

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA

What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll

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INTRODUCTION

The **What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll** was conducted for the **District of Katepwa** as part of the review and development of a new Official Community Plan for this district and which includes sixteen subdivisions around Katepwa Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley downstream and east of the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle. Understanding the common issues and aspirations of the community are important elements for a Council to be cognizant of both during the preparation of an Official Community Plan and later during the many decisions which will be made by Council.

The District of Katepwa and this survey include the following subdivisions¹:

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| 2. Katepwa Vista Subdivision | 10. Dundurn Park Subdivision |
| 3. Sandy Beach Subdivision | 11. Pelletier Place & Boyle Place Subdivision |
| 4. Idylwyld Subdivision | 12. Michelle Place Subdivision |
| 5. Who Calls Subdivision | 13. The Maples Subdivision |
| 6. Katepwa Beach, Katepwa Point & Vidals Subdivision | 14. Shamus Shores Subdivision |
| 7. Sunset Inn & Vidals Subdivision | 15. Osment Place & Berry Hills Estates Subdivisions |
| 8. Lakeside, Hillsdale & Lakeside Addition Subdivision | 16. Lakeview Beach, Lakeside Subdivision |

The objective of this exercise was to develop a profile of the more important issues for the District of Katepwa – in the form of a modified simple SWOT² test. The statistical format of the questions was designed to generate a *binomial* distribution - to document what the ‘silent majority’ of residents felt on key planning and development issues. In general, the top ten responses account for 80 percent of all responses. However, in the District of Katepwa scenario the 80 percent clustering occurs with the first 5 responses - there is good consensus on most issues and no polarization of issues is apparent from the results.

The District staff mailed out the consultant prepared survey to eight hundred permanent and seasonal residents in October 2010. The collective sample of comments was received up until the third week of November 2010 is included in Appendix A. From the original mail-out of 800 questionnaires, a total of 204 questionnaires were received by mail, fax, email and hand. Two questionnaires were spoiled and therefore 202 questionnaires were examined. The response rate of 25 percent is extremely high and more than four times the expected

¹ A Study Area map of the 16 subdivisions is included in Appendix C attached to this report.

² SWOT = Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat exercise.

response - this is highly indicative of interest by the general public. Further, the vast majority of comments were sincere and constructive - again, a positive indicator from the electorate. Finally, a spoilage rate of less than 0.5 percent is also very low and positive.

From the total sample of 202 surveys, 127 surveys were selected from the 16 subdivisions within the District of Katepwa for analysis³. A binder was created with all of the original survey sheets sorted by subdivision - this manuscript material may be referenced by Council or a committee of Council as required. A second printed binder includes a colour-coding of responses by subdivision.

The survey asked the following key questions:

- what are the important attributes/assets of the District that residents value and wish to protect;
- what are the issues which are cause for concern and require attention and possible correction; and
- rank the shorter term action items residents believe are important.

In addition, residents were also given the opportunity to provide additional comments which are included in both the report and in the appendices.

Residents were also asked what they wanted their community to become within 15 years - this item is included in Appendix B as resource material for the development of a “Vision Statement” which should encapsulate the aspirations of the whole community - or stated in another way - determine the point on the horizon to sail towards over the medium term. When a municipality or district has a common “Vision Statement”, this enables both Council and the general public to assess immediate and short-term issues and decisions on the general course of action for the medium and long-term. What do the citizens of the District of Katepwa wish the District to represent first in 15 years and then later what longer-term legacy should be left to the grand-children and their children?

Short-term issues have and will always pressure Council, however, Council must also consider the impacts on the longer term when rendering their decisions.

The results of the *What Matters to You in Your Community Opinion Poll* provide instructive information to both the Council of the District of Katepwa and to its residents. This survey can also be utilized in support of the development of the new Official Community Plan which will be the master planning document for District of Katepwa during the next 10-15 years - a determination of the “preferred future” by the year 2025. Important policy directions can be identified and incorporated into the Official Community Plan and into general municipal decision making.

The top ranked municipal issues (as seen by residents) have also been listed and prioritized by the citizens of District of Katepwa; the heading of each set of related comments has been used to summarize from clusters of similar comments. Council needs to compare the public perception of the issues with the reality of the issues. If there is a wide divergence between Council and the residents, then it is

³ The 127 selected surveys from the total of 202 is double the normal requirement for a statistically representative sample.

important to undertake either some public education and/or Council may need to review its own ranking of issues and adjust in a democratic manner to accommodate the public wishes. However, Council should not strive to be popular - Council needs to provide informed leadership and make the best decisions rather than popular decisions.

In conclusion, the results of the October 2010 survey are interesting and conclusive in several areas. The questionnaires received, based on the very high response rate, quality and detail of comments, present an honest and open comment on what the permanent and seasonal citizens of the District of Katepwa value and wish to protect, what they wish to improve, and general recommendations for the future.

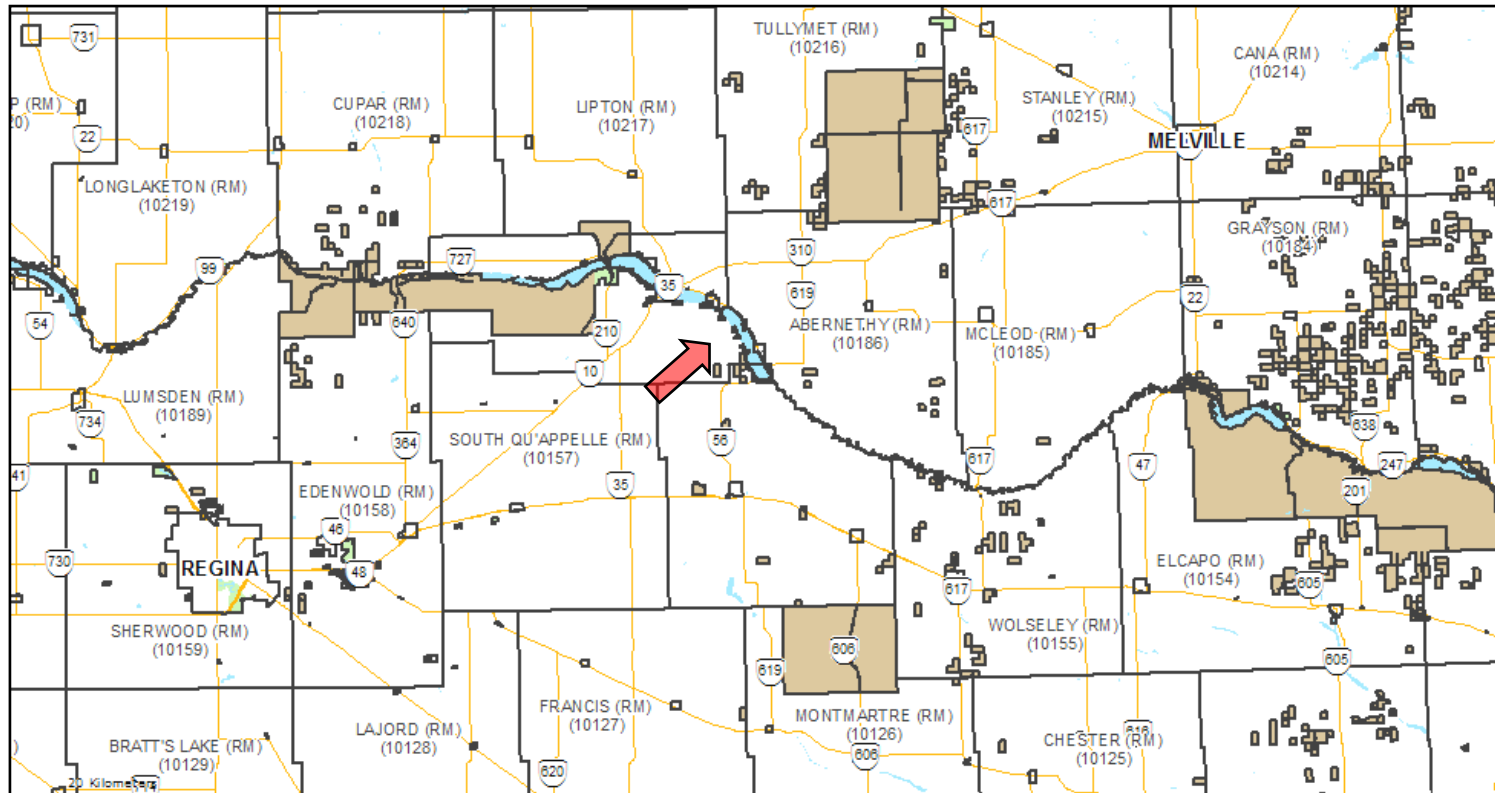
The summary results of this survey have been graphed on a series of panels in the next section of this report and include a short point-form commentary. This material may be placed up on the wall for public meetings and/or can be copied and placed into files for public information and education. It is recommended a broad publication of this material be provided to District residents to provide both feedback on the original survey and to initiate any necessary debate on specific items.

NOTES: All comments and recommendations contained in this report are for discussion purposes only. Therefore, all Policy must be approved and formally adopted by the Council of District of Katepwa before having standing.

The broader the understanding, the greater the debate on critical issues and the greater a general consensus will lead to a stronger and more useful Official Community Plan and associated policies and bylaws of Council.

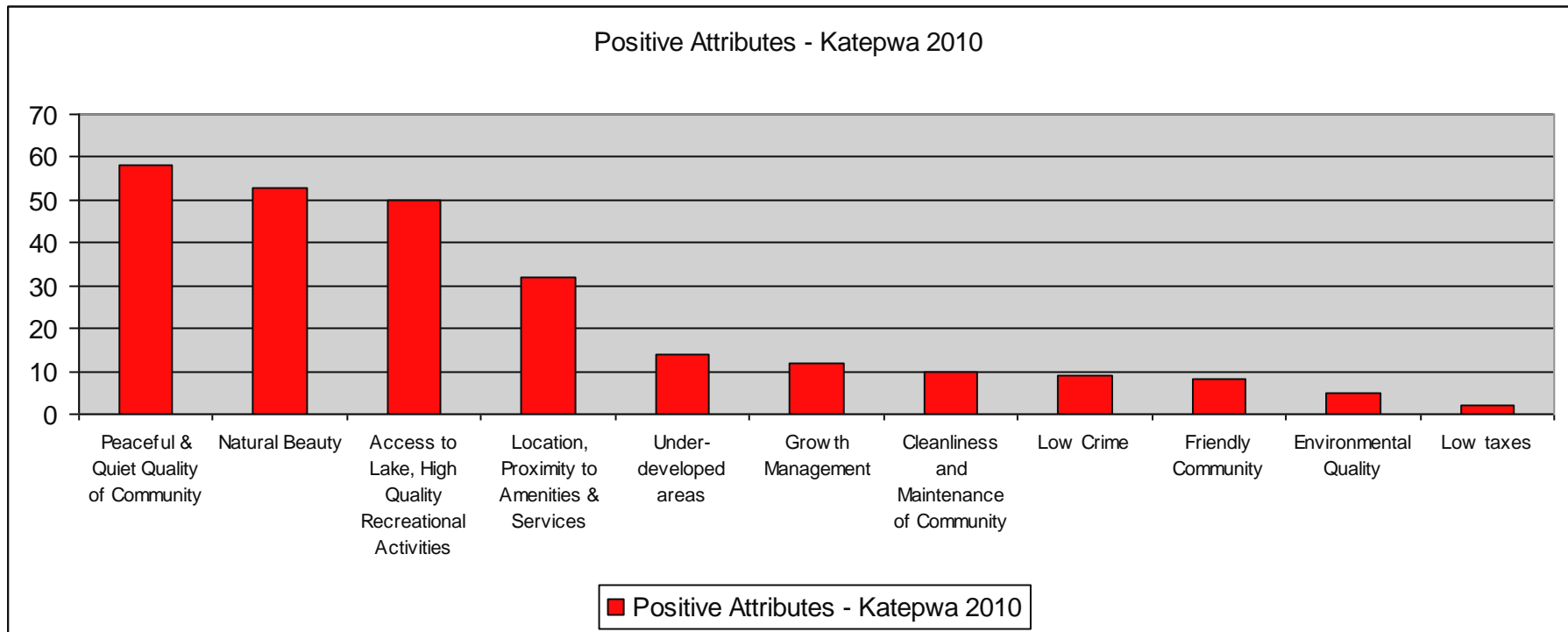
It should also be noted that issues can change over time; what is topical in 2010 may not be appropriate in 2015 - municipalities and districts are not static.

REGIONAL CONTEXT - DISTRICT OF KATEPWA



- District of Katepwa in the Qu'Appelle Valley system features Katepwa Lake and the Qu'Appelle River
- The towns of Fort Qu'Appelle, Balcarres and Indian Head are the closest small urban retail service sectors
- Rural municipalities abutting the District include Indian Head (156), Abernathy (186) and North Qu'Appelle (187)
- The summer population of the District of Qu'Appelle is approximately 2,000 persons - size of a large town.

