

**Golden & Area A's Vital Signs  
Post-Publishing Discussion & Actions**

VS#	Priority Rank	Issue Areas	Take Action	Strengths	Challenges	Opportunities
xii	1	<b>Economy</b>	Presented VS to KHCCC - Tues Nov 1; GAI Board - cancelled; support NFP Efficiency project; need to understand the economic impact of tourism activities like MechSki, rafting, cycling (Tourism Golden study) and hiking visitation. Promote sharing of hotel occupancy info. Find out what are the challenges to have an IFR-rated airport (ToG's Airport Cmte). Help push the Community Calendar (perhaps contest for posting on it?); Shop Local initiatives (encourage and reward). KH whitewater park - find, share & review bathymetric study. Initiate Hiking & Biking Trails Planning Meeting.	The many groups that do collect stats for different economy related areas were willing to share their data. The Forest Industry Session helped bring a quiet industry back into the public eye.	Using National VS indicators for our area which was lumped in with Thompson-Okanagan, etc. Some local businesses and organizations were very uncomfortable with sharing their information.	Work with local data collectors to better compile, share and act on data between 2011 and 2014. Continue to provide a list of data to the relevant organizations, and encourage them to act to improve these issue areas. Finally, support the focusing and prioritization projects that will make the greatest impact on our Quality of Life.
ix	2	<b>Work</b>	Present: to VS to KHCCC - Tues Nov 1; GAI Board - Nov 23; support NFP Efficiency project; community job fair; construction job training; nonprofit fundraising training (CFRE); Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) responsible use and trail development; Exit Survey for local residents; KRIC-sponsored high school career fair	"What I liked - the stats that were most interesting to me were: % of labour force by industry, local area income dependency, Golden Employment Service stats. Did well on: the report and the survey, I think the survey was very well done, questions covered everything in each issue area. Survey- nothing I would change/add or delete."	"What we need more info on: # of business startups/bankruptcies, # of home-based business (Area A doesn't require a business license, but the town does). What's missing and could make the report better - more up to date stats."	"What I'd like to see: round table discussions with a group of stakeholders from each issue area (like we had for forestry), also a return of the career fair that was held years ago for secondary students, students were given the opportunity to speak to professionals in many different fields."
v	3	<b>Housing</b>	Radon monitoring & radon-proof construction; wait to read the 12th St Old Town Works Yard Report. Examine opportunities/ need to manage Fisher Road Apts. locally (currently under Community Living) - speak with Faye, Migr.	The ToG's Housing Committee has already collected much of the data. Marcella - someone who stepped up at the last minute with a great grasp of research.	No one from the Housing Committee came forward to look at the other data before publishing. The Housing Assessment study was outdated - 2007. Need to publish Deep Data document or link to Housing Assessment Study & 12th Street Old Town Works Yard Consultant's Report.	Ensure that the Housing Committee has the support (financial, moral) to continue addresses the needs of the community.
iii	4	<b>Health</b>	8 units for seniors housing were built in October; re-initiate a Community Health Board and promote the Patient Voice Network; remote surgery for emergency service (trauma, heart), telehealth; support Radon awareness/control; widening or extending air shed boundaries past the 10km radius through the Air Quality Monitoring Committee.	Local health care providers were willing to engage with the process and provide input/feedback. While it took some time, we were able to find the local data we needed.	Lack of community-focused health stats available from CFC.	Contact the local health researchers (within IHA) early in order to get the data we need. Use this project to show the need for more local healthcare training and workshops.
viii	5	<b>Environment</b>	Related application has been received by GDCF CGP; particulate monitoring through the Town of Golden (contact: Chris Hambruch, ToG/CSRD and Paul Willis, Ministry of Environment. Radon testing. Review Area A open burning regulations.	We had a volunteer who understood the local environmental picture. Wildsight was very supportive.	Our volunteer (CBT summer student) went back to school before the project was complete - we will need to have volunteers available into October of the publishing year.	Work with the Air Quality Committee, Wildsight, CBT. Look at using a summer student, but ensuring that there is someone that can carry-on the project after the student is gone.
iv	6	<b>Learning</b>	Pollinate other Issue Areas & groups with community literacy collaboration techniques; i.e. Learning Centre concept	We had an expert volunteer (literacy coordinator). The 'Learning' community here is already quite collaborative.	There wasn't enough time to reach out to the community and the summer was not an ideal time. MAC/Windows compatibility and comfort. Dial-up internet prohibited data sharing from home.	After the report was published, other community members reached out with data, which can be used for the next report (2014). Getting all of the different views/researchers in one room on the Release Night to share built awareness throughout the entire community. COTR has offered to collect and share data for 2014. There may be an opportunity for college/ university level summer students. Research and data analysis (critical thinking) is a necessary skill.
i	7	<b>Gap between Rich &amp; Poor</b>	Improved accessibility for community events (KHC, Golf, WASP, etc.)	We had a passionate volunteer, who compared the data available with local evidence and anecdotes.	The data wasn't specific enough to our area; missed secondary residents that skew data; data was taken during a 'boom,' while the report was published in the 'bust.'	CSRD data. We need to provide stats analysis support for all volunteers and researchers.
vi	8	<b>Getting Started &amp; Staying</b>	Find way to communicate nonprofit database; explain how to engage in the community	There is local data for much of this Issue Area.	There was demographic info by age group (old v. young), but we missed data for ethnic groups (Sikhs, etc.). There was a lack of local data for youth (EI - yes, but not those who don't qualify for benefits.)	Start earlier in acquiring the data. Refining what we want to know in advance.
x	9	<b>Belonging &amp; Leadership</b>	Help determine guiding principles and information that our community (gov, nfps, biz, individuals) can measure, act and repeat. Promote the community calendar.	The researcher had a good understanding of the CBT's State of the Basin Report and Community Engagement.	There is lack of obvious ownership for this Issue Area.	Define 'belonging & leadership' so that it is understood and actionable by the public and groups (nonprofits and employers). Determine where 'recreation' fits in a Vital Signs report - under B&L or Arts & Culture or under its own Issue Area.
xi	10	<b>Getting Around</b>	Meet with Kevin Finnegan of GoldenHikes.ca; Find local agency/group to identify, develop, maintain and promote trails; review Tourism Golden's Cycling Study (Jan 2012); support KH Transit's 2nd bus; lobby Province for shared bus service (school & public).	A lot of the material is available online. Highways has some info. Town of Golden had all of the Transit Info. The Active Transportation Committee had already done a lot of the background work (through our OCP).	We didn't have a local volunteer step up.	Find local data early on (before summer). Use the Tourism Golden bike survey data.
ii	11	<b>Safety</b>	Contact Transport Canada for rail safety stats; understanding airports capability and requirements for night landing; promote safety with recreational activities (water, snow, rock).	We had a visible and respected volunteer who had access to RCMP info.	We have 5 'safety related' groups in the Town. We don't have area-wide coverage for Fire Protection.	Contact all relevant orgs early (ToG FD, Nicholson FD, Field FD, GADSAAR, CASARA, RCMP)
vii	12	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>	Open all events to all those that want to attend (may start with KHC); support review of community space pricing; increase utilization of audio-visual and tele/video conferencing equipment.	There is data available. Our community is perceived to be doing very well in this Issue Area.	The data is not in an easy-to-read format and tracked by year.	We have identified unavailable data from KHC and in the future it can be remedied. The fringe groups (Golden Players, Purcell Mountain Orchestra, etc.) were not well represented.