclosed shopping mall, a large number of hotels and motels, restaurants, recreational facilities, representation from all five major banks and professional, technical and financial services.

II. Demographics

- a. Total population
- b. Gender breakdown
- c. Age breakdown

Characteristics	Brooks		
	Total	Male	Female

Age Characteristics of the Population			
Total - All persons ⁽³⁾	11,600	6,100	5,505
Age 0-4	840	410	430
Age 5-14	1,480	760	725
Age 15-19	1,030	530	505
Age 20-24	1,225	725	505
Age 25-44	3,970	2,225	1,745
Age 45-54	1,370	720	655
Age 55-64	695	345	350
Age 65-74	445	200	245
Age 75-84	390	145	240
Age 85 and over	155	45	105
Median age of the population	30.0	29.3	30.7
% of the population ages 15 and over	80.0	80.8	79.0

Source: Statistics Canada Community Profiles 2001

d. Rural/urban breakdown

Characteristics	Newell County No. 4		
	Total	Male	Female
Age Characteristics of the Population			
Total - All persons ⁽³⁾	7,140	3,735	3,405
Age 0-4	570	320	250
Age 5-14	1,280	645	635
Age 15-19	590	300	290
Age 20-24	430	230	205
Age 25-44	2,180	1,125	1,060
Age 45-54	1,005	540	460
Age 55-64	565	295	275
Age 65-74	350	185	160
Age 75-84	145	80	65
Age 85 and over	25	15	10
Median age of the population	32.6	33.0	32.3
% of the population ages 15 and over	74.1	74.3	74.2

Source: Statistics Canada Community Profiles 2001

III. Environment

A. Water

a. Water source/Hydrography

Brooks uses water diverted from the Eastern Irrigation District. It is pumped into a storage reservoir, then treated and pumped into a holding reservoir.

Surface Irrigation

The Town of Brooks is unique where it has an extensive irrigation system that supplies untreated water diverted from the Eastern Irrigation District canals and pumped through a piped network to numerous homes and parks throughout the community. The system is being expanded and upgraded each year to allow additional users to connect as a method to reduce consumption of treated water. With the availability of surface irrigation water, Brooks is known in the area as the place where "water works wonders".

County receives grant for regional water study

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by Mary Anne Ocol

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The Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs has awarded a one-time conditional grant in the amount of \$75,000 to the County of Newell to undertake activities to explore a regional water system.

The county has been designated the managing partner for the regional partnership which includes the Towns of Bassano and Brooks, the Villages of Tilley, Rosemary and Duchess.

The purpose of this grant is to build upon an issue of collaboration by providing municipal services in the area.

Municipalities are meant to work together to provide a vision for the region and explore opportunities for sharing municipal services and to consider opportunities for shared economic growth, assistant county administrator Noel Moriyama told council.

He added that the regional approach is intended to include input from key representatives from each municipality, build upon intermunicipal working relationships and establish a precedent for future partnership activity.

Under the contract, the municipalities will develop a business plan, delivery of the regional water system and service partnership plan.

The county will administer the funds on behalf of the partnership and the project is to be completed by May 26, 2006.

The final report will then be submitted to the minister one month after completion.

The three activities that were approved by the government include: a regional water system organization/governance model in the amount of \$25,000, a regional water

service business plan in the amount of \$20,000 and a service partnership plan in the amount of \$30,000.

The expected outcome of the governance model is to clearly define methods to make decisions and manage the regional water system.

The business plan is expected to identify the resources required to implement the governance model and to establish a regional water commission and/or authority. The service partnership plan is meant to help guide the regional partnership through the decision process in identifying appropriate regional shared municipal services.

Council passed a motion to sign the agreement.

b. Water quality/water treatment

The water quality in Brooks is good. Water is sand filtered and coagulated, but not fluoridated. Disinfection is with chlorine.

The following is information about recent upgrades to the Brooks water treatment facility. It is from the Town of Brooks website, infrastructure details:

WTP Treated Storage and High Lift Design and Construction

Description: Work includes engineering, concrete clearwell, piping alterations, pumping upgrades, controls, electrical, siteworks and all associated construction for a 5800 cubic meter treated water expansion.

Projected Duration: September 2004 - May 2005

2004/05 Cost Estimate: \$2,275,000.00

c. Water usage

i. instream/non-consumptive (recreation, wildlife, transport, waste disposal, fisheries, hydroelectric power)

Southern Alberta communities empty treated waste into the South Saskatchewan River System.

