

Yellowhead and Rossburn

Age-Friendly Studio

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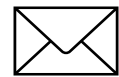
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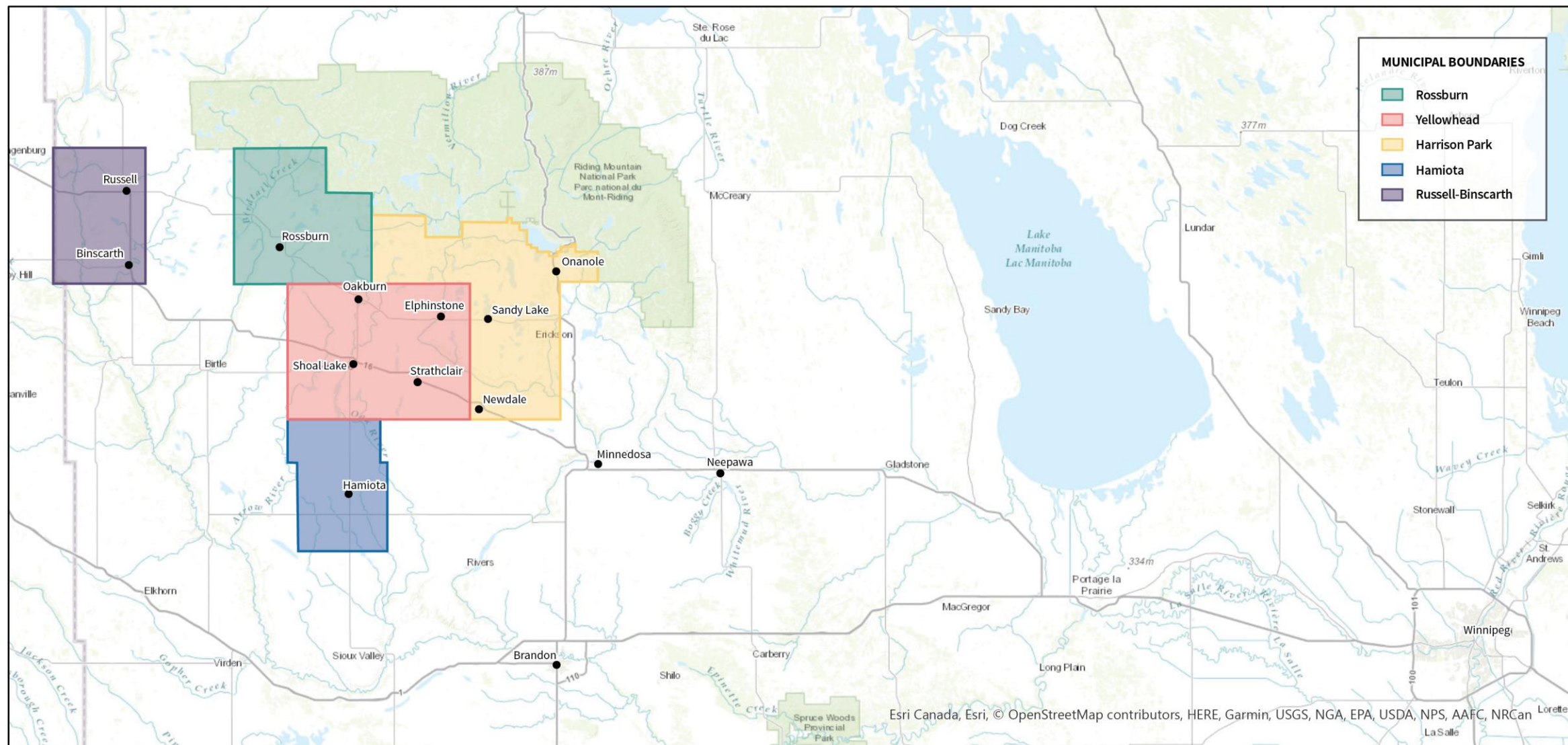


