

Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Community/Economic Development Survey

Greetings from the South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee(SAHEDC). This survey is your opportunity to help guide our efforts in creating economic and cultural sustainability with our area. Please take a few moments to share your feedback!

General:

1. Indicate your municipality: Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson

2. Are you a permanent or seasonal Resident? Permanent / Seasonal

b: If seasonal, are you planning to retire in, or move permanently to the area within
Two years Five Years Ten Years Never

3. How do you keep informed with community news and events?

Almaguin News Great North Arrow Social Media
Community Boards Municipal Websites Other: _____

Community:

4. When describing life in the area, what are the 3 most important qualities to you:

5. What are 3 things you would see changed?

6. Would you consider volunteering for a community project or event? Yes / No

7. Would you consider participating in a community organization? Yes / No

b: Would you like more information about a community organization? Yes / No

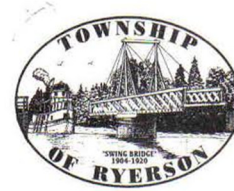
If you answered yes to 6 or 7 please include your email address on back of page.

Economic Development

8. Have you reviewed the 2013 SAHEDC South Economic Development Plan

online at <http://www.burksfalls.net/economic-development.htm>? Yes / No

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9. Are you aware of the Burk's Falls and Area Chamber of Commerce? Yes / No

b. Would you like more information about the Chamber(Email Req'd) Yes / No

Learn more about the Chamber online at: <http://www.burksfallschamber.com>

10. Do you feel that having municipal staff dedicated to the economic development and sustainability of the area is important? Yes / No

11. What types of businesses/services do you feel would be a welcome addition to the area?

12. Please rate the following in order of importance:

Objective:	1(Least)	2	3	4	5(Most)
Business Retention and Expansion (and attraction)					
Downtown revitalization					
Improved (or new) Community Facilities					
Tourism Products and Special Events					

13. Please provide any additional comments regarding community and/or economic development in the area:

*****Your survey and information will be kept confidential*****

Please provide your email address here: _____

Keep me updated regarding community/economic activities Yes / No

Email will only be used to provide you with the information you have requested

Please submit your responses via mail, or in person to:

Burk's Falls Village Office : 172 Ontario St, Box 160, Burk's Falls, ON P0A1C0

Armour Township Office : 56 Ontario St, Box 533, Burk's Falls, ON, P0A1C0

Ryerson Township Office : RR1, 28 Midlothian Rd, Burk's Falls, ON, P0A1C0

Or By Email to: cdoabar@live.ca

Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson 2013 Community/Economic Development Survey Results

TOTAL SURVEYS COLLECTED: 139

Question:		
1. Indicate your municipality*:		
	Armour	42%
	Ryerson	33%
	Burk's Falls	24%
	Non Resident	1%
* Several double entries have been recorded. See Below.		
2. Are you permanent or Seasonal?		
	Permanent	54%
	Seasonal	40%
	Blank	6%
2B. If Seasonal, plan to relocate?		
	2 Years	5
	5 Years	6
	10 Years	2
	Never	26
	Other	27
3. How do you stay informed with Community news and events**?		
	Almaguin News	68%**
	Great North Arrow	17%**
	Social Media	17%**
	Community Boards	27%**
	Municipal Websites	17%**
	SEE APPENDIX 1 Other	32%**
**Percentages calculated against total responses		
4. When describing life in the area....3 most important qualities		Sheet 2
5. What are 3 things you would see changed?		Sheet 2
6. Would you consider volunteering for a community project/event?		
	Yes	41%
	No	47%
	Blank	12%
7. Would you consider participating in a community organization?		
	Yes	35%
	No	52%
	Blank	13%
7B. Would you like more information about an organization?		
	Yes	29%
	No	51%
	Blank	20%