MOST IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ATTRIBUTES AS RANKED BY RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT OF KATEPWA ⁴

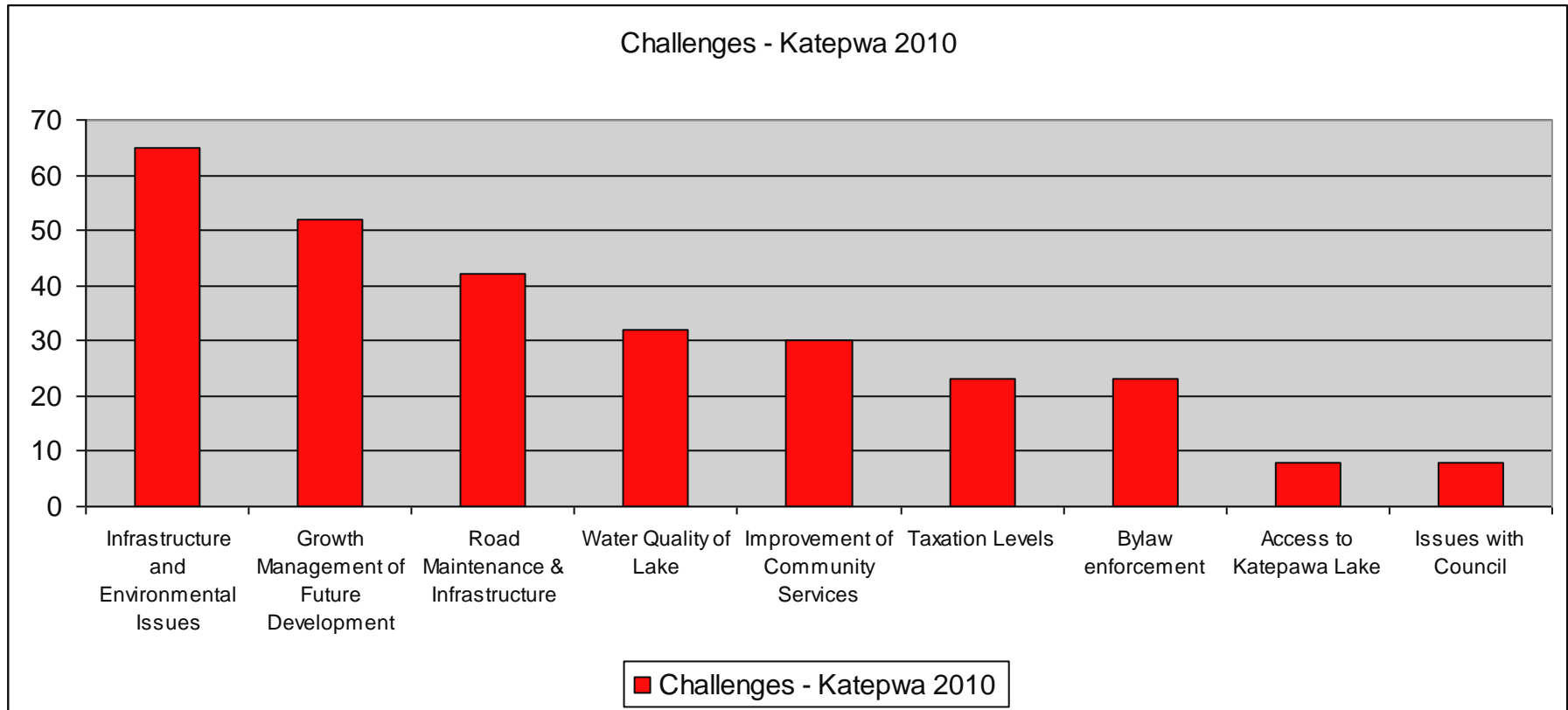


These are assets and values which should be considered for protection and fostering within the community

- The Peace and Quiet of the District is the highest ranked attribute - this is something to be fostered and protected
- Nature Beauty - to be expected in a recreational resort and aesthetic vistas and landscape are very important
- Access to Katepawa Lake and quality of experience is of high importance - impacts on quality will generate concerns
- Good highway access, close to Regina, Indian Head and Fort Qu'Appelle plus local commercial services
- An appreciation for undeveloped areas, lack of development into the hills - aesthetic vistas
- Support for "managed growth" and perhaps an early indication optimum development levels are being approached now
- Residents appreciate the well-maintained, clean community with low crime rates and good neighbours
- Results are typical of a resort-recreational area - if lost they generally cannot be recovered

⁴ A full listing of all randomly selected comments received has been included in Appendix A attached to this survey report.

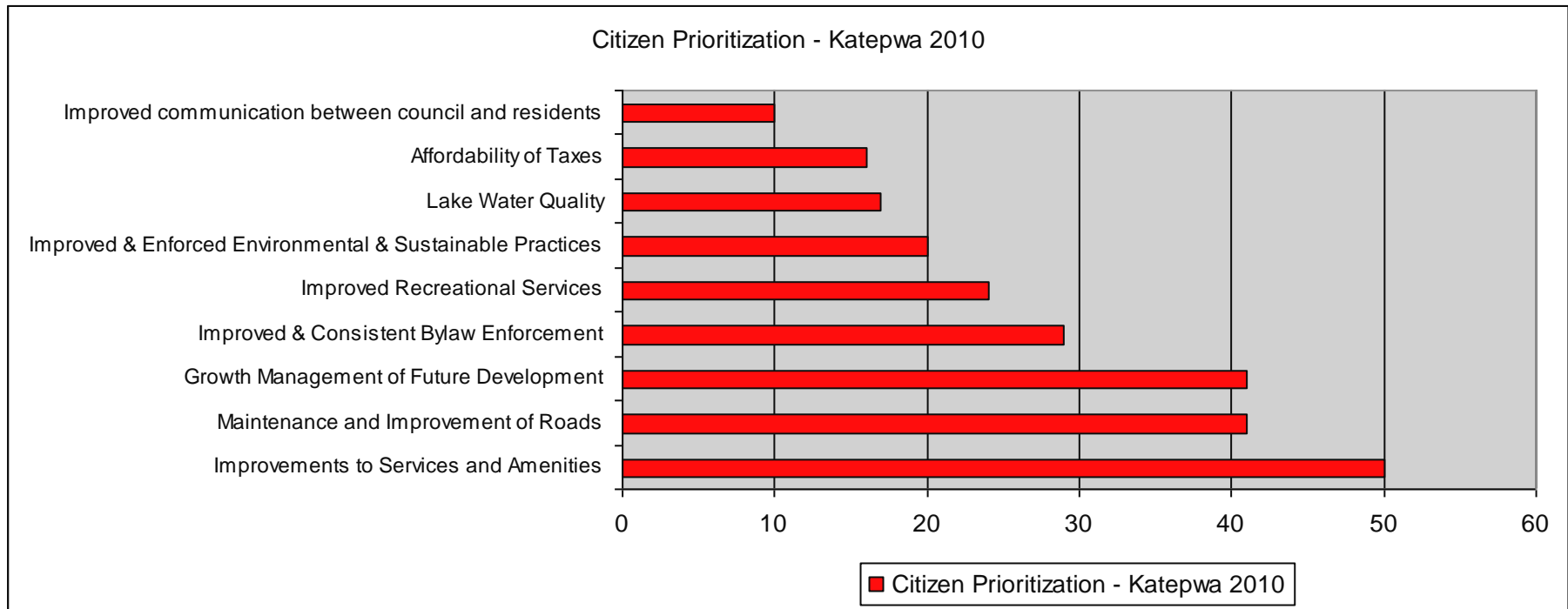
MOST IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL CHALLENGES AS RANKED BY RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT OF KATEPWA



These are issues and situations which require attention, correction, regulation and/or management by both Council and residents

- Infrastructure and Environmental issues are the most dominant concern for residents of the District - includes concerns about the lagoon, solid waste landfill, septic tanks, and maintaining natural eco-systems - *very important issue for Council !!*
- Growth Management - significant concerns on over-development, control of development on the hills, requirement for more planning and development controls - need for a comprehensive Official Community Plan plus enforcement
- Road Maintenance - need to determine which roads are under municipal jurisdiction versus Provincial jurisdiction
- Water quality of lake - largely a Provincial responsibility but District should continue to lobby while controlling septic tanks
- Increased Community Services by part of population - more amenities and increased service levels
- Taxation Levels - an issue but lower priority. Council needs to provide efficient services for each tax dollar

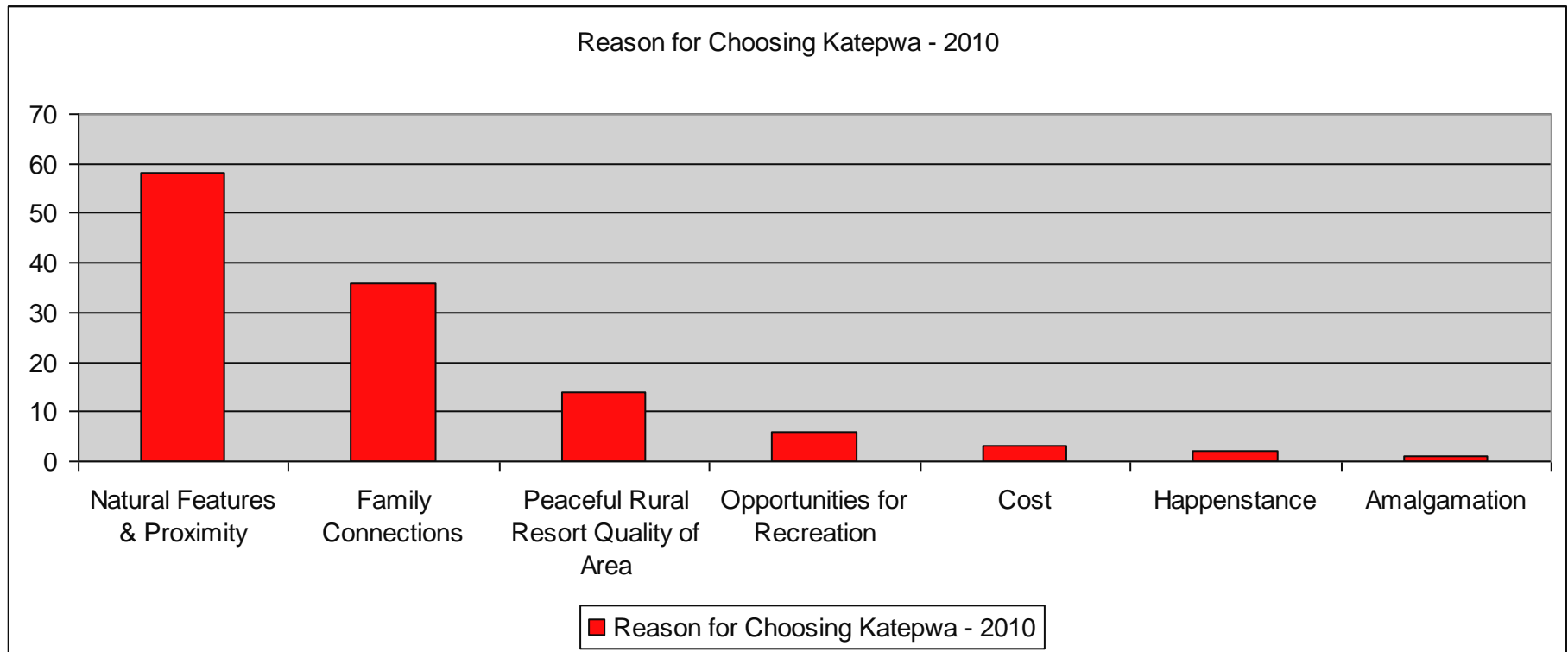
PRIORITIZED MUNICIPAL ACTIONS AS RANKED BY RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT OF KATEPWA - 6 YEAR LIMIT



These are prioritized action items for both Council and residents of the District of Katepwa to consider

- Improvements to Services and Amenities - includes examination of sewer and water systems, solid waste management improvements, another boat launch, increased emergency services - unusual for ratepayers to talk about infrastructure
- Maintenance and improvement to roads - upgrades to provincial and municipal roads, improved maintenance and snow removal. Important to clarify jurisdictions to ratepayers. Council should update its 5 and 10 road maintenance program.
- Managed Growth - greater control over type and rate of development, better planning and planning regulations, establish and follow a new Official Community Plan, avoid over development
- Bylaw Enforcement - consistency and enforcement. A chronic issue in most municipalities - needs to be addressed in all cases
- Improve Recreation Services - facilities for children, more beach area, improve park areas, and control ATVs
- Affordable Taxation - listed but only 6 percent of residents as a higher priority
- Improved communication with Council - a current request in most Saskatchewan municipalities

