



## EVALUATING COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE

During elections, candidates for local councils put forth their ideas in order to gain the trust and support of the community. If elected, it is their role to make good on their promises.

Consider the direction your community has taken in the recent past. How does it compare to what was promised during the last election campaign? Your assignment is to evaluate the recent past of your community and council's role in shaping it.

### Part A: The Community

Using your earlier-created community profiles, re-consider the recent past of your community.

1. What major undertakings have happened in the past few years? For example, have new roads been built, new facilities been opened, or new public spaces developed?
2. How many of these local initiatives were strictly the result of the local government? Did other levels of government help out? Were any other groups involved?
3. What are community members saying about the direction of your community?

### Part B: Council's Role

Much of the direction of a community is shaped by its council. Review past campaign promises of those sitting on local council. Make a list of what promises were made, and by whom.

1. Do you see past campaign promises reflected in the current direction of the community?
2. Are there promises that were not kept? What were they?
3. If promises were not kept, have those on council explained why? Do these explanations justify their inaction?
4. What new initiatives have councillors undertaken since being elected?
5. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with council's performance and the direction of the community?