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Enhancing the Kamloops-South Thompson Sustainable Community Atlas

Ideas for “Next Steps”

Functionality Ideas

- Linking data through web services
- Increasing geographic boundaries
 - Phil provided map
- Atlas poster should be designed for other forums
 - Clarence is designing it, Brad will print and put up at other forums
- Specific categories (ie., health) to bring up map layers under that category (pre-saved and available kmIs)
- System for maintenance and updating layers
- Clear descriptions in metadata (lifespan of layers)
- Transparent layers
- Have unavailable layers greyed out until you are at appropriate scale
- Save function
- Moveable layers
- Faster refresh or button
- Activating all layers under a category
 - User-friendly function
- User-friendly tutorial (video, voice walk through)
- Intuitive search function to access appropriate layers
- Update or create reports for points and polygons
- Generic data acquisition tool (approval first – unvalidated layer (can be until logon))
- Contact info users to contact partners to provide data to them
- Forum (create a dialogue between those with information and people with data)
- Postal code groupings for referencing rather than address points
 - Post office has good information
- Good indexing system
 - Search function
- Create pdfs for printing/emailing
 - Examining iMap functionality
- Measuring tools (area and distance)
 - See online cadastre as an example
- Better folder system for finding layers

Layer Ideas

- Climate change (wetlands, mountain pine beetle)
 - Increasing orthophotos base
- Layer of current projects within the area (NORHA as template)

- Have certain sensitive layers under password access
- Health services relative to:
 - Seniors housing
 - Population distributions
- Disease clusters
 - Health layers respecting confidentiality
 - Important for community planning
- Accident statistics (ICBC)
- Early childhood asset mapping
 - Valerie Janz (Make Children First)
- Walking and biking routes
 - Both commuter and recreation
- Active recreation routes
- Walk to school routes
- Spiritual asset mapping
- Cultural indicators (Will Garret-Petts)
 - Quality of life indicators
 - Formal – linked to organizations
 - Informal – neighbourhood networks (sports)
 - How to get this geo-referenced and on a map
 - Could map neighbourhoods where effective networking is occurring to varying degrees
- Covenants on titles (flood, ALR, “no fly zones”)
- Right of Ways (BC Hydro, Terasen Gas)
- Traffic volume on roads in and out
 - Economic development (KIB (Robert Corman), Venture Kamloops)
- Market Areas
 - Retail