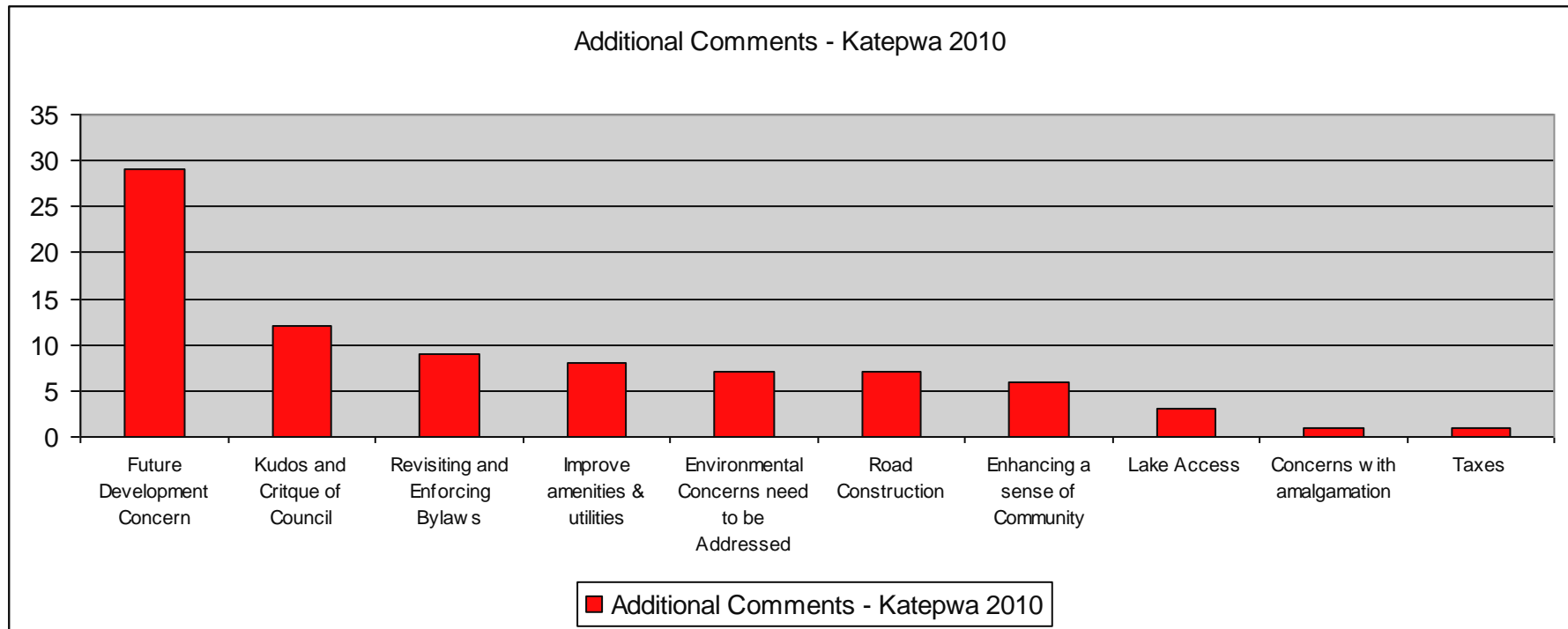
PERMANENT AND SEASONAL RESIDENT REASONS FOR CHOOSING DISTRICT OF KATEPWA



Reason for Choosing the District of Katepwa for either a residence or a cottage

- Proximity to the urban centres (Regina) and natural features ranked highest - an expected response
- Traditions and family connections - many residents have long-term associations with Katepawa area - normal
- Natural surroundings and quality of region - to be expected in a lakeshore resort area
- These attracting forces are unlikely to change - most at threat is Natural Features and Quality if future development is not management in a longer-term and sustainable manner
- Cost, happenstance and the District amalgamation are not important factors in the decision
- Nothing unusual with these standard responses. See **Appendix C** for location of residents sampled.

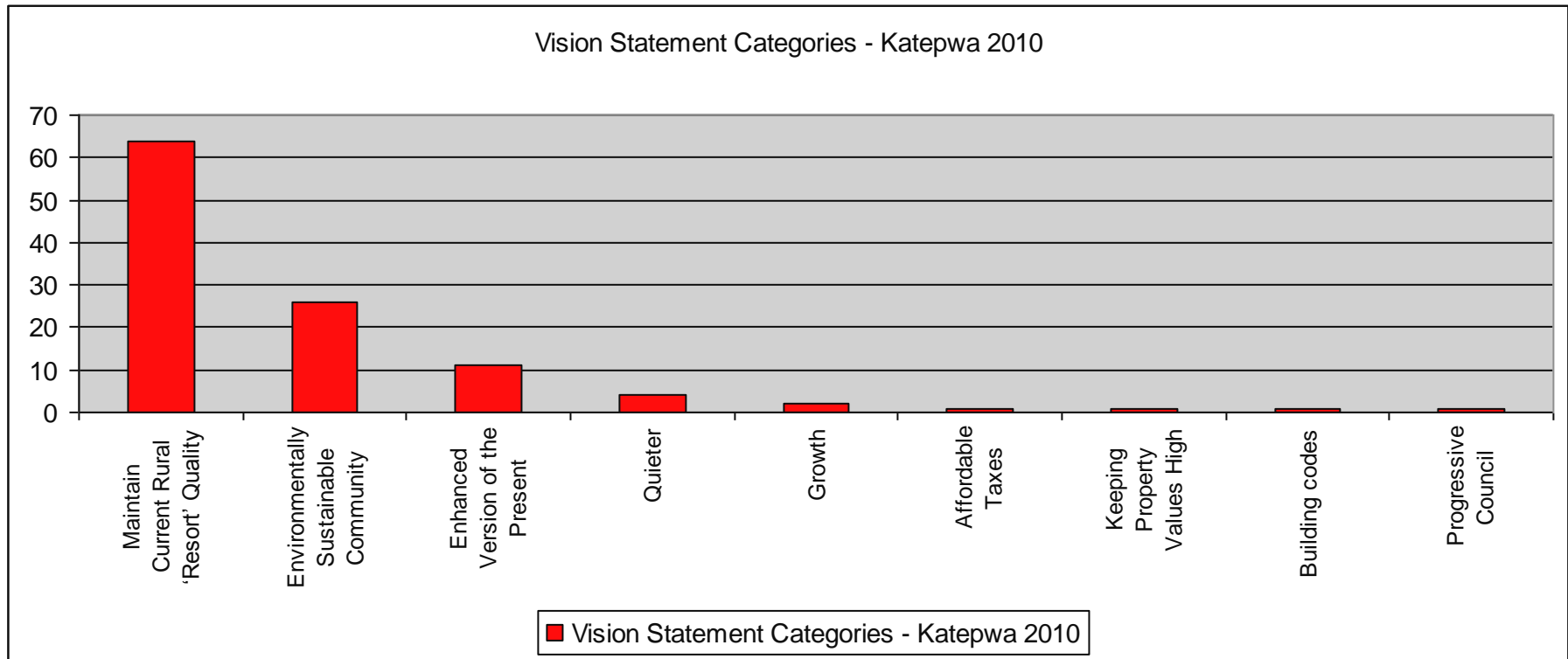
ADDITIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMENTS BY RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT OF KATEPWA



Residents provided additional comments on the District of Katepwa

- In general, these comments tend to reinforce earlier comments - no new issues are raised in this "catch-all" question
- Concerns about future development and managed growth - are emphasized again and should be duly noted
- Kudos for Council - comments in support of Council. Generally, not this positive - people tend to complain about Councils
- More comments on bylaw enforcement - should be taken seriously as this is a common and chronic issue in Saskatchewan
- Environmental concerns include trees, use of chemicals, lake quality and old landfills
- Road construction - again informing ratepayers of the various jurisdictions
- Enhancing a sense of community - an important regional element for Council to consider over the medium-term
- Taxation scored very low

WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR DISTRICT TO BECOME WITHIN 15 YEARS - VISION STATEMENT



What is the 'Preferred Future' and identification of criteria for a District 'Vision Statement'?

- A 'Vision Statement' is a short, concise and carefully thought out statement of the 'Preferred Future'
- The 'Preferred Future' is the point on the horizon for Council, the Administration and citizens to direct their decisions
- The above top 3 categories reflect a very strong collective wish for protecting and preserving the status quo
- A full listing of all comments is included in **Appendix B** - Council should reflect on these comments and prepare a "vision statement" which encapsulates the strategic direction for the District of Katepwa - what is the preferred future to be achieved?

Appendix A

Listing of Sample Comments

District of Katepwa Survey October 2010

District of Katepwa – What Matters to You n Your Community Questionnaire

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Raw Data from each of the 16 Subdivisions in the District of Katepwa (*Colour-coded on the master printed document*)

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Total Sample Size: 127

*Note: Numbers in brackets is the sample taken from each subdivision within the District of Katepwa.
The listing of (a-b-c-d) behind some of rare data denote the age range of the respondents⁶.*

A	=	18 - 35 years
B	=	36 - 54 years
C	=	55 - 74 years
D	=	75 + years

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1. Three Most Important Features That You like or Value about your District

Peaceful & Quiet Quality of Community (58)

Quiet rural life setting (atmosphere) (c)
 Peaceful and calm environment (c)
 Quiet (d)
 Peaceful, quiet and calm environment (c)
 Quietness (d)
 Quiet living (c)
 Peace & Quiet (c)
 Quiet not over developed (b)
 Quiet and safe community (c)
 The small more intimate community (d)
 Quiet, not too busy with outside traffic (a)
 Cooperation with neighbours (d)
 Peace (d)
 Sense of community & friendly (b)
 Fresh air & quietness on the weekends (c)
 Peaceful & Quiet (c)
 The cottage getaway feel (b)
 Quiet (c)
 Peaceful & quiet (d)
 Quiet, private area (b)
 Peace & Quiet (c)
 Small village atmosphere with no commerce (c)
 The peacefulness and laid back environment (c)
 Its quietness (c)
 Peace & Quiet (b)
 Pastoral peaceful life (d)
 Resort / Retirement lifestyle (b)
 Quiet (b)
 Isolation and country atmosphere (c)
 Quiet (c)
 Feels like a community (b)
 Small town atmosphere (c)
 Scenic, quiet & friendly (b)
 Peacefulness of the surroundings and small town feel (b)
 The relaxed atmosphere (c)

Quiet Area (d)
 Sparse population (c)
 Quietness (c)
 Relatively quiet (b)
 Cottage feel of the district (b)
 Its quiet (b)
 The quiet and relatively low human population (b)
 Tranquility (c)
 The serenity (c)
 Peaceful, not a busy lake (c)
 Quiet (c)
 Quiet area (c)
 Quiet (c)
 That it is quiet (b)
 Quiet (c)
 Quiet (c)
 Privacy (b)
 Quiet area (c)
 On the hillside, southern exposure (b)
 Quiet Area (c)
 Quiet area and natural setting (c)
 Quiet (C)
 The quietness of the area (c)

Natural Beauty (53)

The beauty of the area (c)
 The Beauty of the area (d)
 Beautiful scenery, trees (c)
 Beauty and park-like approaches
 The Hillside, trees and beauty of the valley (d)
 Lots of trees along the roadway (b)
 The greenery of the trees and shrubs (c)
 Summer beauty of the valley and the wildlife (c)
 Beautiful valley surroundings (c)
 Trees (c)
 Lake views (d)

The lake, the hills, the beach of Katepwa Park (c)
 Natural Beauty (c)
 Open spaces (b)
 Natural Beauty (c)
 Beauty of the hills the lake and the beach (b)
 The beauty in the Spring or Fall (c)
 Lake (c)
 Lake and nature (d)
 The beautiful scenic views of the valley hills & Lakes (c)
 Natural environment (c)
 Beauty of the lake and surrounding hills (d)
 Lake and valley setting (c)
 Wildlife, nature and peacefulness (c)
 Beauty (c)
 Natural scenery of the village (c)
 Value the natural beauty of the area (c)
 Beauty of the valley (c)
 Scenic (b)
 Beautiful (b)
 Natural Beauty (c)
 The valley, hills , lakes and beach (d)
 Enjoy the privacy and scenery of the countryside (d)
 Beauty of the valley (c)
 Fresh air, and beauty of natural environment (b)
 The beauty (c)
 The Valley (c)
 The beauty (c)
 Beauty (c)
 Love the valley, hills and environment (c)
 Excellent views (c)
 Proximity to nature and lake (c)
 The green space – Breeze Park (b)
 The untouched beauty of the area and landscape of the beautiful hills (b)
 View (c)
 Beauty of the area (c)
 Beautiful Valley (c)
 The view (c)
 Scenic (b)
 Environmental sustainability (c)
 Presence of wildlife

Valley setting (c)
 Natural Beauty of the valley (b)

Access to Lake and other High Quality Recreational & Community Based Activities (50)

