

# LANGENBURG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD



2019/2020

# DEAR LANGENBURG COMMUNITY,

This annual report has been created to provide an overview of the major community development projects that were started / completed in 2019–2020.

The main focus this year has been on the town's **marketing** projects, which are an important part of the town's economic development.

We live in a new digital world where the global contest has brought even small towns onto the radar of global corporations or entrepreneurs. At the same time, international visitors have shown an increasing desire around the world to go beyond a the more populated gateways to uncover more of the authentic, and distinctive qualities of smaller cities and towns. So, we have more opportunities than ever to attract new opportunities, but first we need to be visible, we need to know who we are and what we want to say about us, we need to be attractive. That's why we started town branding project, worked on community video, built social media followers, created community profile, updated www.langenburg.ca website and more.

I also want to **thank** all the Volunteers who contribute many hours to our community. Many LCDB projects **can only happen** with the support of our dedicated volunteers.

#### LINA PETKEVICIENE

Economic Development Officer

# OUR VISION

"Langenburg is an active, diverse community where culture, families and business thrive; and, everyone is welcome".

#### **LCDB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# #WHYLANGENBURG SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

In January 2019, the Langenburg Community Development Board launched **#whylangenburg** social media marketing campaign as an economic development initiative.

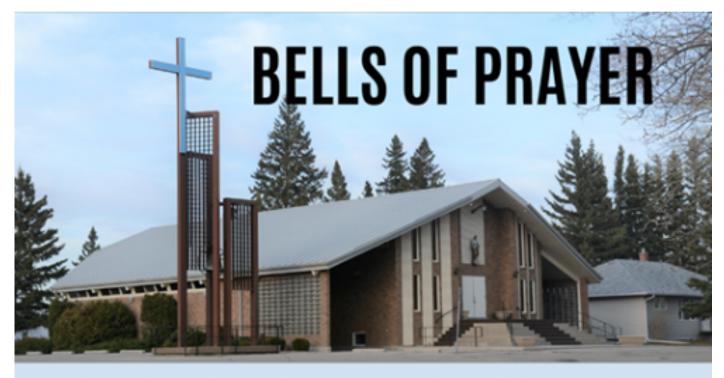
The campaign goals are:

- To increase visibility of Langenburg as a wonderful place to raise a family, work or have a business;
- To **connect** residents and the area with the town happenings by creating a platform for discussion, communication and active participation;
- To create a **pride** between locals about the place they live;
- To **build** an effective marketing channel to spread the word about our community.



We have almost 1,900 Facebook followers! Thank you for each of you! Your likes, shares and comments help our posts to be seen by a large number of people! You help to make our social media account an effective marketing tool and showcase our community!





Beginning Friday, April 3, the churches in Langenburg will ring their church bells every day at noon to call the residents of Langenburg to prayer. When you hear the bells ringing, please stop for a moment to join in area-wide prayer. We suggest that you pray the Lord's Prayer, Psalm 23, or simply pray in whatever way you wish, asking for those affected by sickness, care-giving duties, financial loss, mental and spiritual stress, and decision-making authority. As we pray for our community and our world, we trust even more in God's love for us. The bells will ring daily (with the exception of Good Friday and Holy Saturday) until we are able to worship together again.





On March 2020 on social media was presented community video we are working on right now. We hope to have it finished by the end of 2020 year.

# WEBSITE REVAMP! WWW.LANGENBURG.CA

In 2019 was updated Langenburg website with all information (including pictures) about Langenburg community.

You can find all the information about our community, businesses, events...

Check it out!