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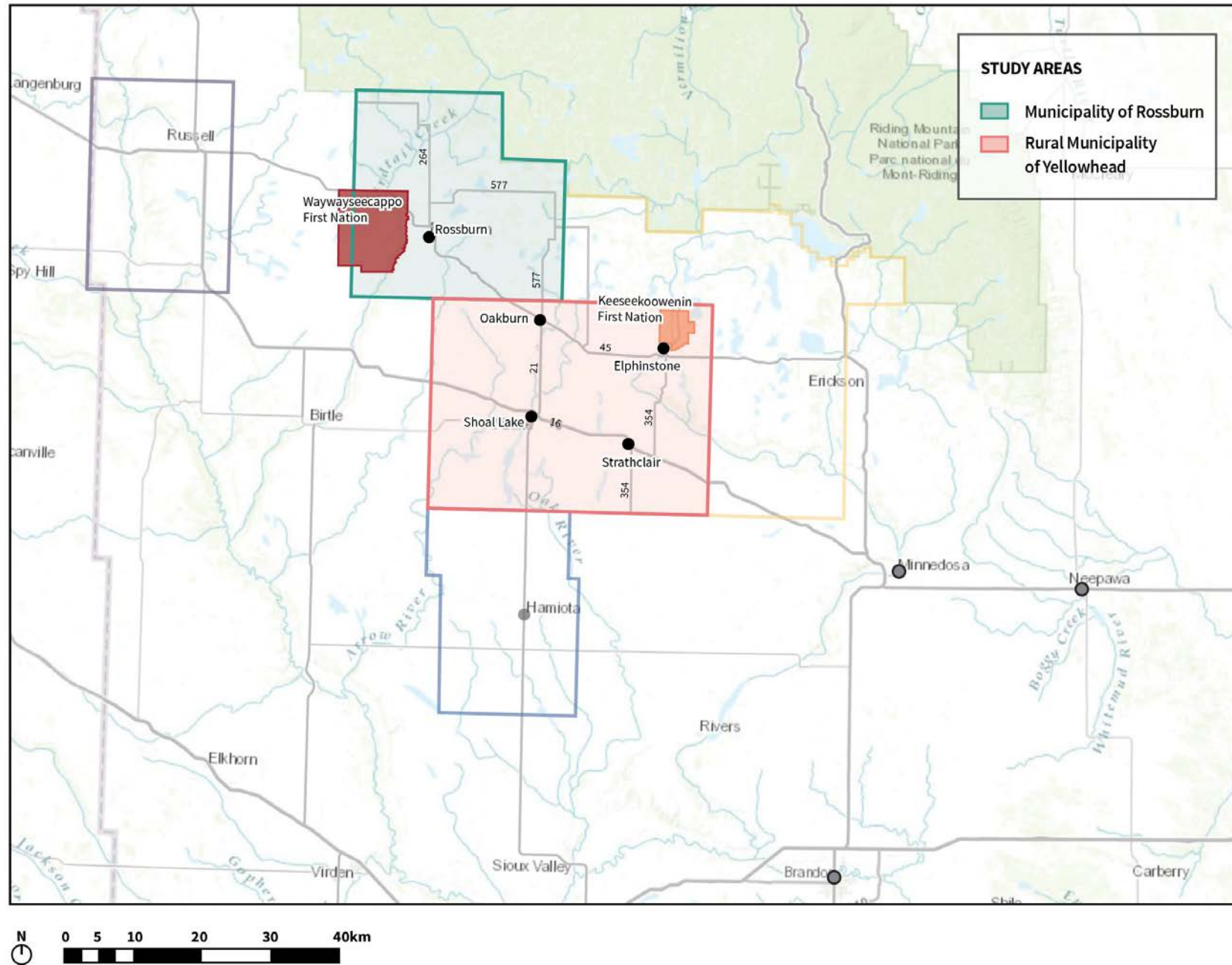