Access to Lake for year-round activities (c)
 The Lake itself and its water quality (c)
 Access to the Lake (d)
 ROAD allowances for access to the lake (b)
 Lake access and boat launch (c)
 Community boat launch, maintained walking paths, tennis courts etc. (b)
 Water, good access to lake and golfing (c)
 Private boat launch in Sandy Beach (a)
 All the amenities and access to high quality recreation (golf, groceries, restaurants, beach) (a)
 Lake access and proximity to tennis courts & park (b)
 Community lake access and access to greenspace (b)
 Access to Canada Trail , sitting areas and the Sandy Beach Boat Launch(b)
 Access to Canada Trail, golf courses and Sandy Beach Boat Launch (c)
 Access to the lake, golf and hiking trails , ice fishing and snowmobiling (c)
 Being fortunate enough to have lake front (c)
 Beach area is beautiful and a golf course nearby(c)
 Great Provincial Park and golf course nearby (c)
 Lake (b)
 Provincial run beach / park with play area, beach etc. (c)
 Katepwa beache's sand, grass and trees (b)
 Proximity to Provincial Park (b)
 Access to a beach, freedom to boat, water ski and golf (b)
 Proximity to Canada Trail and Park (c)
 Close to Provincial Park (b)
 Proximity to golf course
 Near golfing (d)
 Recreational activities (b)
 Proximity to beach , golf course (b)
 Access to the beach (c)
 Access to lake, golf course (c)
 Golf course and provincial park (c)
 Lake (c)
 The main beach (c)
 Proximity to Canada Trail, golf courses (b)

Proximity to Trans-Canada Trail and golf courses (d)
 Access to recreational activities for the family (d)
 Access to boating, fishing and relaxing (d)
 Access to quality lake (c)
 Good lake with associated activities (c)
 Access to lake, Canada Trail, the provincial parks and golf courses (b)
 Access to active lifestyle (b)
 Proximity to golf courses and lake (b)
 Access to lake (c)
 Use of quads, Canada Trail and tennis courts (c)
 Nice beach and Provincial Park (c)
 Lake living, golf course and active lifestyle (c)
 Beach area (b)
 Access to golfing and Provincial park (c)
 Quality of lake and access to golfing(d)
 Access to lake and golf course (c)

Location, Proximity to Amenities & Services (32)

Location, proximity to urban centre for amenities and services (c)
 Access to good services (c)
 Proximity to urban centres (b)
 Proximity to Regina (c)
 Proximity to services (c)
 Close proximity to Regina (c)
 Proximity to a beach (b)
 Location and proximity to permanent residence (c)
 Enjoy being close to the village to enjoy the fireworks, ice cream , the beach, flea markets (c)
 Proximity to Hotel; a place to eat if you'd like (c)
 Proximity to gas, restaurant, bar, hotel (b)
 Proximity to existing services (b)
 Proximity to good services (c)
 Proximity to golfing (b)
 Proximity to bar and restaurant (b)
 Proximity to Canada Trail (b)
 Proximity to services (b)
 Proximity to Regina (b)
 Access to good services (c)
 Proximity to home, friends and family (c)
 Good highway access (c)

Location close to services (c)
 Good access to Trans-Canada Trail , golf course and beach (c)
 Access to services from highway (c)
 Paved highway access (c)
 Access to services (c)
 Close to Regina And Indian Head (b)
 Quality services (c)
 Easily accessible (c)
 Easily accessible (c)
 Proximity to amenities
 Good amenities (c)

Under-developed areas (14)

Undeveloped South Shore of West Katepwa (c)
 Access to the hills (b)
 No development on the northern edge of the lake (c)
 Non-commercialized (c)
 Non- development of the hills (c)
 Very little commercial development (b)
 Non-commercialized (c)
 The lack of facilities that attract weekenders and campers (c)
 Non-commercialized (c)
 Not overbuilt at the time (c)
 Not crowded or overdeveloped (c)
 Not overcrowded (c)
 Was underdeveloped 10 – 15 years ago (b)
 The quaintness of the area (c)

Growth Management (12)

Well planned growth (c)
 Controlled Zoning - that limits commercial activity from encroaching on the residential areas (c)
 Non-commercial and well-maintained seasonal properties (b)
 Not exploiting possible development (b)
 That there is little limit or pressure to build in a certain amount of time (b)
 Not overly populated (c)
 Low population density (c)
 Relative privacy, minimal amount of traffic and controlled development (c)
 Low population levels and traffic (c)
 Small Population (d)

Enough people so you don't feel isolated but not so many to create traffic (d)
Not overpopulated (c)

Cleanliness and Maintenance of Community (10)

Clean and well kept community (c)
Good road maintenance, good maintenance of green spaces and street lighting
Clean (c)
Well cared for lawns / yards of residents (b)
Properties are being improved (b)
Well maintained and user friendly (a)
Well maintained (c)
Well maintained (b)
Clean Environment (c)
Cleanliness of the entire district (c)

Low Crime (9)

Low crime rate (d)
Most cottagers respect bylaws for late night parties (d)
Enforcement of noise and other nuisance related bylaws (c)
Low crime rate (c)
Small town where you can work and be safe anywhere (b)
No crime, feels very safe (c).
Safety of the area (b)
Safe (c)
Low crime rate (c)

Friendly Community (8)

Great neighbours (d)

Great neighbours (b)
Friendly community (d)
Friendly Community (b)
Enjoy the friendly people (c)
People (c)
Nice people (c)
More progressive than 5 years ago (b)

Environmental Quality (5)

Minimal air and noise pollution (d)
Acceptable water levels compared to other lakes in the Qu'Appelle Valley (c)
Healthy environment (c)
Water quality and clarity (c)
Good water level and quality (c)

Low taxes (2)

Low taxes
Appreciate the low taxes

Large lot development (2)

Large lots (b)
Lake front lots (b)

None (1)

No features – you won't put a road in to access our lot (c)

Good Administration (1)

Good Administration (c)

2. Three Most Important Challenges facing your District

Infrastructure and Environmental Issues (65)

Environmental issues – District requires Lagoon & Landfill (c)
Lagoon (d)
Landfill (d)
Cutting down the trees (d)
Keeping up with lagoon and landfill needs especially with future development (c)
Landfill to meet needs of future growth(d)
Landfill and Lagoon be maintained (c)
Better management of solid waste (more access to recycling) (d)
Lagoon (d)
Landfill (d)
Too many ATVs (d)
Getting rid of vehicles on public and private lands (d)
Preservation of hillsides and other ecological disturbances through controlled planning (d)
New Lagoon (c)
Keeping the water clean (c)
Maintaining natural eco-systems (b)
Landfill and lagoon (c)
Unsafe lake (c)
A reserve fund should be set up to replace the existing lagoon and landfill (c)
Landfill site needs improvement
Maintenance of Provincial Park (c)
Too many ATVs (c)
Cleaning up the lake (d)
Landfill needs improvement (b)
Over use of Cypress, abuses to the beach and park (b)
Amount of seaweed and quality of lake water (b)
Septic tank pump-outs (b)
Retaining the natural beauty (b)
Too many deer in the winter wrecking properties (b)
Landfill life & access (c)
Destruction of the hills by developers (b)
Loss of natural habitats (d)
Improving the lagoon (c)
Potable water (c)

Central sewer system
Noisy recreational vehicles (d)
Solid waste collection (d)
Cost o f enlarging current lagoon (c) and landfill (c)
Protect the hillsides and other natural habitat (c)
Maintaining Lagoon (c)
Ruining the natural beauty of the area (c)
Being able to retain the areas natural beauty (c)
Saving the landscape (d)
A central sewage and water system (d)
Maintaining and expanding existing infrastructure (c)
Over population resulting in overuse of the lake (c)
Pollution and waste management (c)
Proper sewage disposal (c)
Manage an environment that is peaceful and welcoming (c)
Habitat loss from ATV trails in the hills and on Canada Trail (c)
Retaining an improved landfill and lagoon (c)
Landfill capacity (b)
Rodents (c)
Maintaining green space (c)
The lagoon (c)
Lagoon and landfill
Waste does not include grass or leave trimmings (b)
Improving Breeze Park (c)
Landfill and sewage need to be addressed (c)
Waste management and lagoon (b)
Concern over capacity of lagoon (c)
Increased boat traffic (c)
Ensure that septic systems are maintained and waste does not find its way into the lake (c)
Owners draining their sewage into the lake (b)
Lagoon and landfill (c)

Growth Management of Future Development (52)

Impact of Growth Management of future development (c)
Population and growth management concerns – no regard for sustainability (c)

Maintaining the rural quality of the district (c)
 Too much development (b)
 Development Controls (c)
 Control development (c)
 Ensure growth is managed (c)
 Prevent further development into the hillside (d)
 Rapid growth (b)
 Plan for new development (b)
 Maintaining greenspace even though commercial and residential development demands are increasing (b)
 Large developers (c)
 Controlling new development (c)
 Potential for developing the hills , overcrowding i.e.. Too many houses(c)
 Too much year-round development and construction (c)
 Future planning and development ; every time council changes so does the communities priorities and plans (c)
 Over population (b)
 Over development (c)
 Over population (b)
 The management of growth (b)
 Growth and expansion – too many oversized homes (c)
 New developments (c)
 Rapid, imposing development (b)
 Too congested (d)
 Maintaining the resort atmosphere (b)
 Finding the best areas for new development (c)
 Overdevelopment of the hillside
 Overdevelopment (c)
 Rise in population from overdevelopment (c)
 Development not monitored (c)
 Large Homes on small lots (c)
 Larger and taller homes blocking the views of the hills and the lake (b)
 Controlling development
 Building regulations should allow for developing sufficient land as building sites (d)
 New Growth and subdivisions (c)
 Controlling land use (c)
 Needs better planning – including neighbourhood jurisdictions (c)
 Maintain the balance of growth with current infrastructure (c)
 Concern over the cottages going up in the hills (c)
 Balancing a healthy environment with increased use (b)

Manage new construction to a higher quality and establish a plan for population growth (b)
 Future development does not disturb the environment (c)
 Concern with development (b)
 Keeping development out of the hills (b)
 Identify limits to development (c)
 Uncontrolled development (c)
 Sustainable Development (c)
 Selling the properties that have been developed (c)
 Ensuring that the lake does not become overdeveloped (c)
 Starting to see the consequences of overdevelopment, the district should only allow reasonable development (c)
 Modest and appropriate zoning or any new developments (c)
 Stop overdevelopment and protect the environment (c)

Road Maintenance & Infrastructure (42)

Keeping roads drivable (d)
 More paved roads (d)
 Maintaining infrastructure & services to accommodate for growth while keeping costs low (c)
 Maintenance of roads (c)
 Access easements should be maintained graveled, fenced etc. (b)
 Improvements should be made to roads (c)
 Road maintenance (c)
 Improvements in snow removal is needed (d)
 Having adequate infrastructure that can handle growth (b)
 The highway (c)
 Roads are in poor condition and traffic is slowed at crosswalks (c)
 The deterioration of highway 56
 Roadways, highways need to be improved (c)
 Improvement of roads (c)
 Excessive traffic in the summer (b)
 Road Maintenance (b)
 Having an infrastructure suitable for the village (b)
 Streets / Roads (c)
 Road maintenance (c)
 Maintaining roads (b)
 Paving streets like Cypress create a drag strip (b)
 Improve existing infrastructure (c)
 Roads need to be better maintained, increase in heavy vehicles due to construction (c)

Roads are becoming more dense and should be updated (b)
Roads are in poor condition (c)
Improve roads (b)
Roads need to be better maintained (b)
Roads should be improved (c)
Roads in rough shape (b)
Road maintenance should be improved (c)
Keeping roads in excellent condition (c)
Improvement of roads (b)
Better maintenance of roads (c)
Better roads (c)
Improved road maintenance (c)
Road Quality (c)
Keeping roads in better repair (c)
Quality of roads (c)
Maintain roads (c)
Better road maintenance (d)
Better cared for roads (c)
Improve roads (c)

Water Quality of Lake (32)

Water quality of Lake including weeds, nitrogen and algae (c)
Quality of lake water (c)
Quality of lake water should be addressed (c)
Attempts should be made to work with Provincial Department of the Environment and Agriculture regarding controls on lake water quality (c)
Pollution of the lakes (from garbage and sewage) (c)
Lake water quality (b)
Cleaning algae out of the lake (b)
Lake quality (c)
Quality of the lake (c)
Keeping the lake safe and free of algae (c)
Preservation and control of aquifers and potable well water (c)
Cleaning up the quality of the lake (c)
Weeds in the lake (d)
Keep lake water clean (c)
Improve quality of lake water (b)
Water pollution (c)
Improve the quality of the lake (c)
Lake water quality needs to be addressed (b)

Water quality of lake (c)
Quality of lake water (c)
Maintaining quality of the lake (c)
Improve water quality of lake (c)
Maintaining clean water (b)
Water Quality (c)
Quality of Lake (c)
Maintaining water quality (c)
Water quality (c)
Quality of water (b)
Focusing on U of R study, the integrity of the water system is at a tipping point and must be better managed (c)
Too many weeds in the lake (c)
Improve lake water (d)
Weeds in lake and water quality should be properly managed (c)