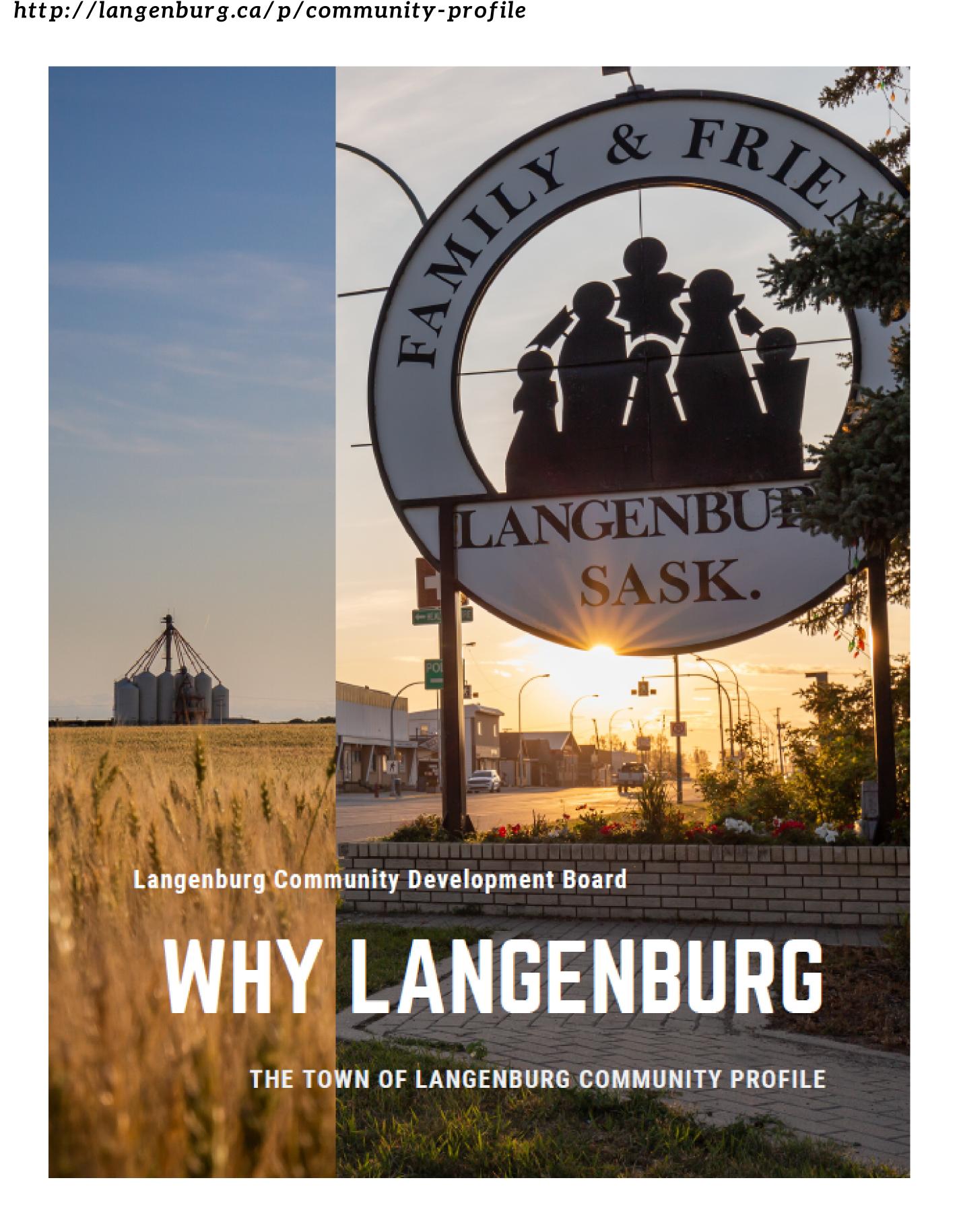




# COMMUNITY MARKETING

We recently finished Langenburg community profile "Why Langenburg" - a 26 page booklet about our community and its assets.

The profile hard copies are printed and delivered to Town and R.M. offices. Also you can find its digital version (pdf file) at town website:



# LIVESHOP LOCALLOCAL

The Town of Langenburg announced December as a "Local Business Month", to encourage everyone to Shop Local during the Holiday season! By shopping local we help our community to thrive and keep dollars at "home".

