



A Social Sustainability Plan (SSP) was developed to provide a guiding framework for improving social wellness, increasing resiliency, and establishing collective social sustainability in our region. The SSP implementation is being overseen by a Stewardship Committee consisting of representatives from various sectors and interest groups including social profit, industry and business, health, arts and culture, education, Indigenous partners, and government.

The SSP outlines social sustainability priorities that each community partner and stakeholder, can use to align policies, strategies and actions to support decision-making and resource allocation in an effort to improve quality of life for current and future residents.

Social sustainability priorities were identified based on input and information from stakeholders through working sessions, one on one interviews, and community open houses in addition to a document review.

The identified priorities are:

- 1. Strengthening social infrastructure**
- 2. Align and support community capacity**
- 3. Support families and individuals**
- 4. Further develop culture and arts**
- 5. Support diversity**

Throughout the development of the SSP, stakeholders formed a definition of what a Socially Sustainable Wood Buffalo would look like:

Our community is sustainable when we are resilient and are engaged and supported to thrive physically, socially, mentally, spiritually, and economically

Our community builds and sustains the necessary community-based resources and partnerships to support working collectively to meet the basic needs and social wellness priorities of residents and continue to improve our quality of life

Social sustainability is grounded in empathy and inclusivity and promotes connection and engagement in the community – one plan with many partners

For more information, please review the Social Sustainability Plan.