Improvement of Community Services (30)

Fire protection plan and accompanying administration (c)
Retail outlets – mail service (c)
Keeping the community neat and clean (c)
Providing services for an increasing volume of residents
Improving waste collection services (b)
Bringing in water and sewer (b)
During the summer the landfill and town office should be open on weekends (c)
Need a centralized sewage system so we don't have to deal with expensive and inefficient pump outs (c)
Better infrastructure ; roads, lagoon, landfill (b)
Sewer system (c)
Lack of camping facilities close to the main beach and no facilities for weddings, family reunions (c)
Landfill , keep it easily accessible (b)
Having a well maintained park, beach and playground (b)
Maintaining or increasing services (c)
Construct another boat launch (b)
Need better water supply (b)
Keeping good services affordable (c)
Improve bathrooms at beach (b)
Improve police and fire protection (c)
Require better infrastructure for growth (c)
Well water quality and waste management (c)

Improved utilities such as an improved waste management system, a sewer system and shared water treatment plant (c)
Waste and sewage need to be improved (b)
Improve traffic at the main beach on the weekends (b)
Fire prevention / protection services (c)
Development of a community centre and expand and develop existing parks (c)
Better services (c)
Post office (c)
No boat launch at Southend (c)
Keeping services up to meet expanded population (c)

Taxation Levels (23)

Value of services for tax dollars (c)
Keeping taxes as low as possible (d)
Keeping taxes reasonable (c)
Ensuring affordable taxes (c)
Maintaining a realistic property tax structure becoming of resort villages (structure based on length on type of residency) (d)
New development has the potential to increase taxes of smaller cottages (a)
Increase in taxes with the increase in property values (b)
School Taxes (c)
Education Tax (c)
Education tax (c)
Reduce education tax (c)
Keeping property taxes low (c)
Lower taxes (b)
Taxes (d)
Keeping taxes down (c)
Education tax (d)
Keep property taxes down (c)
Taxes – municipal rates increased 45% in 2010 (c)
Taxes too high (c)
Keep taxes low (c)
Keep taxes reasonable (b)
Keep taxes down (c)
Education tax reduction (c)
School tax should be reduced (c)
Elimination of school tax (b)
Lowering school taxes (c)
Eliminate school tax from resort properties (d)

Bylaw enforcement (23)

Noise (b)
Fireworks, parties and noise (b)
Late night noise issues - firecrackers(c)
Uncontrolled pets (c)
Uncontrolled use of ATVs / motorbikes (c)
Enforcing noise bylaws (c)
Enforcing pet bylaws (c)
Enforcing RV controls (c)
Better control of nuisances (quads, junk, parties etc.) (b)
Better enforcement of Bylaws (c)
Enforcement of Bylaws (c)
Excessive noise from fireworks (b)
Excessive noise (d)
Enforcement of waste collection and clean property bylaws
Trying to control recreational vehicles and trespassers (c)
Increase in noise levels with uncontrolled ATVs (c)
Keeping the area clean (c)
ATV speed on Canada Trail (c)
More quads and their riders not paying attention to the rules of the road (b)
Better bylaw enforcement (c)
Vandalism, weekend noise and ATVs on hillside (c)
Traffic too fast – should adopt lower speed limit (c)
Must enforce bylaws (c)

Access to Katepwa Lake (8)

Protection of and resolution of outstanding lake access issues (c)
Keeping public access to the lake throughout the village (c)
Non-residents using dock (a)
Rumour of district closing the Sandy Beach dock (a)
Maintaining lake access (b)
Local beach access & local boat launch – negative and aggressive behavior by lakefront property owners (c)
Access to water frontage along south shore for walking (c)
Lack of access for non-lake front property (c)

Issues with Council (8)

Listening to the people (c)
Getting council to listen to out plight (c)
Getting the two offices to co-operate (c)

Interference in our village from council (d)
Council overspending on things like laptops (c)
Application of a sense of fairness (b)
Encourage non-permanent residents to run for council (c)
Maintaining the resort quality rather than becoming a bureaucratic town (c)

Road Allowances (6 Total)

In support of (3)

Getting a road constructed for access to lot (c)
Use the money gained by the sale of easements to maintain and improve existing roads (b)
In order to deal with concern of access easements, the district could take back control of those roads adjacent to property, purchase at fair market value and make public. (b)

Against (3)

District road allowances should be stopped for private owners (c)
Insure public access to amenities through public easements. (c)
Changes in landscape due to road allowances (d)

Safety Concerns (5)

Lack of RCMP on the weekends (b)
Vandalism
Keeping it safe (c)
Traffic volumes and safety on highway 56 (b)
Increasing traffic (b)

Development controls (3)

Allow a full two years for development of a lot after purchase (b)
Keeping trailers off lots (c)
Building houses that are unattractive (c)

Community engagement (3)

Need more community sponsored events to improve a sense of community (c)
Lack of resident commitment to the community (too many seasonal) (c)
Good relations between first nations people and the district (b)

None (1)

None (c)

3. What are the Three Most Important Changes you Believe need to Be made within the next 6 years

Improvements to Services and Amenities (50)

Establish a water and sewer system (c)
Establish a centre for local artisans (c)
Improved Services (b)
Improved services, groceries, souvenirs etc. (c)
Post office (d)
Construct drainage culverts along highway 56 (b)
Establish a water system (water from Lebret for example) (b)
Better access to the dump (increase in hours) (a)
Having weekend access to landfill (c)
Weekend hours for landfill (c)
Solid waste issues resolved (b)
Update lagoon and waste facilities (c)
Upgrade lagoon and landfill (c)
Year-round confectionary and gas station (c)
Landfill hours to be increased as to be more user-friendly (c)
Less restrictive hours at landfill (c)
Make landfill available to residents only (b)
Make the landfill more accessible by increasing operating hours (d)
Central sewer system to protect drinking water (c)
Marina near boat launch, improved facilities on beach and a recreation hall for events (b)
Construct a marina for boats and restructure the existing boat launch (b)
A grocery store (b)
At least 2 more public docs (c)
New Landfill site (c)
Central water and sewer (c)
Add 2nd boat launch (b)
2nd boat launch (b)
Central water supply (b)
Volunteer fire department (c)
Need for a first response group (c)
Central sewage and water treatment plant (c)
All power lines should be moved underground to reduce likely-hood of blackouts (d)
To cut costs, garbage pick-up could be reduced to a bi-weekly system (d)

Central water system (c)
Increased hours at office (c)
Water treatment plant, sewage and garbage disposal (c)
Assurance of improved landfill and lagoon (c)
Don't subsidize septic-tank pump outs (b)
Expansion of waste sewage system (b)
Central water and sewage system (b)
Upgrade the lagoon (b)
District potable water system (c)
Set up and raise mills for landfill and lagoon (c)
Better management of infrastructure and services (c)
New or improved lagoon (c)
Have plans for a new dump and lagoon (c)
Need more amenities (c)
Central water system (b)
Improve garbage collection (b)
Improvement in sewage, landfill and roads (c)

Maintenance and Improvement of Roads (41)

Roads & laneways improved for better access to lots (c)
Improved roads (c)
Winter clearing of roads (d)
More attention to road maintenance (c)
Construction of road to access lots (c)
Improvements to highway 56 (c)
Road Improvements (d)
Roads should be improved (c)
More paved streets (c)
Highway 56 should be widened and re-surfaced (c)
Repairs to highway 56 (c)
Improvements to roads (c)
Better roads (b)
Improve roads (c)
Better roads
Better road from Labret to Como Park (c)

End of Elm Street paved (dead end) (c)
 Maintain roads (b)
 Change Cypress access from highway 56 (b)
 Improved roads (b)
 Upgrade the highway from Le Bret to the south end of Katepwa (c)
 Highway 56 widened and other roads repaired and maintained (d)
 Improve the existing infrastructure (c)
 Existing infrastructure is crumbling (c)
 Widen, rebuild and resurface highway 56 in the district area (c)
 Improve highway 56 (a)
 Roads should be widened (b)
 Gravel on the road up Jackson Street (b)
 Better Snow removal (b)
 Better roads (b)
 Repave the highway #56 from Indian Head to Fort Qu'Appelle (c)
 Improvement of highway 56 (b)
 Maintain streets and roads (c)
 Roads should be improved (b)
 Timeframes for road repairs (c)
 Better road maintenance (c)
 Road on south side of lake needs to be repaired and properly maintained (c)
 Safer roads (b)
 Roads should be repaired (c)
 Regular road maintenance (c)

Growth Management of Future Development (41)

Controls for future development (c)
 For new developments controls could be issued whereby building permits will only be issued if consistent with the town plan (b)
 All districts facing the lake a part of the same development plan (c)
 Plan for new development including building guidelines & restrictions (b)
 Zoning to protect the hills and controlling all future development (c)
 Maintaining growth while keeping a community
 Stricter zoning and building regulations (c)
 Consistency with building permits (b)
 Stop over-development (c)
 Enforce building regulations (c) (oversized housing)
 Need for well-planned community development (c)
 Develop and use current greens space or sell it for residential use (c)
 Stricter building regulations (c)

Limit development from encroaching the valley hills and walls (c)
 Limits on the size of new houses (b)
 Allow for the construction of guest houses (b)
 Controlled hillside development (c)
 Lower density in main areas (c)
 Building regulations enforced (d)
 Outstanding issues with the landfill (d)
 The district should stop trying to act like a city and maintain its rural characteristics (c)
 Reduce the lot sizes and manage growth (c)
 Restrictions on heights for development (b)
 Strict building codes should be enforced including restrictions of moving older properties to the waterfront (c)
 Construction and development permits should require the adaptation of architectural principles , not just building codes (b)
 Controlled land use (c)
 Better control and Planning for development (c)
 Regulate the development on the hills (c)
 Control over new builds (b)
 Don't allow subdivisions to be built without access to water (b)
 Managed development plan (b)
 Development plan with teeth (c)
 More emphasis on emergency planning and communication (c)
 Follow the approved official community plan (c)
 Development that is fair and enforceable and accountable(c)
 A more stringent subdivision approval process (c)
 Define when and where development can take place (c)
 Owners should be able to build adjoining building for their own use (c)
 Development should be modest (c)
 Stop development that destroys the hills (b)
 House size permits versus lot size should be revisited (b)

Improved & Consistent Bylaw Enforcement (29)

Consistent application of District Bylaws and Policies (c)
 Better bylaw enforcement (d)
 Improvements to the enforcement of Bylaws (c)
 Management of Lake traffic (c)
 Restriction on fireworks and excessive noise (c)
 Control nuisances (b)
 Speed reduction and monitoring of ATV activity (b)
 Enforcing Bylaws 24 hours a day (b)

The Bylaw officer to have better support from council (c)
 Fireworks ban (b)
 Enforce no swearing and drinking on the beach (b)
 Noise and Light Pollution (c)
 Enforced waste management (recycling) (c)
 And enforce bylaws to keep properties clean to protect properties from rodents (c)
 Strengthen bylaw enforcement (c)
 Our bylaws need to be enforced (c)
 District to be off limits to unlicensed vehicles (c)
 Better control on recreational vehicles (b)
 Bylaws need to be enforced (d)
 Road Speed limits reduced and enforced (d)
 Improved bylaw enforcement (c)
 Bylaw officer should be better supported (c)
 Control weekend hooliganism and vandalism (c)
 Speed on highway 56
 Pet Bylaws should be enforced (b)
 Lower speed limits (c)
 Encourage residents to clean up yards (c)
 Ban ATVs (c)
 Bylaws should be enforced to better manage waste collection and disposal (c)

Improved Recreational Services (24)

A renewed emphasis on recreation (c)
 Construct play structures for children (d)
 Creation of a beach area (b)
 Maintain and develop community green spaces (b)
 Properly maintained public beach access (c)
 Good local boat launch (c)
 Improve ATV Trails (c)
 Improved parks (b)
 It would be beneficial to have an additional boat launch (c)
 Construction of a hall for events (c)
 Charge a fee for beach and lake use to help with maintenance costs (b)
 Place for ATVs to ride (b)
 Update Provincial park facilities (a)
 Prevent ATVs from accessing Canada Trail (b)
 Ban ATVs from the district (c)
 Enforce ATV use on Private property only (c)
 Don't do anything to increase boat traffic (b)

Legislate ATVs (b)
 Develop some activities for young children (c)
 Increase sporting activities in Breeze park (c)
 Stocking the lake with pickerel and perch (c)
 Control of use of ATVs in public areas (c)
 Construction of a boat launch (south), 18 hole golf course and a postal outlet (c)

Improved & Enforced Environmental & Sustainable Practices (20)