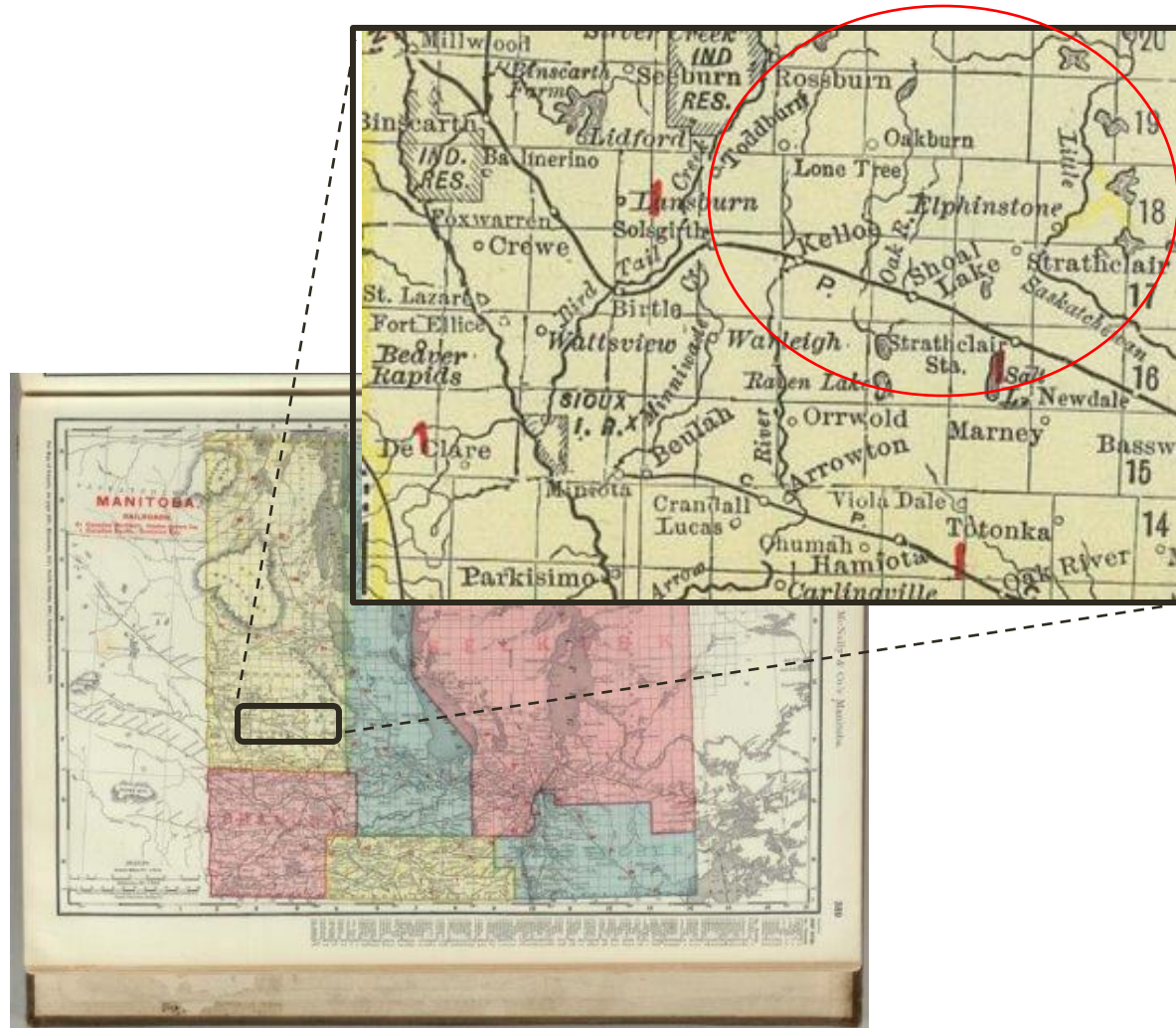
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Study Context Map