There are numerous regional recreation, fishing, and wildlife habitat areas that draw tourism from all over southern and central Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The Eastern Irrigation District has plans to build a \$20 million power generation station on the Bassano Dam. The construction project will see the EID make an investment of over \$2 million dollars more than the dam originally cost back in 1912.

ii. offstream/consumptive (municipal use, thermal power, industrial use, mining, agriculture)

Municipal

Brooks serves over ten thousand people with treated water and uses 6500 cubic meters of water per day. Of that, 4355 cubic meters is for domestic use; 2015 cubic meters is commercial and institutional, and 130 cubic meters is industrial.

Irrigation

The Eastern Irrigation District is one of thirteen Irrigation Districts found in Alberta. The EID has the largest land base and the second largest number of irrigated acres of these Irrigation Districts.

The EID is farmer owned and operated and is situated in South Eastern Alberta's mixed grass prairie eco-system. There are 1.5 million acres within the District's boundaries, making the EID 500 square kilometers (200 square miles) larger than the Province of Prince Edward Island. The Red River forms the north east boundary and the Bow River the south west boundary of the District. The EID includes over 260,000 acres of irrigated crop land, 600,000 acres of prairie grasslands owned by the EID, with the remainder being non-irrigated crop land, privately owned grasslands and three Provincial Parks (Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, Tillebrook Provincial Park and Dinosaur Provincial Park).

The irrigation system was originally developed by the Canadian Railroad Company (CPR). The land base was given to the CPR as part of the final payment of land by the Dominion of Canada for building the railroad across Canada. The railroad people felt that irrigation would encourage settlers to the area giving them income from land sales and increased use of the railroad to ship crops. Construction of the system began in 1910 with the first irrigation water flowing in 1914. The original concept of settlement and crop transportation was basically sound, but they found that the cost of operating the irrigation system was prohibitive. In 1935 a delegation of irrigation farmers negotiated a deal with the CPR to take over control of the project.

All the water delivered through the irrigation system is diverted from the Bow River at the Bassano Dam. The 1,200 irrigation farmers received their water through a system of 4,800 kilometers (3,000 miles) of canals and drains and thirteen internal storage reservoirs. In addition to on farm irrigation, the system also supplies water to all the industry, wet land habitat projects, towns and villages in the area, serving a population base of 18,000 people.

The Bassano Dam is located approximately 8 kilometers (5 miles) south west of the Town of Bassano. Construction of the dam commenced in 1910 with the official dam opening taking place on April 24, 1914. Building of the dam was a major undertaking. The embankment is 2,200 meters (7,000 feet) long and required 300,000 cubic meters (10 million cubic feet) of earthen fill. The concrete structure is 220 meters (720 feet) long and can handle a flow of 3,000 cubic meters per second (100,000 cubic feet per second) of water. A three year dam refurbishing project began in 1984. The concrete was resurfaced, new gates installed and the structure was computerized. Visitors to the Bassano Dam will find a scenic view point of the dam and the river valley complete with a picnic area. Group tours of the dam can be arranged through the EID office and there is also some excellent fishing found below the dam.

The Brooks Aqueduct is a National Historic Site and was awarded the title "One of Ten Engineering Milestones in Alberta", by the Engineering Centennial. The aqueduct is 3.2 kilometers (2 miles) long and is located about 6 kilometers (4 miles) east of Brooks. The construction of the aqueduct required 2.5 years with a work force of 300 men split into 38 crews.

The aqueduct was ready for operation in 1914 and at the time was the longest concrete structure of its kind in the world. The structure required 19,000 cubic meters (25,000 cubic yards) of concrete and close to 2 million kilograms (4 million pounds) of steel. It is interesting to note that the water required for the concrete work had to be hauled in from 65 kilometers (40 miles) away, often requiring amounts of up to 136,370 liters (30,000 gallons) a day. The aqueduct carried irrigation water to the farmers up until the late seventies at which time it was replaced by an earth fill canal. There is a staffed interpretive center at the aqueduct which is open seven days a week 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 15 to the Labour Day weekend.

Construction of Crawling Valley Reservoir began in 1983, although the location had been identified in 1926 as a potential reservoir site. The lake is 18 kilometers (11 miles) long, 1.6 kilometers (1 mile) wide, a maximum depth of 16 meters (52 feet) and has a live storage capacity of 92,000 acre feet. The location is already well known to Southern Alberta fishermen with catches of large Pike and Rainbow Trout to 9 kilograms (20 pounds). Presently there is a campground at Crawling Valley with a number of other recreational developments planned for the future.

