

# SURVEY RESULTS: ORGANIZATIONS

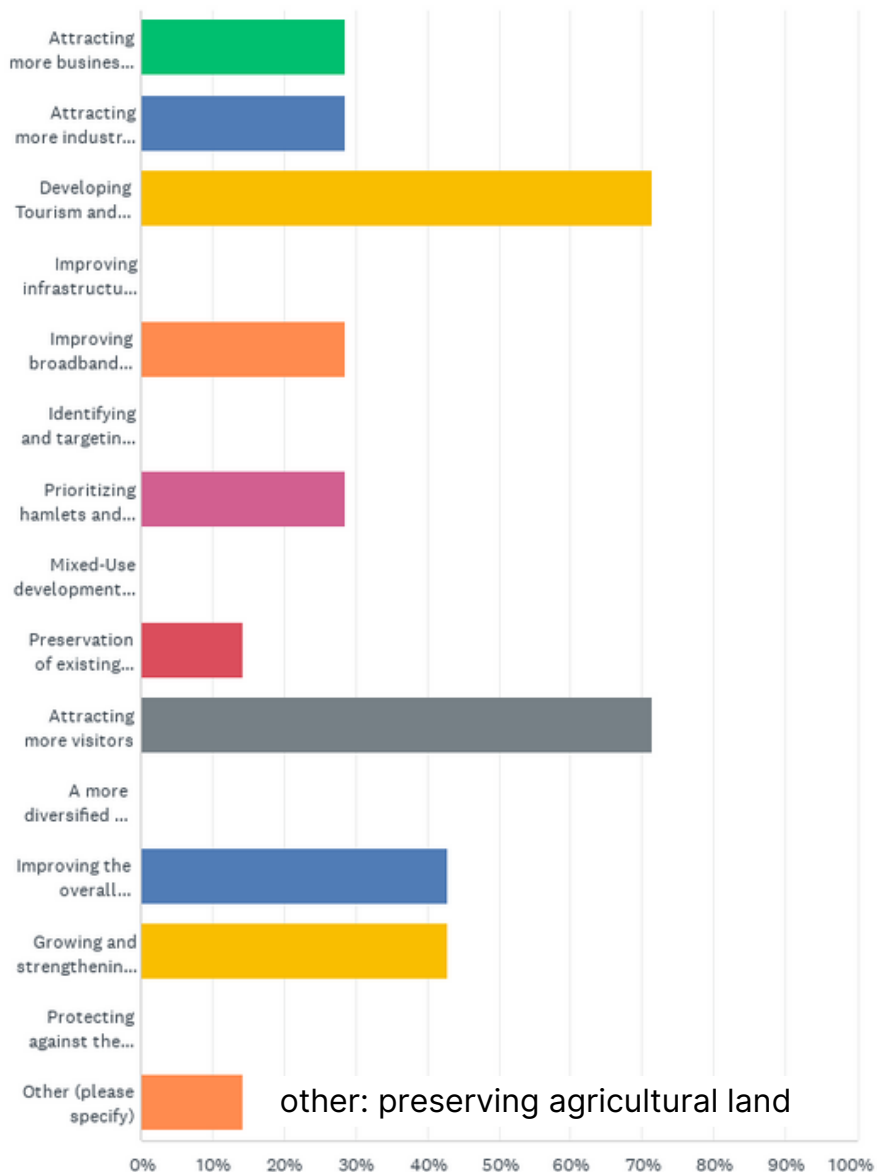


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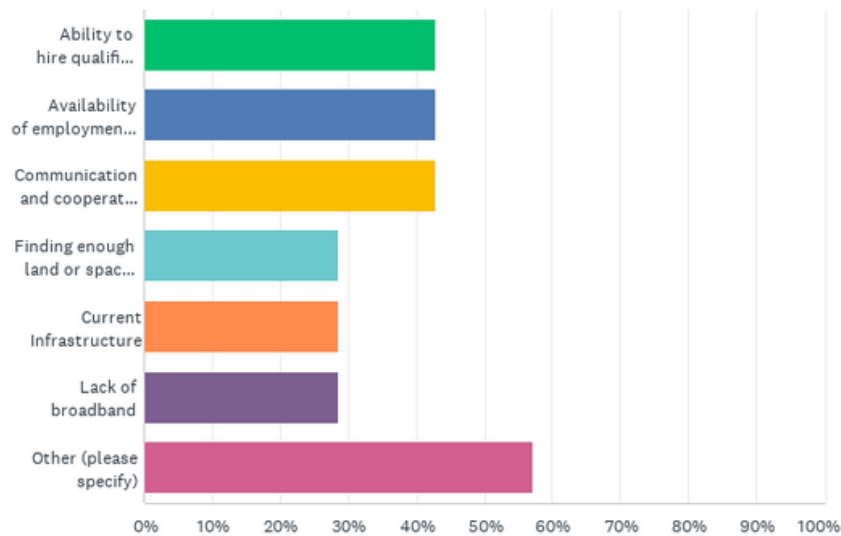
Organizations from Three Hills, Torrington, Trochu, and Linden completed the online survey.



Q2 When we talk about supporting local economic development initiatives, what does it mean to your organization? Please chose your top 3 answers:



Q3 Kneehill County has the opportunity to create an economic development strategy that is based on values – the things that matter most. When we know what matters to Kneehill residents, we can be intentional about the kinds of opportunities pursued and the type of growth that occurs. Then, focusing on assets (Kneehill’s strengths and potential), we can build on the things that make Kneehill a great place to live, visit, or do business).What are the three biggest challenges, issues, or concerns facing economic development within Kneehill County from your organization's perspective? Please choose your top 3:



**Other:**

- Economic Development must be a County wide focus (other municipalities must be on board as well)
- Organizations struggle due to limited population
- Cost of utilities
- concern for solar panel / wind farm recycling in 20 years

## **What initiatives is your organization working on or planning for the future that will contribute to the economic development of Kneehill County (if any)?**

- We continue to hold community events to attract people to our community. Our biggest contribution is by providing value to our members such as the #LovingMyLocalkneehills initiative and other supports to our local businesses.
- We provide numerous opportunities for arena tournaments rentals which bring people to the area and the potential for customers for local businesses.
- Tours / locally and away Education programs
- Preserving the history of our area.
- Construction of Connections Building to increase capacity for areas to tell their story, helping to preserve history, objects, records--this will increase visitors' use and attendance 2. Plans are being made to increase number of historical markers in County (post offices, creek crossings, places of interest--also to provide a draw for tourism 3. Celebration in 2025 of 50 years of keeping history at Kneehill Museum in Kneehill County
