

ONE VISION, MANY VOICES: ECONOMIC

- For municipalities to be sustainable they also must be fiscally responsible.
- Innovation is the key to economic survival in rural Canada.
- By making training accessible to address local needs and by providing adequate infrastructure ... municipalities can attract and retain both business and a labour force.
- Development cannot occur at any cost ... it must respect local standards.
- Communities must find ways to market themselves ... only by adapting, innovating and thinking 'outside the box' will municipalities truly prosper.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The seven economic priorities of rural Canada:

1. Be fiscally responsible and innovative
2. Meet local needs to retain workers
3. Provide adequate physical, social and cultural infrastructure
4. Review appropriate levels of government taxation
5. Ensure industry development respects community standards
6. Reduce or eliminate barriers to growth and development
7. Organize and mobilize resources