We inspired Langenburg community to shop local and support local businesses with the release of a BUSINESS ADVENT CALENDAR.

#### LANGENBURG'S DECEMBER HOLIDAY CALENDAR FRIDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY WEDNESDAY PRAIRIE LILY CAFE 10: 30 -1:00 BREAKFAST BRUNCH, 1-4 THE BUCK'N UP STORE CHICKEN CHEF LANGENBURG HOME BUMPER TO BUMPER CRE.ATE COFFEEHOUSE FREE BAKING, 5:00-7:30 SUPPER BUFFET NJOY FREE SNACKS AND 10% DISC TAKE OUT: 8PC CHICKEN FOR \$8.88 HARDWARE AND SHOPPE ON BUCK'N UP CHRISTMAS ITEMS POP UP MARKET 4-7 PM CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY! ENJOY MERAKI NAIL BAR (KADAIZY OPEN FROM 12-4) ENTER YOUR NAME IN TO WIN A "ZEPHYR AND TALLULAH" FREE COFFEE & COOKIES AND UP TO BUY \$100 IN GIFT CARDS AND GET \$20 10:00 - 1:45 PUBLIC SKATING 9:00 - 4:00 GRAND OPENING OF MILWAUKEE BATTERY NEW HORIZONS CLUB 0:15 - HOLIDAY TRAIN/ BREDENBURY 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING SHOP, SAVE & STAMP" CONTEST 1ST 2:00 - 3:00 IP HOCKEY GAME 2:00 - 4:00 PEEWEE HOCKEY GAME 12:00 - COMMUNITY ADVENT WORSHIP DRAW, \$200 LANGENBURG CASH! 6:00 - 7:30 CHRISTMAS MEMORY 8:00 - MOVIE: "LAST CHRISTMAS 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING SERVICE @ THE UNITED CHURCH 8:00 - 10:00 CHRISTMAS GALA TREE @ FAMILY & FRIENDS SIGN 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING WITH EMILIA CLARK 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING PHARMASAVE KADAIZY FLOWERS & GIFTS 1:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY! SPIN A WHEEL TO SAVE 1:00 PM - ONE DAY TICKET BLITZ FOR THE COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND DAINTIES AND ASK US HOW YOU CAN PARENTS SHOP PRODUCTION "ANNIE" @ GEORGE LAYH EARN UP TO 2.75 % INTEREST FAMILY AND ENJOY 5% OFF ORDER OVER \$40 -GET A FREE WONTON (DECEMBER 13 614) PRAIRIE EAST VET CLINIC TY'S PHARMACY WANDERING KUTS 'N' KURLS ORDER OVER \$80-GET FREE DRY RIBS PICK A PRIZE AND ENJOY 2:00 - COMMUNITY CAROL FESTIVAL 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY @ ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DAINTIES ON US! **COFFEE & COOKIES** 8:00 - 5:00 ATOM TOURNAMENT 7:00 - 9:00 PEEWEE GAME "SHOP, SAVE & STAMP" CONTEST 12:00 - COMMUNITY ADVENT WORSHIP 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING 2ND DRAW, \$200 LANGENBURG CASH SERVICE @ EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP 5:00 - 7:00 BANTAM HOCKEY GAME 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING LANGENBURG ESSO MICHAEL'S FAMILY FASHIONS LTD. ROYAL LEPAGE PREMIER BUCK'S CO. TAVERN **BUCK'S CO. TAVERN** (YUEN'S S & D) REALTY SPECIAL DISCOUNTS CHRISTMAS MARKET 6:00 PM CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAVI THE FILL - 5 ENTRIES INSTEAD OF HOT CHOCOLATE AND DAINTIES **GRAND OPENING 2:30 PM** HOT CHOCOLATE & DAINTIES - 2 PM IN STORE-DISCOUNTS: FROM 1-4 PM CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY "TEST DRIVE FOR A PRIZE" ENJOY TEA + COOKIES! 1:00 - 5:00 CHRISTMAS HAMPER "SHOP, SAVE & STAMP" CONTEST SMALLTOWN FINANCIAL SERVICES FROM 2 - 4 PM FREE COFFEE/COOKIES PACKING DAY @ TOWN HALL. 3RD DRAW, \$200 LANGENBURG CASH! 2:30-4:30 PEEWEE GAME 12:00 - COMMUNITY ADVENT SHARPE'S CROP SERVICES COME AND HELP! 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING WORSHIP SERVICE @ ST. JOSEPH'S 5:00 - 7:00 MIDGET GAME 2020 SEED PROMOTION/LAWN AND 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING 2:00 - 4:45 PUBLIC SKATING GARDEN PROMO/LEARN AG PROGRA 7:00 - 9:00 BANTAM GAME TRIP OF THE MONTH" LOTTERY EARLY 6:30 - 8:30 MIDGET GAME 7:00 - LCS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 6:15 - 8:15 ATOM GAME. BIRD DRAW, \$1000 CASH PRIZE 10:00-3:00 PUBLIC SKATING STUDIO VEE 10:45 - DEDICATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: NEW BUILDING & CHRISTMAS DINNER LAST MINUTE PRESENTS MAKING AND 7:00 - LANGENBURG EVANGELICAL 10:00 - 6:00 PUBLIC SKATING 10:00 - 6:00 PUBLIC SKATING 10:00 - 6:00 PUBLIC SKATING @ EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP! X-MAS GIFTS WRAPPING 12 - 5 PM FELLOWSHIP, ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN, Christmas ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC & CHRIST "SHOP, SAVE & STAMP" CONTEST AST DRAW, \$200 LANGENBURG CASHI LUTHERAN CHURCHES 1:00-8:00 PUBLIC SKATING 7:30 CARD GAMES @ NEW HORIZONS 7:30 - UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 1:00-6:45 PUBLIC SKATING LIVESHOP The Town of Langenburg announces December as Local Business Month, to 10:00 - 6:00 PUBLIC SKATING 10:00 - 6:00 PUBLIC SKATING encourage everyone to Shop Local during 10:00 - 3:00 PUBLIC SKATING the Holiday season and every month! LANGEN CURG (please read other side)

