



Community Meeting July 11, 2009 Resident Input and Feedback

**Question #1 What do you value about the Village of Spring Lake?**

**ATTENDEES RECORDED DISCUSSION RESPONSES ON WORKSHEETS  
TOP PRIORITIES WERE PICKED AND WRITTEN ONTO CARD RESPONSES THAT  
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**CARD RESPONSES**

Lake  
Nature/Wildlife  
Beauty and Quietness  
Sense of Community  
Neighbours – caring/sharing  
Great Place to Raise Children-safe  
Peace and Quiet  
The Lake and all that it Brings-Natural setting, wildlife, sunsets  
Emily is great!  
Small Community  
Quiet, Peacefulness  
Garbage P/U and Snow Removal  
Rural and Quiet  
Good Services  
Safe Community  
Quiet Country Living  
Nature  
Recreation space for walking, biking, hiking  
Village Office Staff and Council- courteous and friendly, approachable, responsive and timely  
Village Atmosphere  
Low traffic volume  
No shopping Malls  
Wildlife/lake trails  
Peace and Quiet  
Services Provided-Garbage and Recycling, Roads plowed, Notice Boards.  
Serenity  
Peaceful Lakeside living with Wildlife  
Road Maintenance  
Quaint summer cottages and potentially historic structures (can they be preserved)

**WORKSHEET RESPONSES (points discussed but not prioritized to Cards)**

Privacy  
Not Part of Parkland  
Proximity to Edmonton  
Closeness to Facilities  
Size of Village  
Fishing  
Pavement to my door  
No shopping Centers



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**Question #2 What is working well in Spring Lake?**

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**CARD RESPONSES**

Improved Village Administration and Council (x2)  
Communication  
Response  
Lots has always worked well  
Environmental proactive attitude: Environmental Committee, Loon Protection, Garbage/recycling (x4)  
Size of Community  
Small, Friendly, peaceful  
For Dogs  
Lake  
Hiking Trails  
Services: Garbage, recycling, road maintenance, town staff  
Communication: Newsletter, notice board postings  
New Office administration working well  
Garbage p/u, snow removal, low crime rate  
Green Space: Amount, Maintained  
Present Council, Admin and Public Works are available, responsive and positive  
Clean Looking Village  
Snow removal for seniors  
Grass cutting  
Emily  
Congrats to council for banning OHV, the Village is safer and quieter

**WORKSHEET RESPONSES (points discussed but not prioritized onto Cards)**

Community Events  
Access  
Goals are starting to be achieved, example- Quad Bylaw (x2)  
Council appears to be getting stronger in terms of creative & more positive decision making  
Infrastructure improvements  
Visually pleasing environment  
Well kept  
Better communication, example-Web site, and open questions at council meetings  
Retained Village Status  
Website Improvements  
New Equipment for public works, better planning  
Flower gardens and lawn cutting with Public Works  
This type of Meeting (Public Meeting)  
Low Crime



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**Question #3 What is “not so good” and needs to change?**

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**CARD RESPONSES**

Speed limit compliance  
Need more policing  
Animal Control does not return calls  
Too many bylaws  
Council Meetings- public input earlier, not later  
Do not create bylaws that you can't enforce  
Enforce bylaws we have (x2)  
Control of taxes-increases each year too high  
Continue to improve communication between Village and Residents  
Explain with greater clarity ideas/plans/budgets going forward  
Method of recycling  
Walk access to the lake  
Community recreation facilities are weak  
Threat of large development (possible moratorium)  
Aeration Issue  
By-law enforcement officer  
Long Range Plan-Land Use, etc.  
Timeframe of completion of Spring Lake Ranch  
Untidy property, dead vehicles  
In camera sessions  
Conflict of interest within Council and Staff  
Lake Access-availability of keys during weekends and evenings

**WORKSHEET RESPONSES (points discussed but not prioritized to Cards)**

SLR- Heavy equipment running all hours and weekends  
Access to operating budget  
Access to new development  
Advance notice of new development  
Enforcement of replanting trees illegally removed  
Encourage Community spirit  
Recycle program for Grass clippings and branches  
Snow removal on weekends  
On road parking during the winter by meadow, fishing related  
No vision for 10 years  
Zoning plan  
Speed limit on Range Road 20  
Public assistance for residents with needs  
Number of Dogs per property to be decreased  
Continue to improve communication to residents  
Citizens/residents having complaints or concerns but are not able or willing to make public  
Potential change of values



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**Question #4 What can be done over the next 10 years to improve our Village and have it thrive as a community?**

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**RESPONSES CARD**

Lake and Environmental stewardship  
More hiking and skiing trails  
Keep it small (x2)  
Resident input on new development  
Become more environmentally sensitive – protect our green space  
Help for hire  
Part – Time Community Events coordinator  
Respect for “weekenders”  
Development for long term plan  
Focus on maintaining what we have  
Hold on Taxes  
Involvement of Residents  
Complete Road paving  
No further property development – including Spring Lake Resort  
All new faces on Village Council  
Maintain & preserve existing parkland and reserves (Meadow)  
Provide spot on lake for skating and curling  
Walk path around lake  
Designated off leash dog areas  
Paved pathways  
Water level of lake increased  
Wildlife protection and exposure from walking path i.e. nesting boxes  
Long term strategic plan  
Analysis of lakes’ needs and potential mitigating actions  
Fresh water and Waste water assessments  
Become guided by a living development plan  
Consider economic and cultural opportunities for Spring Lake’s future  
Increase in retail and other consumer conveniences i.e. Modest Strip mall  
Moratorium on approving future residential development until development plan has been implemented  
Educate best practices to residents for a healthy shoreline and lake  
Nature trail circumventing the lake (encircling the community)

**WORKSHEET RESPONSES (points discussed but not prioritized to Cards)**

Water study on the effects of septic fields and wells  
Have yearly public forums  
Establish a more practical way to enforce bylaws  
Learn guidelines from the “Earth Charter”  
Better communication not including the web site...Monthly letters  
More environmentally sensitive “Communities in Bloom, Earth Charter Arbor Day”  
Better Police Service  
Speed Bumps  
Tar and Feather the Town Council