- Our dedicated volunteers take a lot of the work load from the Village of Linden to maintain the pathway and outdoor rink and put on many events. This indirectly benefits Kneehill County by directly benefiting the Village of Linden
- Trochu's own Economic Development Plan, slotted if funding is approved in 2025, Economic Development Training for Staff, Rural Renewal & Entrepreneur Program, Building a Seniors Housing Facility, Advertising Campaigns (Why Trochu, Thrive in Trochu), develop key partnerships - CAEP, Community Futures Etc.

## **What could Kneehill County focus on within their Economic Development Strategy that would support your organization (if any)?**

- municipal grants for summer students promotion of our facility throughout the county/provinces/ information centers
- Continue the focus on tourism.
- If possible, an annual operations grant, as given to other Community Centres. We operate the Visitor Information Centre for this County area, a \$2500 grant could help with it. There may be opportunities for the County to help market the Kneehill Historical Museum and Visitor Information Centre.
- Being sure to incorporate the needs of community groups.
- Obviously if Economic Development staff at the County were regional staff and not just for Kneehill County this would be a huge burden off our small municipality. Beyond that any initiative that makes Kneehill County stronger, is good for Trochu.

## **Is there anything else you would like to share with the consultant regarding community and economic development in Kneehill County?**

- Existing recreational and community facilities provide numerous benefits to local residents and the financial support they receive from Kneehill County is critical for their ongoing operations.
- Wifi connection is a game changer.
- We appreciate the county grant program that supports volunteer run societies such as our museum.
- Kneehill County has a great history, with many achievements in agronomy, resource development, and services such as the Medical Clinic and Health Centres. We are proud to help keep County history.