



Above: Sheridan resident Michael Clark paints at Kendrick park.

Left: A statue on Main Street, Sheridan.

Rio Tinto Energy America (RTEA) has been a part of the Sheridan community for more than a decade and will continue its presence for many years to come. As part of our mining effort, we work to protect the environment and make efficient use of natural resources. We are committed to measuring and improving the effect that RTEA has on people's quality of life, now and in the future.

The overall goal of RTEA is to build a long term sustainable relationship with neighbor communities, focus our charitable contributions towards the most critical needs, and ensure our communities are viable well into the future. Community giving is great, but community planning is better.

To continue to meet and understand current community issues, in 2007 RTEA updated the initial Community Needs Assessment (CNA) that was completed in 2005. The 2007 CNA results will continue help identify the most important issues, challenges, and opportunities in each community.

The 2007 CNA survey was undertaken by the Sustainable Development group and the process involved surveying our neighbors including representatives of local business, community groups, financial organizations, health professionals, government officials, and educators.

We are committed to long term improvement and remain dedicated to update and disseminate information that is useful to all stakeholders. We remain flexible and willing to adjust to new information as communities are ever-changing. Helping create sustainable communities will ensure future generations enjoy a healthy environment, have a prosperous economy, and vibrant civic life.

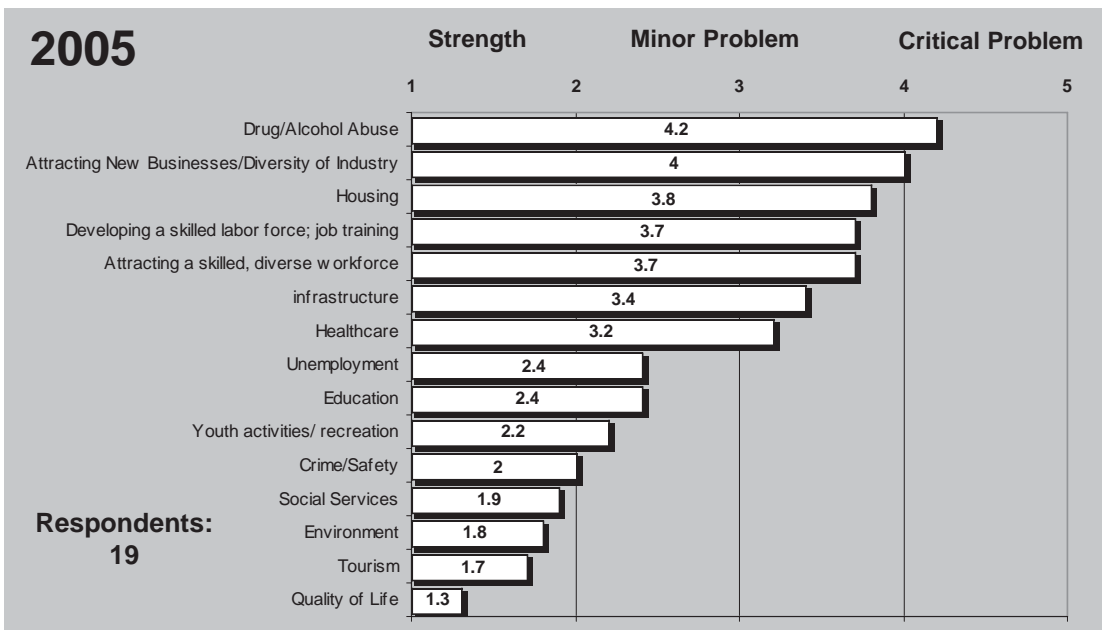
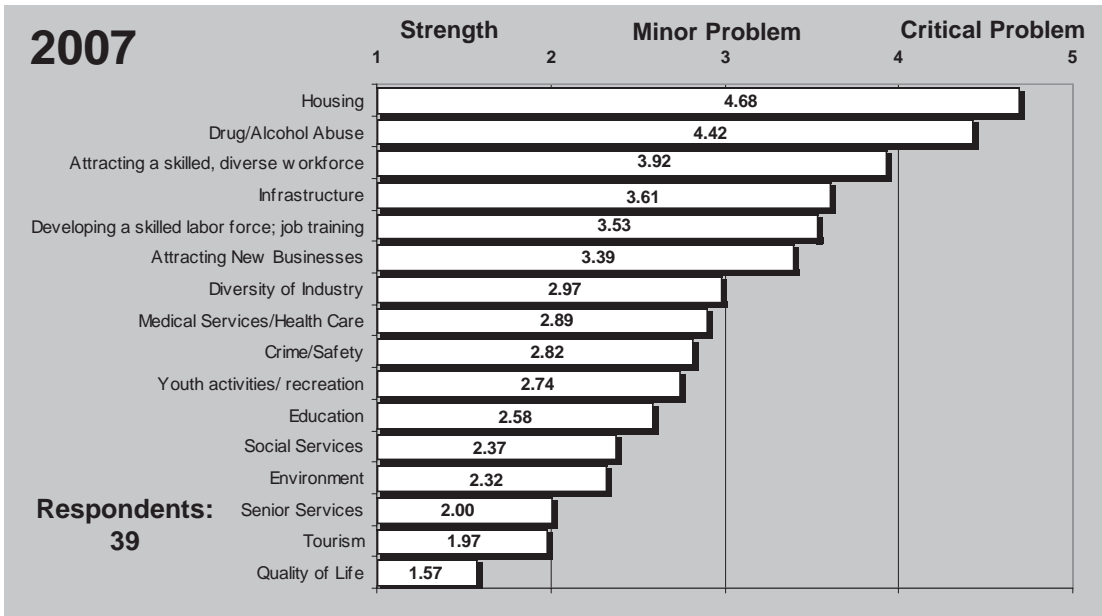
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The results

Update

In 2007, community members rated Housing, Drug/Alcohol Abuse and Attracting a skilled/diverse workforce as the top three issues affecting Sheridan.



Let's compare...

In 2005, the top three issues affecting Sheridan were Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Attracting New Businesses and Housing.

Evaluating and sharing the results of our survey is the first step to identifying which issues can be addressed through the combined resources of the community, the local government, and neighboring businesses.

We are pleased to share the results of our 2007 Community Needs Assessment in this report. We are also grateful to the community members who took the time and effort to respond. We look forward to working together to identify and support projects that will be of lasting benefit to our community.

Housing was considered the most critical problem facing the area. Drugs and alcohol followed. Attracting a skilled diverse workforce, infrastructure, and developing a quality workforce were also areas of concern. Strengths include the quality of life, tourism, senior services, and the environment.

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