

## THE PRIORITIES OF RURAL CANADA

### GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

1. Restructure power and authority to municipal government
2. Clearly define levels of responsibility
3. Build capacity to address short- and long-term community needs
4. Institute long-term regional planning
5. Develop community plans that engage all stakeholders
6. Always consider a regional approach
7. Allow for municipal fiscal capacity

### ECONOMIC

8. Be fiscally responsible and innovative
9. Meet local needs to retain workers
10. Provide adequate physical, social and cultural infrastructure
11. Review appropriate levels of government taxation
12. Ensure industry development respects community standards
13. Reduce or eliminate barriers to growth and development
14. Organize and mobilize resources

### INFRASTRUCTURE

15. Promote partnerships and cooperation with neighbours
16. Provide more sustainable funding and training programs
17. Increase revenues
18. Reduce the regulatory burden
19. Make use of new technologies
20. Pool educational assets
21. Improve communication and access to services
22. Showcase quality of life

### ENVIRONMENT

23. Develop incentives for stewardship practices
24. Develop and adopt environmentally supportive policies
25. Reduce emissions through technology
26. Practice water conservation
27. Create effective policies and legislation to protect the environment
28. Develop local solutions
29. Develop efficient solid waste strategies
30. Develop rural solutions for rural Canada