Going 6.5 kilometers (4 miles) south of Brooks is the north end of Lake Newell. Lake Newell is the largest internal storage reservoir in the EID and is the largest man made lake in Alberta. It is 17 kilometers (10.5 miles) long, 7 kilometers (4.3 miles) wide and has over 70 kilometers (43 miles) of shore line. The lake has a maximum depth of just under 20 meters (65 feet) with a live storage capacity of 185,000 acre feet. The first water was turned into Lake Newell in 1914 and three years was required to fill it up to capacity. Lake Newell has a great deal to offer those interested in recreation, including Kinbrook Island Provincial Park located adjacent to the Kinbrook Habitat Marsh Complex, Pelican Island Wildlife Preserve, a variety of water sports including boating and good fishing and is probably one of the best bird watching locations in Southern Alberta.

The newly expanded (2003/2004) Rolling Hills reservoir is a great place to camp, boat, fish and play in the sun and sand.

The Eastern Irrigation District enlarged this existing reservoir to provide more off-stream storage for water in the Eastern Irrigation district. This increase in the reservoir size will help provide a more stable water supply for the Rolling Hills area of the Eastern Irrigation District in times of drought. It also provides for a great multi-use area.

Industrial/Oil and Gas

Brooks has a significant oil and gas industry, which uses water for injection wells, cleaning, and other needs in the region.

Alberta Environment issues licenses for water use in Alberta and keeps records of all the water that is allocated. At the end of 2001, Alberta had allocated over 9.4 billion cubic metres of water for a variety of uses. Allocations from surface water sources are 98 per cent of this total; the remaining two per cent is from groundwater sources.

For 2001, the oil and gas sector was licensed to use 4.6 per cent of all the water allocated in Alberta (less than two per cent of the all the water allocated in Alberta is licensed to water and steam injection operations). By comparison, the agriculture sector (including irrigation) was licensed to use the largest amount of water of any economic sector, at approximately 45 per cent. Municipal water supplies accounted for 11 per cent.

Of the total water allocated in the province, the oil and gas sector uses less than half a per cent for water and steam injection processes (enhanced oil recovery). Water diverted for these purposes has declined from 88.7 million cubic metres in 1972 to 47.5 million cubic metres in 2001 - 37 million cubic metres of this was fresh water, 10.5 million was saline or brackish water. (Source: Water Use for Injection Purposes in Alberta report, Alberta Environment, 2003, www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/docs/geowa_report.pdf)

B. Climate

Climate: Semi-arid

Annual Precipitation: 37 cm 14.66 in.

Rain: 27 cm 10.41 in

Snow: 114 cm 44.88 in.

Frost Free Days: 130

Hours of Sunshine/Yr: 2334

Temperature: (Means Daily Seasonal Averages)

January: -13.9 C 7.0 F

April: 4.6 C 40.3 F

July: 18.5 C 65.3 F

October: 6.3 C 43.3 F

IV. Economic Base

The Brooks economy continues to experience strong growth which is driven by the oil and gas industry and agriculture. Recent developments include: Holiday Inn Express, Best Western Motel (includes a water slide), Tim Horton's, Luigi's Restaurant, Toyota Dealership, new Toronto Dominion Bank and 3 strip malls.

The County of Newell's main economic base is agriculture and oil and gas. There are well over 30,000 oil and gas wells within the County of Newell boundaries. The strong activity in the oil & gas sectors provides a large tax base to the County that makes taxes more affordable for ranch, farm and acreage owners in the County.

There are approximately 930,000 acres of native pasture within the County of Newell. Another 282,000 acres is served by the Eastern Irrigation District through a system of canals and pipelines that are fed by water diverted from the Bow River at the Bassano Dam located West of Bassano.

The County of Newell is also home to one of Canada's largest beef packing and processing plants. With over 2500 employees, Lakeside Packers processes just under 1 million cattle a year that are shipped to markets in Western Canada and the United States of America.

The County of Newell continues to be a hotbed of economic diversification. There are currently plans on the drawing table to construct a 1000 megawatt power generation station on the edge of Kitsim Reservoir. The power generation station will be coal fired and supplied with coal from the Bow City Coal Mines that Fording Coal plans to re-open in conjunction with construction of the new power station.

Agriculture Research

The County of Newell is home to a state-of-the-art agriculture research facility. The Crop Diversification Centre is operated by the Province of Alberta. The CDC has been instrumental in research that has developed several strains of crops for production in all areas of the Province and the whole of Canada.

The CDC currently operates a full plant genetics laboratory conducting research into new varieties of crops that either are, or potentially could be, grown in the County of Newell No. 4.