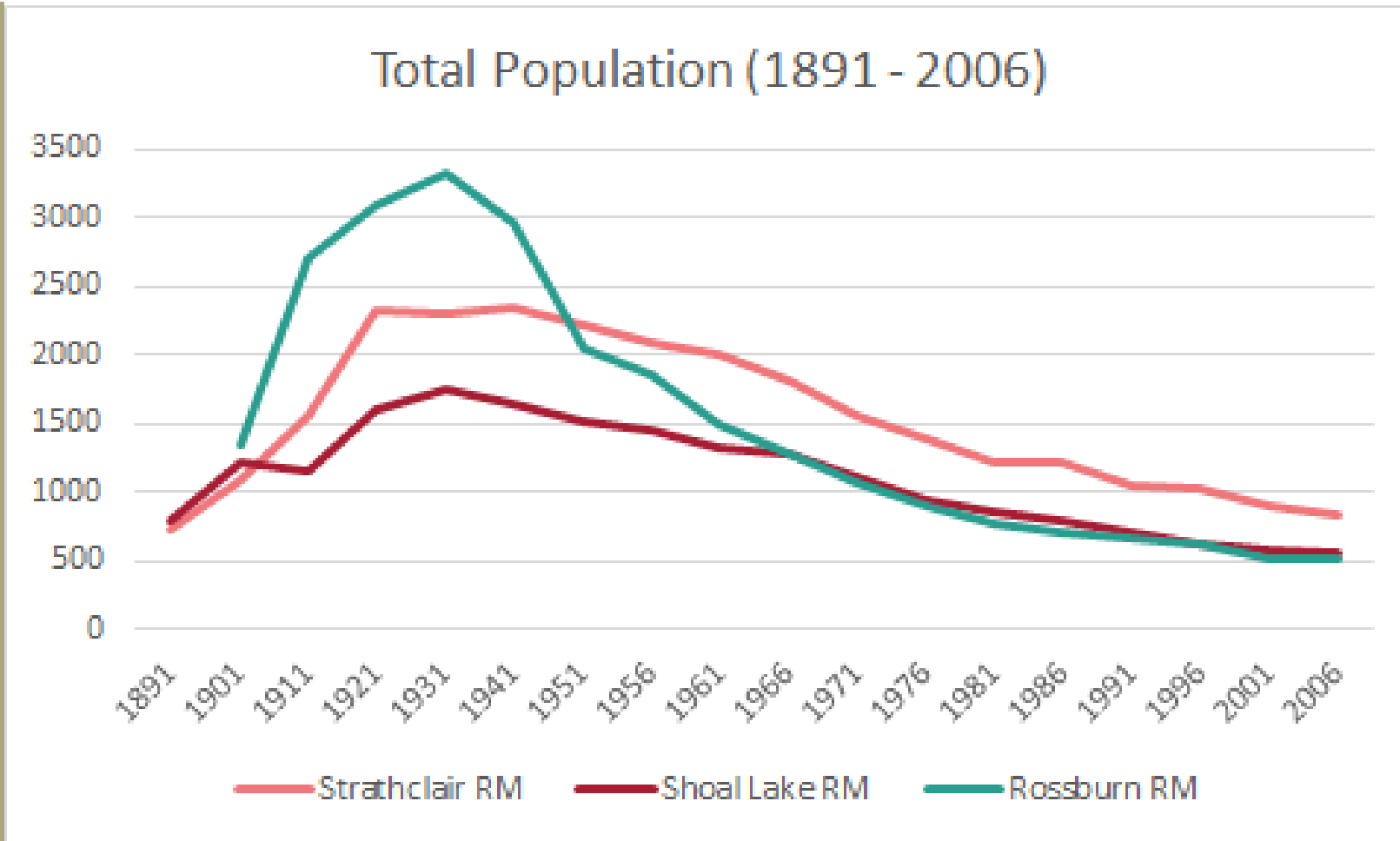
Focus Context Map





- The towns and villages in what are now the RM of Yellowhead and Municipality of Rossburn started as settlements along the railways.
- The railway helped small settlements like Elphinstone grow by bringing in necessary supplies and taking away agricultural produce to other markets.

Manitoba Historical Society (n.d.); Welsted, J. et al. (1996)



Rossburn and Shoal Lake data represents total Municipality population

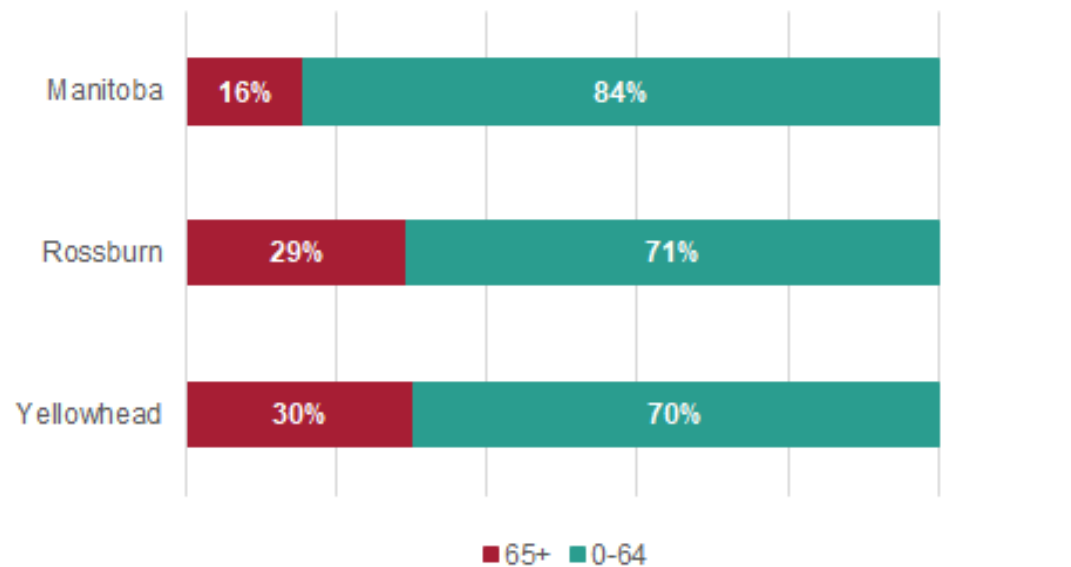
- Most of the towns grew into thriving agricultural communities reaching their peak by the 1940s-50s.

