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Feedback and input on whether it's a practical project and content please.
I do realise it is not complete and costs etc. need to be worked out .

<https://www.alberta.ca/community-facility-enhancement-program-large>

I came across this grant and feel it fits the bill for Glenwood and possibly other planned projects ,ie, a larger project for a full tourist recreation facility with leisure activities.

The current problems of the need for a sanitation dump for RVs outside of the village and the problems residents of Glenwood and surrounding areas face with people relieving themselves in driveways etc. I wonder if this grant might be worth pursuing for Glenwood.
However I do not want to ruin the chances of a larger project, so I am asking wherever if not it is the right fit.

Proposal

To develop a public-use recreation and visitor facility in Glenwood Alberta that will provide essential sanitation, visitor and recreational amenities for local residents, families, tourists, campers, recreational users and community organizations.

The need

Public facilities where visitors can:

- use clean public washrooms;
- access accessible washroom facilities;
- dispose of recreational vehicle waste safely;
- stop and rest during travel;
- have a picnic;
- obtain basic refreshments;
- gather as a family or community group;
- access information about local attractions and services.

Proposed Facilities

A. Public Toilet and Washroom Building

The centrepiece will be a new public washroom building.

The building will include:

men's washroom;
women's washroom;
universal/family washroom;
accessible facilities;
hand-washing stations;
baby-changing facilities;
durable commercial-grade fixtures;
energy-efficient lighting;
heating;
ventilation;
water-saving plumbing fixtures;
exterior lighting;
cleaning/storage area.

The building will be designed to meet applicable Alberta building, plumbing, accessibility and public-health requirements.

RV Sanitation and Dump Station

A dedicated sanitation area will allow recreational vehicles to dispose of wastewater in a controlled and environmentally responsible manner

The facility will include:RV dump connection;
sanitary sewer/septic connection as appropriate;
potable-water service where permitted;
concrete dump pad;
drainage and containment;
signage;
appropriate traffic circulation;
safe separation from pedestrian areas.

The dump station will reduce improper disposal of wastewater and provide an important service to travellers using the area.Refreshment Kiosk

A small refreshment kiosk will be incorporated into the project.

The kiosk will provide visitors with convenient access to:

coffee;
cold beverages;
packaged snacks;
basic refreshments;
locally produced products where practical.

This would provide an outlet for the many home businesses in the area to promote their goods.

The kiosk will be designed as a small visitor amenity supporting the public recreation facility, rather than as a large commercial operation.

Parking and Site Access

The project will establish safe access and parking for:

- cars;
- family vehicles;
- recreational vehicles;
- visitors with accessibility requirements;
- service and maintenance vehicles.

The parking area will be designed to provide safe circulation between the RV dump station, washrooms, picnic area and visitor facilities.

Accessible parking spaces will be located close to the washroom and visitor facilities.

Accessibility

Accessibility will be incorporated into the project from the beginning rather than added later.

The project will include:

- accessible parking;
- barrier-free routes;
- accessible washrooms;
- accessible picnic tables;
- accessible pathways;
- appropriate slopes and surfaces;
- family/universal washroom facilities.

The goal is to ensure that seniors, people with disabilities, families with young children and other users can comfortably access the entire facility.

Environmental and Sanitation Benefits

The project will provide important environmental and public-health benefits.

A controlled RV dump station will provide travellers with an appropriate location for wastewater disposal rather than encouraging improper disposal.

The washroom facility will provide proper sanitary infrastructure for visitors and reduce reliance on inadequate temporary facilities.

The project will incorporate:

- water-efficient fixtures;
- energy-efficient lighting;
- durable low-maintenance materials;

appropriate wastewater management;
recycling and waste-management facilities;
responsible landscaping;
low-maintenance landscaping where practical.

Economic and Tourism Benefits

Although the project is primarily a public-use community facility, it will also contribute to the local economy.

Visitors stopping at the facility will have opportunities to:

purchase refreshments;
learn about local attractions;
visit surrounding communities;
purchase local products;
access nearby restaurants and businesses;
participate in local events and activities.

The project will therefore function as a gateway visitor amenity for other attractions within the county and to others within the south west
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A clean, attractive and well-maintained facility can encourage travellers to stop rather than simply pass through the region.