8. Have you reviewed the 2013 SAHEDC ED Plan?	Yes	13%
	No	74%
	Blank	13%
9. Are you aware of the Burk's Falls and Area Chamber of Commerce	Yes	78%
	No	21%
	Blank	1%
9B. Would you like more information about the Chamber?	Yes	18%
	No	65%
	Blank	24%
10. Do you feel that having an ED Staff is important?	Yes	90%
	No	6%
	Blank	4%
11. What types of businesses/services would be welcome in the area?	Sheet 3	
12. Please rank in order of importance***	Sheet 4	
	BR&E Total	549 PTS # 1
	Downtown Revitalization Total	497 PTS # 2
	Improved Community Facilities Total	367 PTS # 4
	Tourism and Special Events Total	393 PTS # 3
*** Breakdown on Sheet 4 - Q12 Importance		
Comments See Appendix 1		

*** Some residents own property in more than one municipality OR have not indicated a municipality: . These instances are reflected below:**

- *2 Burk's Falls/Armour Doubles**
- *1 Burk's Falls / Ryerson Doubles**
- *2 not indicated**
- *1 Armour/Ryerson Doubles**

Questions 4 and 5 - Important Qualities and Desired Changes

Q4: Important Quality	Occurrences
Nature / Natural Tranquility/Beauty	42
Clean/Fresh water	26
Quiet Environment	25
Friendly People	18
Clean/Fresh Air	18
Good Roads/maintenance	16
Environment / Lakes	15
Peaceful Community	15
Clean Environment	14
Safe place to live	11
Outdoor Activities	10
Health Care	9
Environmental Protection	8
Access to essential services/needs	8
Slow Pace of Life	6
Rural Setting	6
Shopping	5
Wildlife	4
Proximity to amenities	4
Recreation	4
Great policing	4
No traffic congestion	3
Library	2
Moderate/Low Tax Rates	2
Employment Op. Growth	2
Close to Major Highway/Accessibility	2
Church Activities	2
Social gatherings	2

Q5 Desired Change	Occurrences
Better roads/maintenance	17
Development / Improvement of DT	16
Lower/Fewer taxes	13
More business attraction activities	12
Amalgamation of 3 councils	6
Bylaw - Cleanliness of res. Property	5
Better internet access (high speed)	5
7 day medical access / urgent care	5
More public space on riverfront	3
No Quarry @ <Mountain Name>	3
Building Inspector Leniency	3
Better health care / emergency	3
More youth employment	3
More effort to preserve natural beauty	3
More Hiking Trails	2
No More Solar Farms	2
No More Quarries	2
Better by-law Enforcement	2
Reduce runoff of water from land to lakes	2
Economic development/Growth	2
Better monitoring of lake levels	2
Update store fronts	2
Better job opportunities	2
Use of theatre to promote area	2
Pre authorized tax payments	2
More open mindedness from councils	2
Better / more medical services	2

** Data has been filtered to reflect any points that had more than one occurrence. For a complete list of all responses and/or to see Appendix A, please contact the Community Development Officer. Dave Gray, (705)571-1564 OR cdoabar@live.ca

Question 11 - What types of businesses do you feel would be a welcome addition to our area?

Business Type	Occurrences
Gas Bar/Station	28
Grocery Store(New or Better)	20
More retail shops/clothing	19
Motel/Hotel	18
Drug store/pharmacy	15
More restaurants	13
Department Store	12
Industrial/manufacturing	10
More medical services providers	10
Tourism	6
Dollar Store	5
Chain Restaurant	4
Dentist	4
Bakery	4
Long term seniors residence	4
High quality restaurants	3
Recreation	3
Arts and crafts	2
Senior focused services	2

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Q12: Please Rate the Following in order of Importance

Objective:	1 (Least)	2	3	4	5(Most)
Business Retention & Expansion	4	3	9	32	72
Downtown Revitalization	5	5	21	21	67
Improved Community Facilities	12	19	35	18	28
Tourism and Special Events	8	20	27	31	28

For this question, respondents were asked to rank the objectives listed above from 1 to 5. For each response, points were attributed respective to the response. (Example a '5' = 5 Points)