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Okotokians needs are met and they have opportunities to live safe, healthy, and happy lives. Okotokians experience a welcoming and inclusive community where they can actively contribute to civic decision making.

1. Citizens have access to utilities and affordable housing options to meet their basic needs.
2. People and property are safe from crime, harmful activities, or other hazards.
 - 2.1 Emergency situations are addressed in a timely manner.
 - 2.2 Public safety priorities are founded in community wellness and neighbourhood strengthening initiatives.
 - 2.2.1 Community safety needs are met through established policing and municipal enforcement standards.
 - 2.2.2 Community safety needs are met through fire and emergency response standards.
 - 2.3 Community permit and safety processes are in compliance with regulatory requirements.
 - 2.4 Community Emergency Management Plan is maintained to ensure capacity to mitigate risks, respond, and recover from community disasters.
 - 2.5 Overarching Social Response Framework is maintained to ensure capacity to address long term social recovery from community disasters, pandemics, and other crises.
3. Citizens have opportunities for healthy, active, and creative lifestyles.
 - 3.1. A broad range of recreation and culture activities are available.
 - 3.1.1. Opportunities are accessible, in high quality facilities, multi-use civic buildings and a complete parks and open spaces network.
 - 3.1.2. Programs are affordable and barriers to participation are reduced.
 - 3.1.3. Okotoks provides a balance between structured and unstructured activities.

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4. Citizens have a sense of pride and belonging in their community.
 - 4.1. Citizens and visitors have access to a diversity of community events.
 - 4.2. Citizens view the community, municipal places, and spaces as safe and welcoming.
 - 4.2.1. Municipal spaces and programs strive to be inclusive and barrier free for all citizens.
 - 4.3. Citizens have access to and the ability to contribute artworks that helps support the local economy, and builds healthy and thriving public spaces where creativity flourishes.
5. Citizens have access to their community's history and significant historical resources are preserved.
 - 5.1. Education and preservation of our history is supported.
 - 5.2. The Municipal Heritage Designation Program supports education and preservation of our history.
 - 5.3. Culturally significant lands are secured and protected.
6. Citizens actively contribute to civic decision making.