The Crop Diversification Centre also offers facilities for families or organizations to hold outdoor functions in a true park-like setting. One of the main attractions at the centre open for public viewing is the Rose Garden. Hundreds of different varieties of roses are grown in the garden, many of which can be found growing wild through-out the County of Newell.

The CDC conducts research into such crops as sunflower seeds, fruits, especially apples, corn, potatoes and many other crops grown in the County of Newell.

Major Businesses Products/Services

Lakeside Farm Industries Ltd. Cattle Feedlot, Hog and Beef Processing Plant
 United Grain Growers Ltd. Agriculture
 Brooks Alfalfa Dehydrators Ltd. Agricultural Processing
 PanCanadian Petroleum Limited Oil and Gas
 Trans Canada Transmission

Type of Business - Brooks, Alberta

Accommodations	16
Accountants/Tax Services	5
Agricultural Supplies and Dealership	11
Irrigation supplies and businesses	4
Appliances and Furniture and Upholstery	4
Arts and Crafts	3
Automotive sales, service, parts	10
Banks and Financial	12
Health services (chiropractor, massage, therapy, foot clinic, optometry)	8
Service trades (janitorial, catering, furnace cleaning, lawn care)	5
Building trades (carpentry, plumbing, electrician, handyman)	10
Construction, Renovation, and Building Supplies	12
Gas and Convenience	5
Computers and Electronics	6
Groceries	4

Beauty Salons, Spas, and Cosmetics	10
Drugstores	2
Insurance and Travel Services	7
Real Estate and Auctioneers	8
Clothing (retail)	2
Clothing (service: laundromats, dry cleaners, sewing)	5
Media (newspapers, television, radio)	3
Photography and Design	2
Restaurants and Bars	25
Theatre and Movies	1
Trucking	22
Retail Services (Hardware, general)	12
Pawn Shops and Second Hand Stores	1
Lawyers	3
Funeral Homes	2
Excavating, commercial buildings, explosives, etc.	8
Oilfield Services	40
Department Stores	4
Antiques	1
Recreational vehicles, sales and service	2

Characteristics	Brooks		
	Total	Male	Female
Unpaid Work			
Persons reporting hours of unpaid work ⁽³⁴⁾	8,385	4,320	4,065
Persons reporting hours of unpaid housework ⁽³⁵⁾	8,230	4,200	4,035
Persons reporting hours looking after children, without pay ⁽³⁶⁾	3,775	1,710	2,065
Persons reporting hours of unpaid care or assistance to seniors ⁽³⁷⁾	1,355	570	785
Labour Force Indicators			
Participation rate ⁽³⁸⁾	78.6	86.9	69.4
Employment rate ⁽³⁹⁾	74.8	82.7	66.0
Unemployment rate ⁽⁴⁰⁾	4.8	4.9	4.7
Industry ⁽⁴²⁾			
Total - Experienced labour force ⁽⁴¹⁾	7,130	4,190	2,945
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	1,270	1,135	135
Manufacturing and construction industries	1,830	1,290	540
Wholesale and retail trade	795	380	420
Finance and real estate	260	120	145
Health and education	745	140	610
Business services	970	660	315

Other services	1,250	465	785
Occupation ⁽⁴³⁾			
Total - Experienced labour force ⁽⁴¹⁾	7,135	4,190	2,945
Management occupations	510	390	115
Business, finance and administration occupations	960	180	780
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	215	175	40
Health occupations	245	50	200
Social science, education, government service and religion	335	100	235
Art, culture, recreation and sport	85	45	45
Sales and service occupations	1,485	455	1,035
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	1,285	1,215	70
Occupations unique to primary industry	895	815	75
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	1,115	770	340

V. Civil Society

A. Religion

There are fourteen church and religious organizations operating in Brooks. They are: Alliance, Anglican, Catholic, Christian Reformed, Church of God – Pentecostal, Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventist, Evangelical Free, Immanuel Bible, Jehovah's Witnesses, Lakewood Community Church, Lutheran, United, and the Victory Church.

B. Arts, culture and historical societies

Regional museums include the Brooks and District Museum, the Eastern Irrigation District Historical Park and Museum, Dinosaur Provincial Park, the Brooks Aqueduct National/Provincial Historic Site.

C. Sports and Recreation

The Lakeside Leisure Centre currently has 2 indoor skating arenas, 35 metre indoor swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool and weight room. Other facilities available include outdoor skating rinks, 9 tennis courts, athletic park and golf course for recreational enjoyment.