After the campaign LCDB did a survey to get feedback on the campaign. Here are businesses and town residents answers:

- "Shop Local" campaign was beneficial for my business (79% agree)
- I liked how my business was presented on Facebook (100% agree)
- The campaign boosted my sales (64% agree)
- The campaign helped to spread the word about my business (100 % agree)
- The campaign helped to attract new consumers (79% agree)
- The campaign gave me opportunity to thank my clients (86% agree)
- The campaign fulfilled my expectations (100% agree)
- I liked "Shop Local" bags (93% agree)
- I liked campaign logo (100% agree)
- I liked campaign idea (advent calendar idea) (100% agree)
- I would like to see a "Shop Local" campaign organized next year (100% agree)
- I will participate in the next "Shop Local" campaign (100% agree).
- Shop Local Campaign changed my shopping behaviours (66% agree)
- I shopped local more this year (68% agree)
- The campaign helped me to think more about shopping local benefits (86% agree)
- I enjoyed Business Advent Calendar events (88% agree)
- Did Facebook posts inspire you to participate? (80% agree)
- Do you want to see that campaign next year? (92% said yes)









# BUSINESS SUPPORT

Business Façade Improvement Grant Program



The Business Facade Improvement Grant Program helps the Town of Langenburg businesses owners to improve their business building facades.

In 2019 five businesses were granted with \$1000 to improve their facades.

LCDB created free weekly advertisement opportunity for local businesses at the Four Town Journal "Shop Local Corner". iniciative joined Esterhazy Churchbridge communities as well.



