



ICSP MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT FOR COUNCIL
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1. The Integrated Community Planning Process that commenced in January 2009 is on schedule to be completed by September 2009.
2. The County's Sustainability Committee includes four councillors and has been meeting on a monthly basis since January to work through the ICSP process. 5 meetings have been held to-date. The Committee has been providing monthly updates at Council meetings.
3. Complete progress with the preparation of the ICSP is being shared with the Community through regular updates in the media as well as a sustainability web page on the County's website.
4. 11 Community Consultation sessions have been held which included all ten districts as well as the Acadian and First Nations Communities.

District #1	11
District #2	36
District #3	25
Districts #4 & 10	5
District #5	8
District #6	33
District #7	20
District #8	7
District #9	27
Paqtnkek First Nations	9
TOTAL	181

5. 247 topics and 13 versions of a community vision have been collected with most responses suggesting that a joint vision for Antigonish (Town and County) should be considered rather than separate ones.
6. Next steps:
 - a. June – August: finalization of Vision, Goals and Priorities, confirmation of goals and priorities with Council and Province.
 - b. Mid-September: Sharing of Vision, Goals and Priorities through open house.
 - c. September 30th: Submission of Draft ICSP to Province
7. Other sustainability initiatives to build momentum towards collaborative action:
 - a. In March, Earth Hour was held with both municipalities, County and Town of Antigonish.
 - b. In May, Earth Day was held with the Town of Antigonish.
 - c. Participation as speaker in various conferences / workshops on Sustainability as well as ICSPs:
 - i. Dalhousie University Planning Conference (February)
 - ii. Association of Municipal Administrators Conference (June)
 - iii. New Brunswick Municipalities Forum; Fundy Biosphere Reserve (June)