Address the outstanding environmental issues of the Lagoon & Landfill (C)
 Ensure future development is sustainable (c)
 Development of a new Lagoon (b)
 Upkeep and improvement to Katepwa Provincial Park (C)
 Better protection of the environment including the hillside (d)
 A serious initiative be undertaken with the Province to address pollution and water controlled flows of the four lakes. (c)
 Cleaner water (b)
 Clean the lake water (c)
 New landfill site that will not accept recyclable materials (c)
 Clean up lake algae (c)
 Initiate a tree planting / green space program (c)
 More natural preservation areas (c)
 Limits to shoreline and habitat destruction (b)
 Active role in pollution prevention
 Enforce environmental regulations curb the abuse of the hillside by ATVs in a controlled area (c)
 Stricter policing and control on developing the hillside (c)
 Educate residents on environmental considerations (c)
 The purchase and development of more quality green space to develop parks and park spaces for families to enhance the community (b)
 Create an environmentally sustainable plan
 Clean up sewer from Regina (c)

Lake Water Quality (17)

Lake water quality (c)
 Improve lake quality by decreasing Algae (c)
 Cleaner water (c)
 Control seaweed and quality of the water
 Clean up lake (c)
 Anything to help the quality of the lake (d)
 Improve the water quality of the lake (c)

Weed management in lake (c)
Regular water testing (b)
Improved water quality (c)
Improve quality of lake (c)
Weed control to enhance the quality of the lake (c)
Algae control on the lake (c).
Improve quality of lake (c)
Reduce amount of weeds on lake (c)
Clean up the weeds in the lake (c)

Affordability of Taxes (16)

Ensure affordability of taxes, which will also address district maintenance requirements (C)
Improved services that match tax dollars (c)
Lowering educational taxes (c)
Lowering or eliminating the education tax (c)
Lowering of school and property taxes (c)
Should be a freeze on municipal tax increases (c)
Lower taxes (b)
Tax watch (c)
Increasing taxes curtailed (d)
Reduced school taxes on property (c)
Taxes too high (c)
School taxes should be removed (c)
Equitable taxation levels – no ‘old’ ‘new’ buildings evaluations (c)
Lower taxes (c)
A re-evaluation of how taxes are assessed (b)
Eliminate school tax (c)

Improved communication between council and residents (10)

Better communication between council and residents (c)
Always room to improve on communication from council (a)
Weekend hours for town office (c)
Weekend hours for town office (c)
All district contracts should be advertised in the paper and awarded through competitive tendering process. (c)
More consultants should be engaged by council to help them make decisions (c)
Council showing leadership in organizing community events beyond fireworks and beach activities (c)

Council should act in the interest of the district as a whole (b)
Increased public input and an oversight committee consisting of members with an unbiased and vested interest (c)
Work with all jurisdictions to improve and protect the area (c)

Ensuring Public Access to Katepwa Lake (7)

No more selling road allowances to the lake to private owners (c)
No more road allowances that inhibit public access to the lake (d)
An assurance that all rate payers will have access to the lake (c)
Maintaining lake access for non-lakefront properties (b)
Maintain public allowances for lake access (b)
Village sponsored improvement to allow for the maintenance of public access to lake for use by all residents (c)
Levy user fees at dock (b)

Council & Increased Public Participation and Community Engaged Governance (7)

Administrative efficiency (c)
A council mindful of all residents (b)
All residents should be informed about new developments (c)
To encourage rate payers to participate in district governance, perhaps through the formation of committees and think tanks in addition to elected officials - I know Katepwa has some great thinkers and innovators whose talents can be called upon. (c)
Council should also engage the public on expenditures (d) and include a newsletter with suggestions (d)
Better sense of community (b)
Get decision power defined and consult with the community (c)

None (2)

None (c)
None (b)

Preservation of the Status Quo (1)

Shrek said ‘Change is good donkey’. Though this last point is not about change but rather to compliment our district elected officials who have already established progressive governance already. So steer the established course, the status quos often a state worth preserving.(c)

4. In one short sentence, why did you choose this District to live or Recreate

Natural Features & Proximity (58)

The beauty of the valley, lake and access to recreation as well as close proximity to an urban centre (c)
 Location and natural beauty (d)
 Convenient lake location (c)
 Attractive area in close proximity to the city (c)
 Close to Regina, found the best lot available in Katepwa at the time of purchase (c)
 Proximity to the city and amenities (b)
 Close proximity to our main residence (Weyburn) with a quiet and peaceful setting (c)
 Location and availability (d)
 Sandy Beach area feels more like camping than any other area close to Regina (b)
 Close proximity to Regina for a year-round commute (b)
 Affordable and close to Regina (c)
 The serenity and beauty of the area , especially from September till June (d)
 The beauty of the valley (d)
 Lovely, quiet and safe area with several amenities and reasonable tax rates (a)
 Great place to live (d)
 Quiet and peaceful with access to water (b)
 Proximity to Regina (b)
 For the beauty of the area (c)
 Natural Beauty and proximity to urban centres (c)
 Fell in love with the beauty of the area and the tranquility of the four lakes (b)
 Its proximity to permanent residence and beach (b)
 Close proximity to hometown (b)
 Proximity to Regina and size of village (b)
 Its beauty and peaceful atmosphere (b)
 Quiet and not too far from the city (c)
 Off the #1 highway (c)
 Love the valley and the Lake (c)
 Chose the district because of natural beauty and wildlife, including the birds (c)
 Beauty, serenity of the area (c)
 Choose to live here because of the areas natural beauty (c)
 To retire in the safety and quietness of the area (c)
 Beautiful area and proximity to Regina (b)
 Close to Regina and best water in the area (b)
 Because of its proximity to Regina (b)
 Scenic , quiet and easily accessible (b)

An oasis in the prairies with only a one hour drive from Regina (c)
 Close to Regina and the beauty of the valley (c)
 Proximity to Regina and water levels of lake (c)
 Beauty of the area with good access to Regina (c)
 Chose this areas because of valley and proximity to Regina (c)
 Beautiful setting and close to permanent residence (b)
 Closeness to nature and proximity of services (c)
 Good quality water and close to Regina (b)
 Because of the beautiful lakefront lot (b)
 Close to permanent residence (b)
 The lake and proximity to city (c)
 Lakefront – to enjoy its beauty (c)
 Location and its proximity to amenities (c)
 Quiet small lake (b)
 Beautiful Valley (c)
 Love the valley and scenery (c)
 Good access to the lake from the highway and a lake front lot (c)
 Close to Regina (c)
 Nice Valley close to Regina (b)
 Close to Regina and a nice lake (c)
 I love Saskatchewan (b)
 Proximity to Regina and beautiful lakefront property (d)
 Proximity to Regina, with double lane highway (c)

Family Connections (36)

Family ownership of cottage since the 1950s (c)
 Summer home for over 55 years (b)
 My parents bought the property in 1947. I inherited it, managed it, and will pass it on to my children – Sandy Beach represents our family roots (c)
 My parents came here in 1955 and it has been a family tradition ever since (c)
 Took over a family cottage (c)
 Cottage has been in the family since 1947 (c)
 Family Cottage (c)
 Family cottage for generations (c)
 Property has been in the family for nearly 70 years (c)
 Fit our family needs at the time (c)
 Family owned since 1920s (c)
 Have been a summer resident since I was born (c)

Family owned since 1928 (d)
Family ownership (c)
Went there as children and have been going ever since (c)
Family has been coming to Katepwa for over 30 years (b)
Inherited (b)
Long family history and the proximity to Regina (c)
Going to Katepwa since we were young kids (b)
Grew up here (b)
Close to some of our family (c)
Visited family, we liked what we saw and decided to stay (d)
Summered here since we were children (c)
Lots of friends and family in the district (a)
Family cottage since 1960s (c)
Grew up in the Katepwa area (d)
It was inherited (c)
Family owned since 1918 (c)
Family cottage (b)
Familiarity with the lake (c)
Love this place lots of friends and family (c)
Have been on the lake for 64 years
Been here all my life, my grandchildren are the 5th generation on the property (c)
Family history of coming to the valley (b)
Inherited it from my parents (c)

Peaceful Rural Resort Quality of Area (14)

A nice community where you could relax and enjoy the season (d)
Small town life, quiet peaceful with its natural beauty (c)
Preference for the small town atmosphere (d)
Low crime , low taxes, chances of property appreciation (c)
Peaceful (c)

Nice and quiet
A resort, retirement, casual living community (b)
Chose this district to get out of the city (c)
Quiet and peaceful (c)
Chose to live here for the quiet country lifestyle (d)
Because of the quiet peaceful natural beauty of the lake (b)
Chose to retire to the district to enjoy the Qu'Appelle valley (c)
Quiet area with great views and a flat lot (c)
Quiet and off the main road (c)

Opportunities for Recreation (6)

Opportunities for recreational activities with easy lake access (b)
Access to the park and trails (c)
All the things we wanted for our kids (c)
The lake and recreational activities (c)
Lakeside subdivision met all our needs (c)
Enjoy the lake , golf course and beauty of the area (c)

Cost (3)

Cheaper than lake front (b)
Inexpensive (c)
View , waterfront and the price was affordable (c)

Happenstance (2)

Not really looking but the price was right 11 years ago. No regrets! (c)
Availability at the time of purchase (b)

Amalgamation (1)

Did not choose this district, we chose Sandy Beach and were amalgamated into the District (c)

5. If you wish, please provide any additional comments you believe to be Important in the Planning and Development of your District

Future Development Concerns (29)

- Must plan for future growth of the district in terms of an increase in population and future expectations by hiring the resources to meet these requirements (c)
- It would be great to prevent any further development, though I realize this is unrealistic. Development controls should be established to control growth. (d)
- The recent growth is welcomed but would like to ensure that it is controlled and the area remains a cottaging area vs any potential future city feel (b)
- Development regulations should be decided with consultation with the property owners and residents.
- The less planning and development the better (c)
- The size of allowable dwellings should be restricted as well as the consolidation of lots for the purpose of building a single building, maximum Floor Area Ratios should be employed (c)
- Don't want to see further commercialization like Regina Beach (c)
- I don't mind some development but there seems to be too many oversized houses and condos in comparison to their lots (c)
- Use revenue from new developments to deliver or enhance existing services (c)
- Stop letting developers dig into the hills (b)
- Minimal future development (c)
- Keep the village from becoming too commercialized (d)
- The district is already overcapacity for supporting existing development on its current infrastructure, I believe the new areas already in development should be sufficient (c)
- Please be responsible with our natural resources and their beauty (a)
- Think we need to stop the building until the districts infrastructure can keep up with development (b)
- Homes should be designed to fit the area , clearing all the trees from the lot for development should be discouraged (c)
- Better control and maintenance of road allowances (d)
- Please don't allow people to drag in old houses, gas stations , trailers or box cars and position them in our resort (b)
- Believe the area is already overpopulated and the environment is deteriorating (c)
- Keep it simple (b)
- Would like to see the area stay pretty much the same especially the lake, trees and hills (c)
- Important to maintain undeveloped land with a mechanism to resist the seduction of money (c)
- Should not overdevelop, land is a resource that needs to be properly managed (b)
- Establish better zoning controls and more green and park space (c)
- Continue to grow and expand and continue to prosper (c)
- Better maintenance or roads (c)
- Development needs to better planned and sustainable (b)
- Please ensure no further development that hurts the integrity of the area (c)
- Controlled development in the area should be better managed (c)

Kudos and Critique of Council (12)

- Appreciation of the councils work (d)
- Keep up the consultation and information process with rate payers (c)
- Appreciation of engagement and involvement , more public consultation welcomed (c)
- From June till September, council meetings should be held on the weekends (c)
- Consultation with residents should take place before any new plans to build community facilities are made (c)
- Keep electing capable and progressive people to council (d)
- Stay of course, council is doing a good job (d)
- With ever-increasing property taxes brings increased expectations on services provided. Future councils and administrators will require time, and more experience to meet those increasing expectations (c)
- Appreciate the effort in better communication between council and residents (b)
- Keep residents informed (b)
- Thanks for opportunity to participate (c)
- Pleased that there has been an organized and progressive approach to future growth and development (c)

Revisiting and Enforcing Bylaws (9)

- Revisit the policy dealing with fireworks and ATVs (c)
- Allowing more than the 18 months to start building on your lot (c)
- Excess noise from motorcycles (c) and an excess of speeding vehicles throughout the village (c)
- Would like to see a ban on fireworks ASAP (c)
- The enjoyment of living here is becoming increasingly diminished by increase in traffic, speeding, ATVs , and general reckless behaviors of some individuals (b)
- Enforce Bylaws, especially when it comes to yard maintenance (c)
- Concern over fireworks should be in controlled areas (c)
- Quads are becoming more of a hazard and decreases the safety of pedestrians (b)
- Be mindful that this is still a resort community and many of us leave the city to escape restrictions and strict bylaws (c)

Improve amenities & utilities (8)

