



WHAT WE HEARD from Community Talk

Strathcona County invited open and honest conversations on how to create a **supported**, **safe** and **connected** community.

THE REACH, COUNTY WIDE

10% Strathcona County citizens participated in the survey.

7,815 people completed the survey.

622 individuals attended 48 community conversations across Strathcona County.

PLACES TO CONNECT:

- FLU CLINICS
- SCHOOLS
- PARENT LINK CENTRE
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
- BOOKMOBILE
- RIDING THE BUS
- COMMUNITY HALLS
- LOCAL BUSINESSES
- RECREATION FACILITIES
- FESTIVALS

THE SIX GOALS



agree that it is important for people in Strathcona County to feel they are:

- **connected and belong** •
- **safe and free from harm** •
- **valued, respected and treated fairly** •
- **healthy** •
- **able to work together** •
- **able to meet basic needs** •

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

60% of people believe we do not have enough affordable housing and affordable childcare.

41.4% of people think that we first need to ensure everyone's basic needs are met.

19.1% of people think that we first need to ensure everyone feels safe.

8 THEMES EMERGED

- Affordability** (housing, childcare, transportation, recreation, income)
"People with lower incomes should be able to access childcare/ transportation/ education at a lower cost."
- The need to work together for common goals**
"More ownership and accountability is needed from community members to engage one another and work together."
- Feeling of safety**
"We should be able to work together as a community to create a safe and healthy environment."
- Fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance**
"I feel like people should just be more accepting of others whether it be race, gender or religion. If we all accept each other we'll all get along much better."
- Improvement to the transit system**
"More bus stops to make it easier to get groceries home."
- More community events- neighbourhood and County wide**
"Develop strategies that bring people together more frequently for events."
- Increase in mental health awareness and services**
"I would like to see easier access to mental health care - both for people in crisis and ongoing, preventive and proactive care for those with chronic mental illness."
- Better access to services and programs**
"We need streamlined access to services and to ensure people have timely access to resources with adequate and reliable information about what programs and services they are able to access."

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY?

Citizenship

"I feel people need to get to know their neighbors - get to know them enough to realize when they are experiencing difficulties."

Respect others and accept their differences

"I can be a good citizen, respect all nationalities, and treat neighbours fairly."

Community Awareness

"We as a community need to start paying attention to the issues in our community, or raising awareness about issues so they become part of our community consciousness."

Important issues are voiced

"I can have conversations with people in the community and advocate for their interests and needs."