During COVID-19, LCDB organized free community grocery delivery service for those who were on isolation or at high risk to get exposed to virus. 15 volunteers delivered food for more than 150 families during March - May months.



for sale and rent right now

OPPORTUNITIES

AND SUPPORT

Was

2019

FREE PROMOTION

business/services and creates

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full-time work position

Economic Development Officer

www.langenburg.ca/p/business

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



CULTURE DAYS September 28, 2019



In 2019 Langenburg first time joined a **national celebration of arts and culture** and brought to town new experience! Also, the same day we celebrated 50 years when Langenburg was incorporated as a town. Thank you for <u>47</u> <u>volunteers</u> to make this amazing event happen!







LCDB revamped Langenburg Welcome **Committee** with the goal not just welcome new families into our community by giving welcome basket, but also to help them become part of our community. For that purpouse the newcomers mentoring program was created, organized "Hi Day on Friday Events", where newcomers had opportunity to meet community members, an informational brochure was created printed, Langenburg Evangelical Fellowship offered free English classes. Big thank you for our dedicated volunteers Cathy MacKenzie, Natalia Tsisar, Tina Costello, Teresa Carter, Marion Firby, Nattie Wileman, and Barbara Rindisbacher. Please contact Cathy (743-7556) or Barbara (743-5552) if you are new in the community or want to become a mentor!





# LANGENBURG LANGUAGE CLUB

Created in 2019 the Langenburg Language Club gives opportunity surrounding for communities to learn foreign languages at very low price. In 2019 were offered Spanish lessons that were organized in January -April, and September -November. 28 adults and kids were enrolled and enjoy learning Spanish.

In 2019 May was organized the **Town Wide Garage Sale**with more than 40 participants.



LCDB organized the reprinting of 1997 "Our Heritage" book that you can purchase at Town Office, Kadaizy or Langenburg ESSO any time.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2019 LCDB started "An Attractive & Vibrant Main Street" project. The goal of the project is to revamp the look of our main street, especially giving bigger attention to the town rest stop.

# **Project stages:**

- 2019 2020 photo vision preparation;
- 2021 2025 implementation stage.

In 2019 was done first photo-vision and given for the community to review. Below are the community opinion what should be done in our main street. LCDB is planning to have a final photo-vision in fall 2020.

- We need pergola with 2-3 picnic tables underneath out of sun and rain with washroom;
- Information board to list information about town facilities, history, events;
- Town map;
- Directions to Arena, Pool, Ball diamonds, Hall etc.;
- Scrub, hedge;
- Play area/activities for kids (low maintenance);
- Swings people want to see them stay;
- Yellow car people wants to see them stay or moved to other place in town;
- Small area for dogs;
- Walking path to businesses that goes through rest stop;
- Bricks at rest stop area;
- Community flower garden;
- Something attractive that people will take pictures/selfies and "advertise us" on social media, some sort of art piece;
- Electric plugs;
- Bike parking;
- Car parking area for stores customers;
- Place for semis, campers to stop;
- 2 way traffic;
- Family and Friends sign looks good but needs to be changed in future (theme);
- Museum can be moved to main street if will be coffee shop or ice cream store in there;
- Art/History gallery walking tour from rest stop through main street (that visitors will go to town);
- Contact Highways that will put sign "rest stop ahead" before entering town.



# COMMUNITY MARKETING

In 2020 the LCDB started community re-branding project together with <u>10 dedicated</u> volunteers.

# Why we need new branding?

The Town of Langenburg motto "Family & Friends" was created in the 1970's. It played an important role over the passed 50 years and built an attractive and strong community that we are all proud of. As the town grew and continues to grow, it is important that our brand identity evolves and presents, who we are today and where we are going tomorrow.

#### What is a brand?

"Brand is what people say about you after you leave the room" - Jeff Bezos, Amazon.