- Making maximum use of government grants to add the possibility of sewer or water services (c)
- Improve solid waste disposal (c)
- Improve public spaces for rate payers(c)
- An annual flat fee should be charged to property owners to go into a reserve to fund the landfill and lagoon (c)
- Something needs to be done about the boat launch, there have been major arguments that have escalated in the past (b)
- Infrastructure concerns needs to be addressed (c)
- Expand current services and amenities (c)
- Construct a walking path on the west side of the lake (d)

Environmental Concerns need to be Addressed (7)

- An environmental assessment of old dumping grounds should be completed to assess any hazards (c)
- Trees in the valley need to be conserved and more transplanted to enhance the natural beauty of the area (c)

- Unnecessary use of Cyprus off highway 56, No one needs to drive down that street should be limited to local traffic (b)
- Concern over the planting of trees to close to highway 56 becoming a safety issue (c)
- Concerns with the use of ATVs on the trails
- The district must be concerned with the quality of the lake (c)
- Lawn and weed chemicals should be banned and the use of farm chemicals on lots as well (b)

Road Construction (7)

- Put a road in to access Cherry Street (c)
- Careful consideration to re-develop highway 56 should be explored (c)
- Use Provincial standards for road signage (b)
- Would like better roads / streets to reflect the value of the properties along them
- Rebuild Highway 56 (c)
- No excuse for the condition of the road (South Katepwa) (c)
- Keep using the money received from taxes efficiently (c)

Enhancing a sense of Community (6)

- A suggestion of each subdivision having a get-together event like a street-dance or bbq to get to know the neighbours (a) to increase communication amongst residents and result in a more cohesive and safe environment (a)
- Developing a sense of community (c)
- Please remember that the community was a 'seasonal' one at first and their input is just as important as permanent residents (d)
- People with small cottages need to be respected too (b)
- Hope there is still a place for small cottagers (c)
- Include teenagers in community events (c)

Lake Access (3)

- Make sure to retain and maintain access to lake and green spaces. (c)
- Maintaining lake access (b)
- Ongoing issues concerning ownership of land of waterfront property owners need to be resolved (c)

Concerns with amalgamation (1)

- A vote should be taken to see if the community is satisfied with the amalgamation (c)

Taxes (1)

- People that live year-round should pay for taxes/ services than those who are seasonal (b)

6. In the District, what type of residency best Describes your situation?

Permanent

Total = 32

I(c), I(d), I(c), I(d), I(c), I(d), I(d), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(d), I(c), I(c), I(d), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I, I(c)(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c)

1 – 3 Month Resident

Total = 26

I(b), I(c), I(a), I(d), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(b), I(d), I(d), I(b), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(b), I(c), I(d), I(c)

Summer Vacation

Total = 38

I(b), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(b), I(b), I(b), I(b), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(d), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(b), I(c), I(b), I(c), I(b), I(c), I(c), I(b)

Other

Total = 23

1 – 6 months (c)
 Off and on year round, once cottage is complete (c)
 Summer and Winter Vacation destination (b)
 75% of all weekends plus 2 – 3 weeks for Summer and Christmas vacation (b)
 Aprox. 200 days a year
 Every chance we get in the summer (c)
 Every weekend (c)
 6 months (c)
 Seasonal cottage owner and resident (c)
 New buyer (a)
 Summer vacation and most weekends in the winter (b)
 Seasonal Resident – April – November (c)
 I (c)
 Year round recreational (c)
 5 – 6 month resident
 7 month resident (c)
 April – October (c)
 April – October (b)
 Year round Vacation home (c)
 Seasonal (1 – 12 months) (c)
 Full year usage (c)
 Out throughout the year (c)
 Part-time May to October (c)

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0 **Total = 79**

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1 - 2 Total = 22

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3 – 4 Total = 7

$I(c), I(b), I(b), I(c), I(a), I(b), I(b)$

5+ Total = 0

Moose Jaw = 1

I(c)

Fort Qu'Appelle = 1

I(c)

Farm East of Balgonie = 1

I(c)

Yorkton = 1

I(c)

Balcarres = 1

I(c)

Indian Head = 1

I(b)

Saskatoon = 1

I(c), I (c), I (c)

USA = 1

I (b)

Appendix B

Preferred Future by Year 2025 - Elements of a Municipal Vision Statement

A Vision Statement is simply a formal statement of the preferred future, set in terms that will inspire and compel all the stakeholders to put forth their best efforts. The general categories have already been charted in the body of this report. This section contains all of the written comments from the residents of the District of Katepwa.

The District of Katepwa Council and its citizens should consider a common “vision statement” as part of its development of its new Official Community Plan - the timeframe should be about fifteen (15) years which would extend the strategic planning horizon to the year 2025.

A well-stated vision statement:

- Should be brief, preferably under fifteen words
- Should be easy to remember
- Should inspire and challenge future achievement
- Is believable and consistent with your strategic values and your mission
- Serves as a point of consensus with all important stakeholders
- Clearly states the essence of what your municipality must become in the future
- Allows for flexibility and creativity in execution

What is the *Preferred Future* of the District of Katepwa by 2025?

11. In one sentence, what do You want your District to Become within 15 years - Comments Leading to a 'Vision Statement'

Maintain the current rural 'resort' quality of the District (64)

Maintain a rural atmosphere with paved streets recreational development areas for all ages including ATVs and limit the development of surrounding hillside (c)

Maintain the resort quality of the area (c)

Maintain its small town feel (c)

Remain a quiet area for country living with smart growth development decision-making (c)

Want it to remain a quiet attractive place to live (c)

Stay small, do not allow further subdivision of lots less than 50' wide (b)

A place to live in for years to come (c)

A quiet place to live that is affordable with good services and not too commercialized (c)

Would like to see the community retain as much of its present qualities without making too exclusive (d)

Keep it the way it is, maintain its resort feel and improve the condition of the lake (d)

Continuance of Katepwa being a resort community – not a developed Mecca of condos and commercial activities (a)

A quiet get-away (b)

A member of an all-inclusive Qu'Appelle valley recreational retirement community that respects the environment and each other (c)

A strong resort community for both seasonal and permanent residents that continues to provide access to recreation by non-lake front owners (b)

An area where services and recreational access is available to all residents equally (c)

Would like to see it continue as a resort community with some improvements but not too over developed (c)

Same way it is now (c)

To remain the way it is with no more amalgamation (c)

To keep it quaint, the way it is now (c)

To keep it as close to the way it is now as possible (c) with controlled future development (c)

A refuge from city-life in a healthy, quiet environment (c)

To be left in a quiet rural state (d)

I want it just the way it was 36 years ago, quiet no one on power trips and a caring community (c)

Just fine the way it is (c)

Prefer very little change, development should be restricted as the present infrastructure cannot handle it (c)

Safe place to retire (c)

A desirable year-round resort destination for both visitors and residents seeking enjoyment and relaxation (c)

Not to become a city (c)

Remain peaceful and quiet (d)

I wouldn't want to see it changed much (c)

Not much different (b)

To remain as is – a resort retirement community with little commercial development

Do not wish for much change (c)

No bigger (b)

Same as now, clean well-maintained cottages and not grown too much in size (b)

I do not want the community to become the city out by a lake (c)

A quiet safe peaceful environment with emphasis on remaining a small village (b)

Revert back to the village of Sandy Beach (c)

A resort village with a friendly, safe environment (b)

What it is right now (c)

A family community that is safe for all residents (b)

Want it to remain as it is rather than evolving, new construction should be better controlled (c)

As it is , quiet peaceful and not overrun by development (b)

Stay the way it is (b)

Like it to remain a cottage community (c)

Stay as it is, quiet country life (d)

Would like the district to retain its charm by not overdeveloping (c)

Want to keep everything the same (c)

Retain the country quality (b)

Maintain status quo (c)

A fine resort village not too commercialized (d)

Wish the district to remain the same (c)

A place where you can still have a peaceful retreat (c)
Not much different that it is (c)
Stay the same (c)
Maintain the quiet atmosphere (c)
Like the area as it is (c)
Would like it to stay as it is, don't want it too commercialized (c)
Maintain recreational and resort feel away from urban centres (c)
It's fine the way it is (b)
A district that offers that same things as it always has (c)
Weekend cabin destination (c)
Would like the district to stay much the same way as it is (c)
Avoid overdevelopment and retain its character (c)

Environmentally Sustainable Community (26)

Environmentally sustainable and to sustain the peaceful quality of the natural valley setting with respectful community minded neighbours (c)
Encourage 'green' building, solar paneling etc. become more eco-friendly(b)
A progressive but thoughtfully environmentally cautious governed district (d)
A community that is respectful of natural resources of the lakes and valleys
To be sustained as it is for its beauty, air quality. To have clean lake water, good roads, small town atmosphere, safe place for families and affordable taxes (c)
Maintaining the beauty and serenity of the valley (b)
Should be a well planned carefully managed community open to a wide range of families (c)
Manageable, well planned so the infrastructure can accommodate the development of new homes (c)
Beautiful quiet resort (d)
To preserve the beauty and integrity of the valley (c)
A self-sustaining community (c)
A village that neither promotes nor curtails development (d)
A quiet resort community, with limited planned environmentally and aesthetically pleasing development (b)
Crystal clear lake , with quality water where people can enjoy year-round activities (c)
A minimum of development on the hills, no ATV trails and fewer people on the lake with oversized boats polluting the water (c)
A beautiful Lake district where needs of the environment as well as needs of residents are kept in balance (b)
Want the district to become environmentally sounds and economically sustainable (b)

A vacation destination with development that closely follows the approved plan (c)
Would like the area to become a predominantly recreational destination with no more commercial or residential development (c)
Friendly , safe and eco-conscious resort community (c)
The most sustainable and attractive resort in Saskatchewan known for its resort planning (c)
Any future development restricted to ensure that it makes no negative impact on the ecology of the lake and valley (c)
A high quality attractive and sustainable community (b)
A community that adheres to the principles of sustainable development and preserves the beauty of the area (b)
A weed free lake environment (c)
Controlled growth (c)

Enhanced version of the present (11)

An even better place than it is now (d)
Enhanced with added amenity and year round services (c)
A safe community with the addition of a post office and possibly some groceries (c)
A model resort community with a preservation of the natural beauty with good recreational activities (c)
In 15 years would like to see Katepwa become the #1 waterfront property in Saskatchewan (c)
Improved with docks at Sandy Beach (c)
A safe, active , well off community (b)
A place with a better sense of community (c)
A welcoming, friendly and cohesive community (c)
A natural gem with improved infrastructure services (c)
A thriving resort town with more amenities (c)

Quieter (4)

Would like it to be quieter (b)
Would like to the district to become a quieter place free from parties (c)
Would like to see a district without so much noise (c)
A quiet safe place to enjoy (c)

Growth (2)

Annexation of surrounding lake areas (c)

A blended community where existing cabins are not overwhelmed by monster houses (b).

Affordable Taxes (1)

Ensure taxes remain affordable (c)

Keeping Property Values High (1)

Ensure property values are kept high (c)

Construction of roads (1)

Construction of roads for better access (c)

Building codes (1)

