



“The concept behind the Community Village is to create a co-location strategic alliance between agencies and social businesses. This will enable us to serve the clients and public effectively, and to build capacity and stability.”

- Brenda Moore, Executive Director, HIV North Society.



## What People Are Saying

“I’m very excited that something like this is happening in Grande Prairie.”

- Roland Warkentin, Burden Bearers Counselling

“It’s a very exciting concept, [...] working in a more collaborative way to deliver services to people and I see it [...] helping the people of the community.”

- Donna Bellcourt, Native Counselling Services

“The whole networking process and not having to refer [people] across town, keep[s] everything really together.”

- Tanya Wald, GALAP

“We’re really trying to connect with people on a different level to be available to people in one location [and] reduce that isolation that many people feel.”

- Penny Mickanuck, John Howard Society

“It’s a great opportunity, and I’m really excited our organization is going to be a part of it. It will be so good for the community once the Community Village is established.”

- Gynger Callahan, HIV North Society

## The Selected Property

Administrative Building	6225 sq. ft.
Church Area	9480 sq. ft.
Parish Centre	5780 sq. ft.
Courtyard	5000 sq. ft.
Garage (3 car)	800 sq. ft.
Parking (approximately)	70 spaces

## Interested Groups

AADAC, Alcoholics Anonymous, Burden Bearers, Canadian Diabetes Assoc., Canadian Mental Health Club House, Char's Coffee Shop, Circle of Life, City of Grande Prairie FCSS, Cool Aid Society Teen Drop-in Centre, Crime Prevention, Friendship Centre, Gay & Lesbian Association of the Peace, Grande Prairie Live Theatre, Harmony House, Habitat for Humanity, HIV North Society, John Howard Society, Life With Hepatitis, Native Counselling Services, Northern Brain Injury, PACE, Peace Country Health, Red Cross, Rotary House/Wapiti Dorm, Senior's Outreach/Meals on Wheels, Total Wellness Naturally, Trumpeter Lions Club, United Way, Volunteer Service Bureau.





## The Community Village Guiding Principles

Organizations interested in joining the Community Village Project are invited to reflect on the following guiding principles. Organizations selected to join the project will demonstrate they believe and work within these principles.

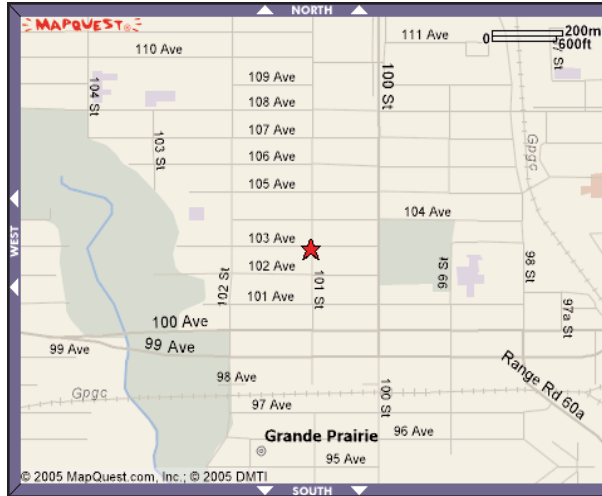
**Accessibility** - our organizations provide a welcoming environment of accessible services and programs that promote empowerment and mutual support.

**Collaboration** - our organizations make committed and vigorous efforts to listen and learn from each other to strengthen and enhance the long-term sustainability of our services and programs for the community.

**Partnership** - our organizations make efforts to work collectively for the common good while maintaining the diverse character of our individual agencies.

**Responsible Participation** - our organizations value mutuality and reciprocity in all our work.

**Philosophy** - this community of organizations recognizes the respective missions of the founding partners and strives to support all missions and members within a philosophy of harm reduction. Harm reduction is demonstrated by accepting people as they are, without judgement and sharing tools and skills that could reduce the harm in their lives.



### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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If you are interested in this project, and would like to learn more about the Grande Prairie Community Village concept, please feel free to contact the following individuals:

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Grande Prairie, Alberta