- However, in the same period other farms grew larger in the province grew larger and became more competitive.

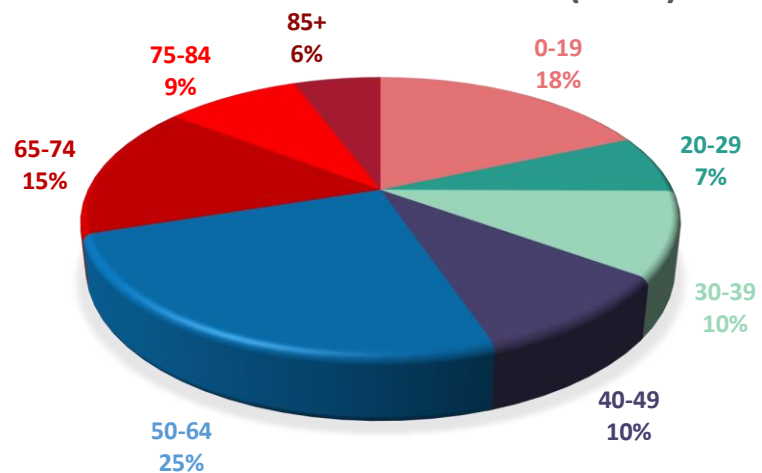
- Maintaining farms required increased capitalization, mechanization, and the use of chemicals which made farming more of an industry than a way of life.

- This led to the steady migration of residents to larger towns and cities.

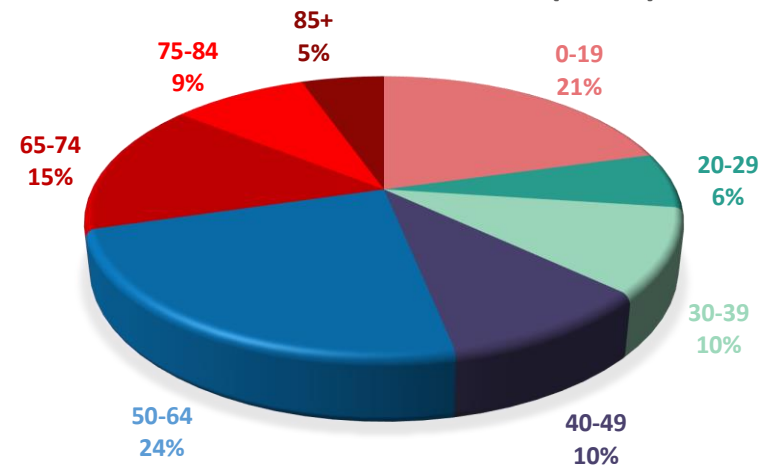
Proportion of Seniors to Total Population



YELLOWHEAD POP. BY AGE (2016)



ROSSBURN POP. BY AGE (2016)



Oakburn, Manitoba

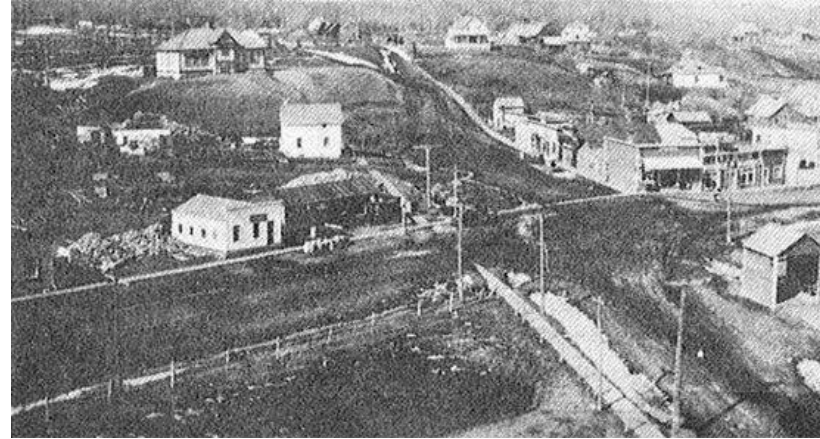


Village of **Oakburn** (Echoes: Oakburn Centennial Book)



Oakburn, Early Pioneer Home (Echoes: Oakburn Centennial Book)

Elphinstone and Strathclair, Manitoba



Elphinstone, Circa 1928 (Manitoba Historical Society, n.d.)



