



Community Survey 2013

If needed please feel free to copy this survey. Printable version also available at <http://www.birchhillscounty.com/>. Return survey using enclosed envelope, or drop-off at County office, or fax to 780-694-3788.

Participation in Birch Hill County's *Community Survey* is voluntary. Information gathered will be reviewed by the Council of Birch Hills County as a component of a larger economic development assessment. Individual respondents will not be identified; however summary outcomes and feedback will be made available in a final report to the Council of Birch Hills County. The final report will also be available to all residents of Birch Hills County.

Thank-you for input!

1. How long have you lived in Birch Hills County? _____ # of years
2. What region of the County do you live in? _____
3. Which age group do you fit in? (Please circle)
18 – 29 30 – 44 45 – 64 65 – 79 80 or older
4. Number of persons living in your house? _____ # of persons
5. How many persons living in your house are under 18 years of age? _____ # under 18
6. Overall how would you rate the quality of life in Birch Hills County?
Excellent Very Good Good Poor Very Poor
7. What three things make Birch Hills County a good place to live?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. What three things would make Birch Hills County a better place to live?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
9. Overall how would you rate safety in the community?
Excellent Very Good Good Poor Very Poor
10. Overall how satisfied are you with the County municipal services?
Very Satisfied Satisfied Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied Don't Know



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11. How important are tourism or recreation opportunities to you?

Very Important

Important

Not important

Don't Know

12. Please indicate your level of satisfaction **AND** rate how important you feel each recreational opportunity is to the residents of Birch Hills County. Put an (X) in the appropriate space that indicates your ratings for both Satisfaction and Importance.

Recreational Opportunities	Level of Satisfaction					Level of Importance			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Don't Know/
Camping / RV'ing									
Skiing / Tobogganing									
Hunting / Fishing									
Jet Boat Racing / Boating / Canoeing									
Trails for ATVS, Quads, Snowmobiling									
Horseback Riding									
Other:									
Other:									

13. Do you have any ideas on business, value added agriculture, or tourism opportunities you feel would be valuable to Birch Hills County? Yes No

IF Yes, please briefly describe your idea(s):



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14. If you live in or near one of Birch Hills County Hamlets, do you have any ideas on what could be done to improve the character, beauty or quality of these hamlets? Yes No

IF YES: please briefly describe your ideas(s):

15. Please indicate your level of satisfaction **AND** rate how important you feel each service is to the residents of Birch Hills County. Put an (X) in the appropriate space that indicates your ratings for both Satisfaction and Importance for each specific service.

Services	Satisfaction					Importance			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Don't Know	Very Important	Important	Not Important	Don't Know/
By-law Enforcement (traffic safety, animal control, etc)									
Public Works (road maintenance & snow removal)									
Parks and Pathways									
Town Website									
Development Services (building permits, etc)									
Outdoor Recreation Facilities (ball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds)									
Indoor Recreation Facilities (arenas, gym)									
Cultural and Historical Services (museums, etc.)									
Social Services (Family & Community Support Services)									
RCMP									
Fire Services									
Ambulance									
Water / Sewer Services									
Garbage Pick-up, Land-fill / Transfer Stations									



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16. Is there anything the County administration could do to improve services? Yes No

If Yes; please briefly describe your suggestions for improvement:

17. Which of the methods listed below are your major sources of information regarding Birch Hills County: (Check all that apply)

Rycroft Signal (newspaper) Mail Outs County Website
 County Newsletter Word of mouth Community signs

Other [Please Specify]: _____

18. Thinking about the services provided by Birch Hills County which of the following tax strategies do you support most over the next 5 years? (Select only one.)

Enhance the level of services, which may require a tax increase above inflation.
 Maintain the current level of services, which may require a tax increase to offset inflation.
 Reduce services to maintain current tax levels. Don't Know / Unsure.

19. Do you have a computer with internet access in your home? Yes No

IF Yes; do you: (check all the apply) have high speed internet use for business purposes
 upgrade software regularly (e.g. Microsoft 2010) use social media (e.g. twitter, facebook)

20. Please feel free to provide any more comments or suggestions that you think would be of benefit for Birch Hills County to know:

Thank-you for your input!