It is a combination of the thoughts, feelings, and experiences that people hold about a location. It's the character, reputation, and the enduring essence of a place. Most importantly, it's a valued promise that must be grounded in truth and reality.

## An effective brand will:

- Help us grow
- Create an uniqueness and awareness about our community
- Create pride among residents
- Help to attract new businesses and residents
- Establish standards and consistency
- Attract Hwy#16 travelers to stop and explore

# Community survey "How we see Langenburg"

results, 2020

# Branding process:

1 PHASE:

Research and Analysis (done) 2 PHASE:

Brand design/look and marketing plan (ongoing)
3 PHASE:

**Implementation** 

# More about the project:

http://langenburg.ca/p/brand

#### We think that Langenburg is:

- Clean, well kept and safe (44%)
- Volunteering, community spirit, DO attitude (39%)
- Affordable, family friendly (37%)
- Quiet, peaceful, slower pace (30%)

#### We live here because:

- Family lives here (45%)
- Small Town atmosphere (43%)
- Family oriented, great place to rise family (34%)

#### The greatest Langenburg assets are:

- Large employers in the area (46%)
- School and daycare (44%)
- Great place to rise family (40%)
- Good location (23%)

# Langenburg challenges:

- Lack of retail businesses (48%)
- Lack of employment opportunities (30%)
- Outdated facilities (26%)
- Not attractive main street (25%)

#### Where Langenburg needs to improve:

- More activities for families (31%)
- More retail businesses (30%)
- More restaurants (29%)
- Renovate rec.facilities (28%)
- New industry sector (27%)
- Focus on main street (26%)

## We choose where to live according:

- -Employment opportunities (58%)
- -Low crime rates (56%)
- -Education (43%)
- -Low cost of living (40%)
- -Family oriented (38%)
- -Sports facilities programs (35%)
- -Proximity to family and friends (34%)
- -Entertainment opportunities (32%)
- -Walk-ability (32%)
- -Health care (30%)

#### Langenburg is known for:

- New Langenburg School (54%)
- Potash industry (47%)
- Strong community spirit, volunteers (24%)
- Gopherville (22%)

#### We think Langenburg can be known as:

- Family friendly town (56%)
- Strong, active community (39%)
- Business friendly town (18%)

We imagine Langenburg as friendly "person" (42%)



# 2019 YEAR IN NUMBERS

Langenburg Community Development Board

\$30,000+

grants received for community projects

50+

Summer
Dayz Camp
attendees

Town wide garage sale 40+

participants



LANGENBURG
LANGUAGE CLUB

Spanish lessons
2 semesters

28 adults and kids

#shoplocallangenburg LIVE SHOP (December,2019) LOCAL LOCAL

business celebrated local business month and were highlighted

130 shop local contest participants

CULTURE DAYS

47 volunteers
200+ visitors
\$3.600 grants received

\$1,750,000.00 \$1,520,000.00 \$1,310,000.00 \$875,000.00 \$440,000.00 \$220,000.00 \$0.00

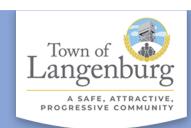
15 fundraisers \$80,000+ that generated over

\$300,000 received from the New School Project!

50+ \$7
donation
packages delivered

\$760,000 donations

received



NEWLY UPDATED
WWW.LANGENBURG.CA
WEBSITE



16+ NEW FAMILIES
4 NETWORKING EVENTS

Town has 23 non-profit groups/organizations

New Program: Pickle Ball 25+ participants

f 1,700+ followers
4,924
readers were reached
in a year per one post

275 followers

200+ community events organized by different groups/organizations

the Food Safe Handling course to keep rink kitchen open

Soccer 162
Hockey 81
Archery 30
Baseball 99

#whylangenburg social media campaign highlighted:

21 amazing local people

1 local assets

local businesses and people behind them

98

Businesses in total

51%

home-based

5 NEW businesses

businesses
expanded and
moved to new
location

4
closed

purchased