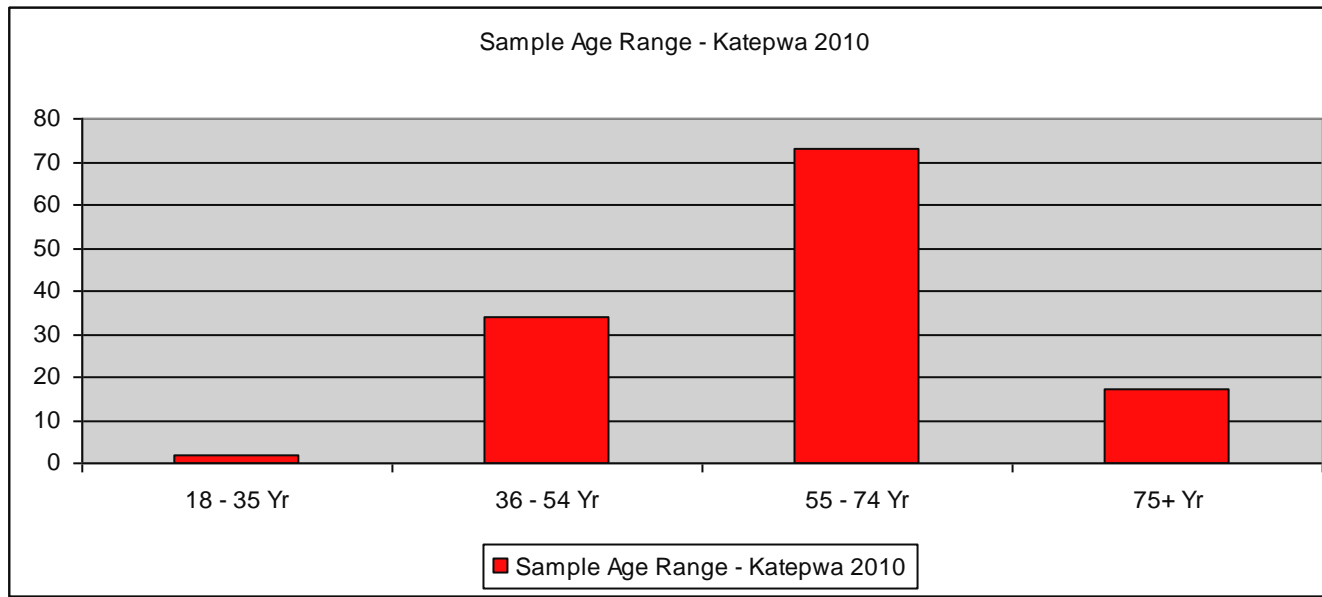
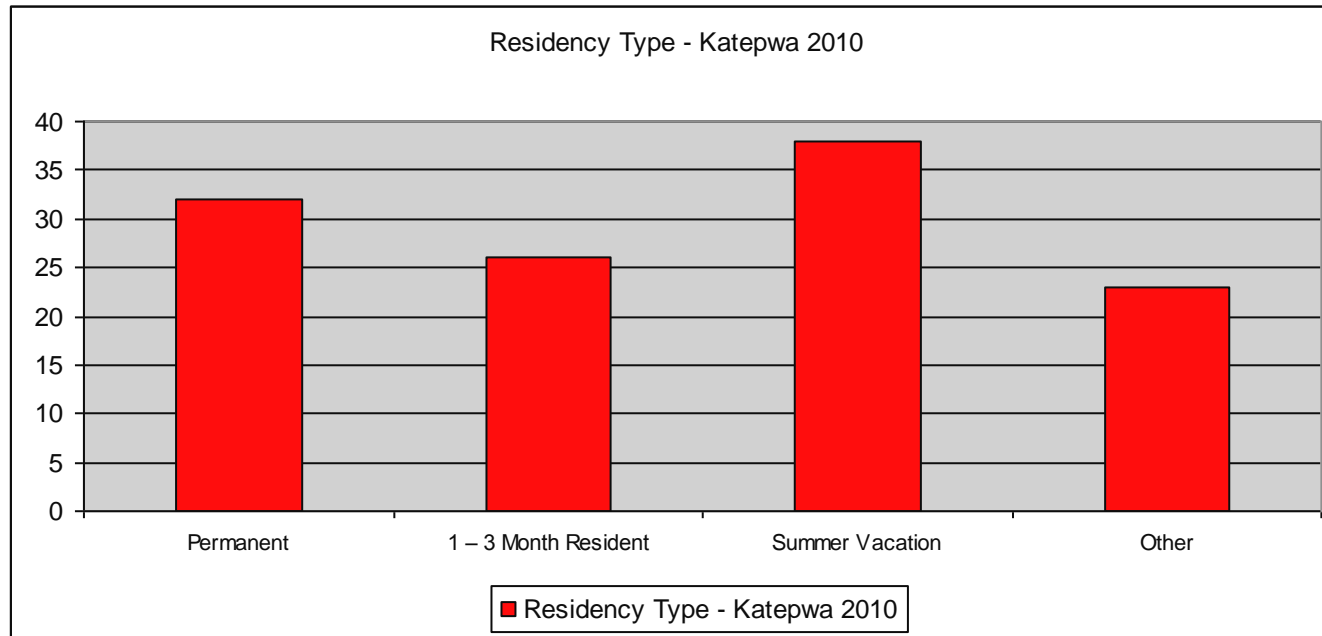
Allow for the development of separate guest houses (b)

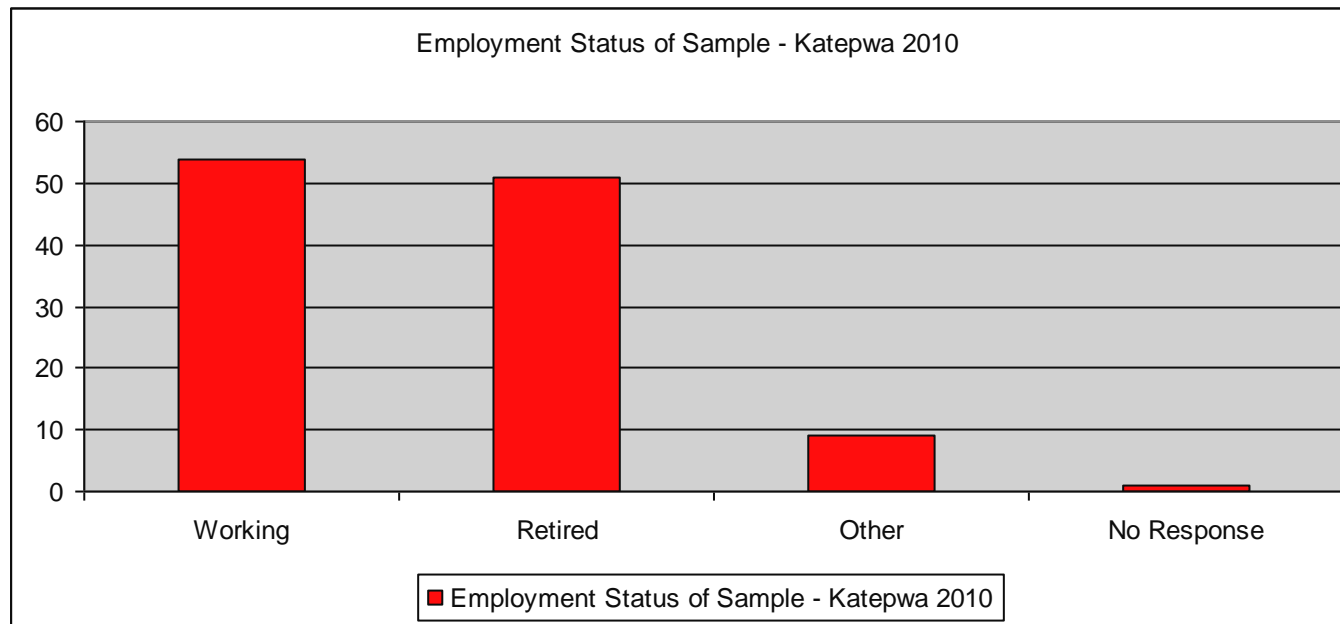
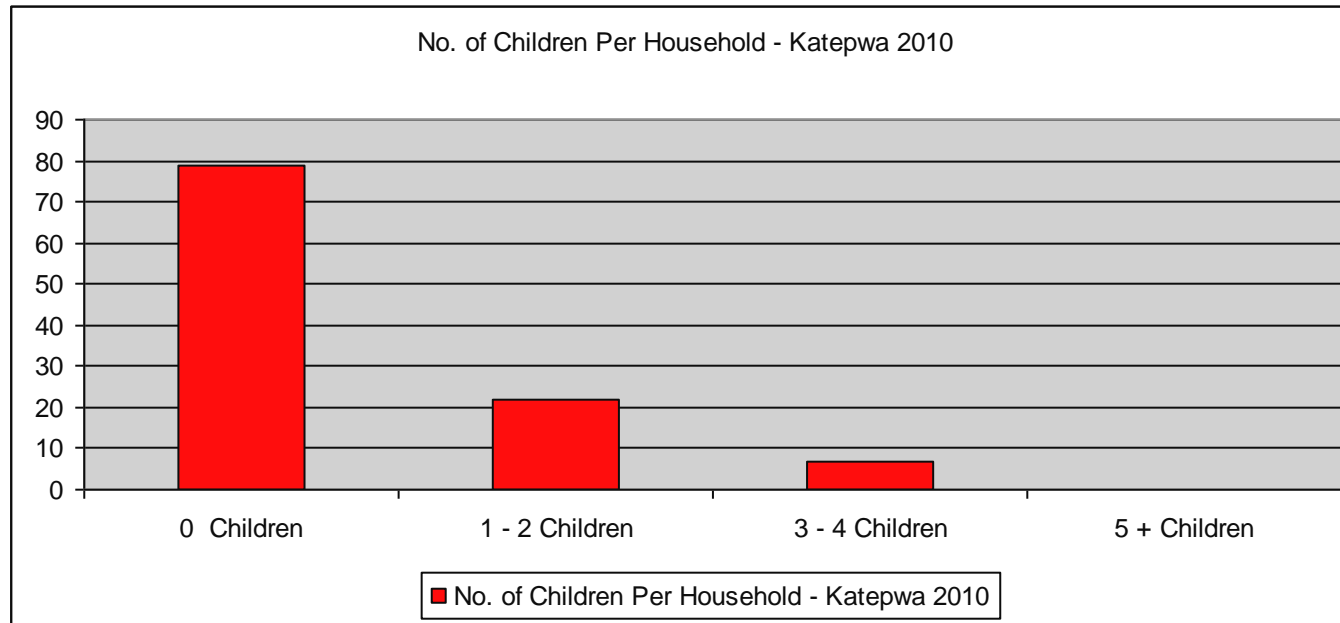
Progressive Council (1)

A progressive council that is forward thinking and planning for expansion (c)

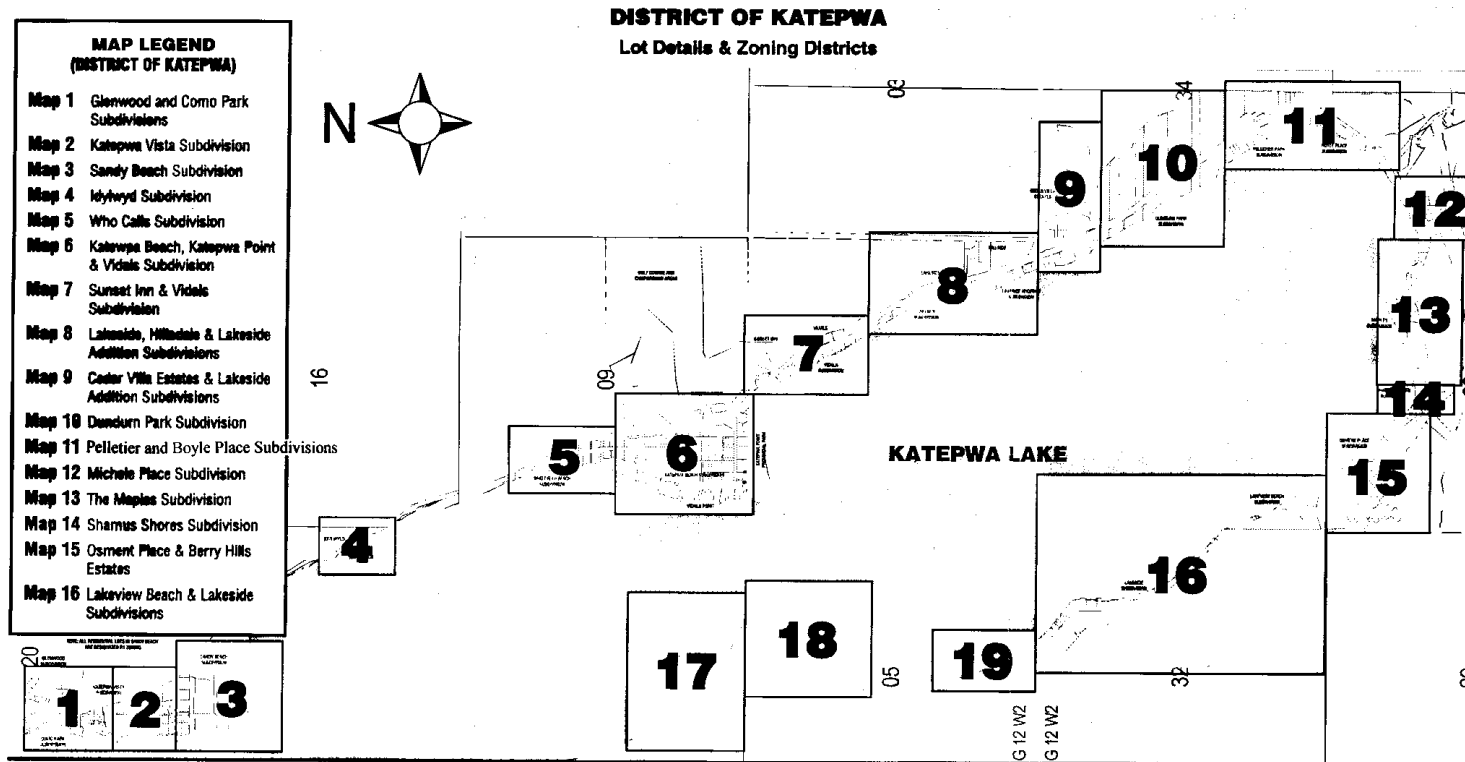
Appendix C

Other Collected Information from District of Katepwa Questionnaire





DISTRICT OF KATEPWA - SUBDIVISIONS



PLACE OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE FROM SAMPLE - KATEPWA 2010