Town Council approved to proceed with renovating the recreational facility to include a water slide, climbing wall, multi-purpose rooms, upgrading one of the existing arenas to an NHL arena and possibly leisure ice for families and the public. The project started in January 2004 and Phase I and Phase II are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

There are numerous parks in our community with different classifications i.e. community parks, facility parks, neighborhood parks, ornamental and natural parks.

Community Parks are ten to twenty acres and include specific facilities and community uses. Locations are Evergreen Park, West End Park, Lake Stafford Park, Duke of Sutherland and Greenbrook Park. The Duke of Sutherland Park has an added feature with a water park and playground plus athletic fields and is heavily used during summer months. About twenty Parks in our community include playground equipment for family enjoyment. For citizen's walking enjoyment, linear paths are available in various locations including the most popular Lake Stafford Park.

About 39 kilometers from Brooks is Dinosaur Park, a UNESCO world heritage site which has camping and tours available.

D. Service clubs

Welcome Wagon (403) 633-0172
Brooks and District SPCA (403) 501-4322
Kinette Club of Brooks (403) 362-3678
Kinsmen Club of Brooks (403) 362-9791
Rotary Club (403) 362-1695
Royal Canadian Legion #63 (403) 362-3323
Royal Canadian Air Cadets (403) 362-7102
AADAC (403) 362-1265
Victim's Assistance (403) 362-5548
Brooks Food Bank Foundation (403) 793-2535
Senior's Outreach Society (403) 362-4131
Salvation Army (403) 362-3117
Brooks Women's Shelter (403) 362-2766
Brooks & District Diabetes Association (403) 362-5914

Brooks Community Adult Learning Council (403) 362-5372
Brooks Foodbank (403) 793-2535
Brooks Nursery School (403) 362-4828
Brooks Pregnancy Care Centre (403) 362-6665
Brooks & District Child Development Society (403) 362-3232
Brooks & District Seniors Outreach Society (403) 362-4131
Dinosaur Natural History Association (403) 793-8065
Lifetalk Counselling (403) 362-2210
Newell Community Action Group (403) 362-6661
Newell Integrated Child Care Society (403) 362-6559
Newell Society for Dance Education (403) 501-0212
SPEC Association for Children & Families (403) 362-5056

E. Educational facilities

Brooks is a part of the Grasslands Regional School Division #6, headquartered in Brooks. The separate school system is run from the Christ the Redeemer School Division, headquartered in Okotoks. Public schools located in Brooks include: Eastbrook Elementary School [2-6], Griffin Park School [2-6], Central Elementary School [Preschool - Grade 1], Brooks Junior High School [7-9], Brooks Composite High School

[10-12] and Sunrise Alternate School (4-12). Separate schools in Brooks include: Holy Family Academy [K-6], St. Joseph's Collegiate [7-12].

There are three Daycare/Nursery centers in Brooks: Apple Blossom Day Homes; Brooks Nursery School; Newell Integrated Child Care Centre.

Post Secondary Education

The Brooks campus of Medicine Hat College provides post-secondary technical and business certificate courses, plus 1st and 2nd year university transfer programs.

F. Health Services

The Brooks Health Centre is a 75-bed acute care hospital with a 25-bed auxiliary hospital. The Palliser Health Authority provides community health nursing, dental program, early intervention services, and parenting programs.

In addition, there are also 10 medical doctors, 5 dentists, 7 chiropractors, 4 optometrists, and additional medical specialists who provide service part-time through the Brooks Health Centre. The Town of Brooks contract Palliser Health Authority to deliver home support respite care and meals on wheels services.

The Town of Brooks is served by a full scale hospital facility and emergency ward. A total of 4 ambulances staffed by both Paramedics and EMTs operate from the Brooks Health Centre. The Brooks Health Centre also has a helipad for take off and landings of the STARS Air Ambulance for swift transfer of patients needing emergency critical care that is not available at the Health Centre.

G. Communications (newspaper, television, radio)

Newspapers:

Brooks Bulletin

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H. Government Services

The Brooks Fire Department, which is part of the service provided under Protective Services, responds to fires, dangerous goods, vehicle and industrial accidents, technical rescue (high angle, confine space, ice & water) carbon monoxide, material acid incidents and requests for assistance from other emergency agencies. The service is provided 24 hours a day - seven days a week and is delivered by 28 volunteer fire fighters and 2 full-time officers.

The Town of Brooks has a fully staffed compliment of RCMP officers for both rural and urban areas. The S/Sgt. meets with the Town's operational services committee on a monthly basis to report on activities and statistics pertaining to the Operational Plan. This Plan was designed by Committee where areas such as bike patrol, foot patrol, traffic violations and bar checks are reported to Committee confidentially.

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VI. Sources

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