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Complete the Vital Signs Survey Today *Public input drives the Report and community planning*



Nola Milum and Ryan Watmough look over Golden & Area A's Vital Signs 2014 report and the input from 400 survey respondents. The Golden & District Community Foundation is leading a 2017 report update and is looking for over 500 local residents to provide their input through an online survey available until July 31.

(Golden, BC) A pattern is developing here.

Every 3 years, the Golden & District Community Foundation (GD CF) is eager to hear what the Golden & Area A's residents think through their 3-year Vital Signs survey.

The GD CF and a team of volunteers are publishing an update to the 2014 and 2011 community indicator reports. Vital Signs measures 13 Issue Areas across all participating Vital Signs communities, from coast to coast, and internationally.

A group of dedicated volunteers are busy collecting and analyzing data from local, provincial and national sources to determine how Golden is doing relative to other communities, the province, the nation, and, most importantly, to itself over time. These researchers are looking for patterns, indicators of past performance and predictors of future performance.

In parallel to this quantitative research, all Golden & Area A residents are welcome to complete a survey to rate how the community is performing related to the 13 Issue Areas and pick their priorities for the future. This feedback will be used to set priorities with the GDCF and other community-minded organizations.

“Vital Signs is the only local project that combines both data and feedback from both residents in the Town of Golden and CSRD Electoral Area A,” explained Ryan Watmough, GDCF Executive Director and Vital Signs Project Manager. “We need residents to grade our community’s performance, indicate where resources should be allocated and help set priorities.”

Lynne Romano, former Chairperson of the GDCF, continued, “Vital Signs is used as *the* grant making tool with a number of local funding streams. While citizen priorities help funders allocate grants to priority projects, the survey helps engage and align individuals, families, groups, businesses and local government toward raising the quality of life for all residents.”

Approximately 20 local researchers are requesting all types of data from local governments and community groups – from total kilometers of trails and club membership numbers to hotel stays and real estate prices tracked year-over-year. Any local groups that have good community indicator data that they are willing to share are invited to contact the GDCF at admin@goldencommunityfoundation.ca.

And whether you have data to share or not, the Vital Signs survey is available to everyone through www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca until July 31, with results published in October.

About the Golden & District Community Foundation

The Golden & District Community Foundation’s mission is to attract and effectively grow permanent funds; provide leadership and administration that helps in addressing significant community needs; and help donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

To learn more about your community foundation and *Golden & Area A’s Vital Signs* report, please bookmark www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca.

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