Strathclair, not dated
(www.prairie-towns.com/strathclair-images.html, n.d.)

Shoal Lake, Manitoba



Shoal Lake in 1906 (Source: prairie-towns.com)



(Source: prairie-towns.com)

Shoal Lake, Manitoba

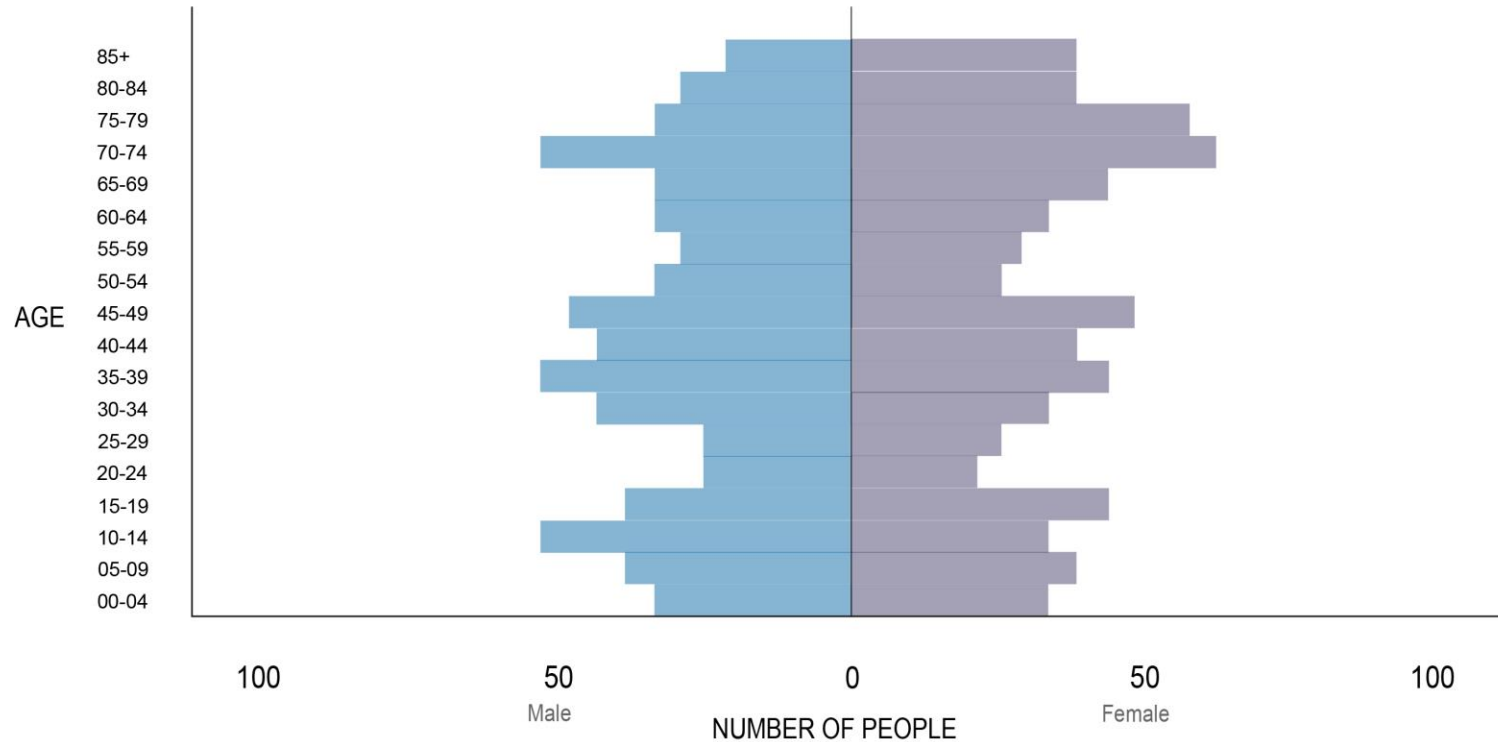


Shoal Lake School No. 458 (Source: Manitoba Historical Society)



Main Street in Shoal Lake (Source: prairie-towns.com)

Yellowhead 1996= 1422 total

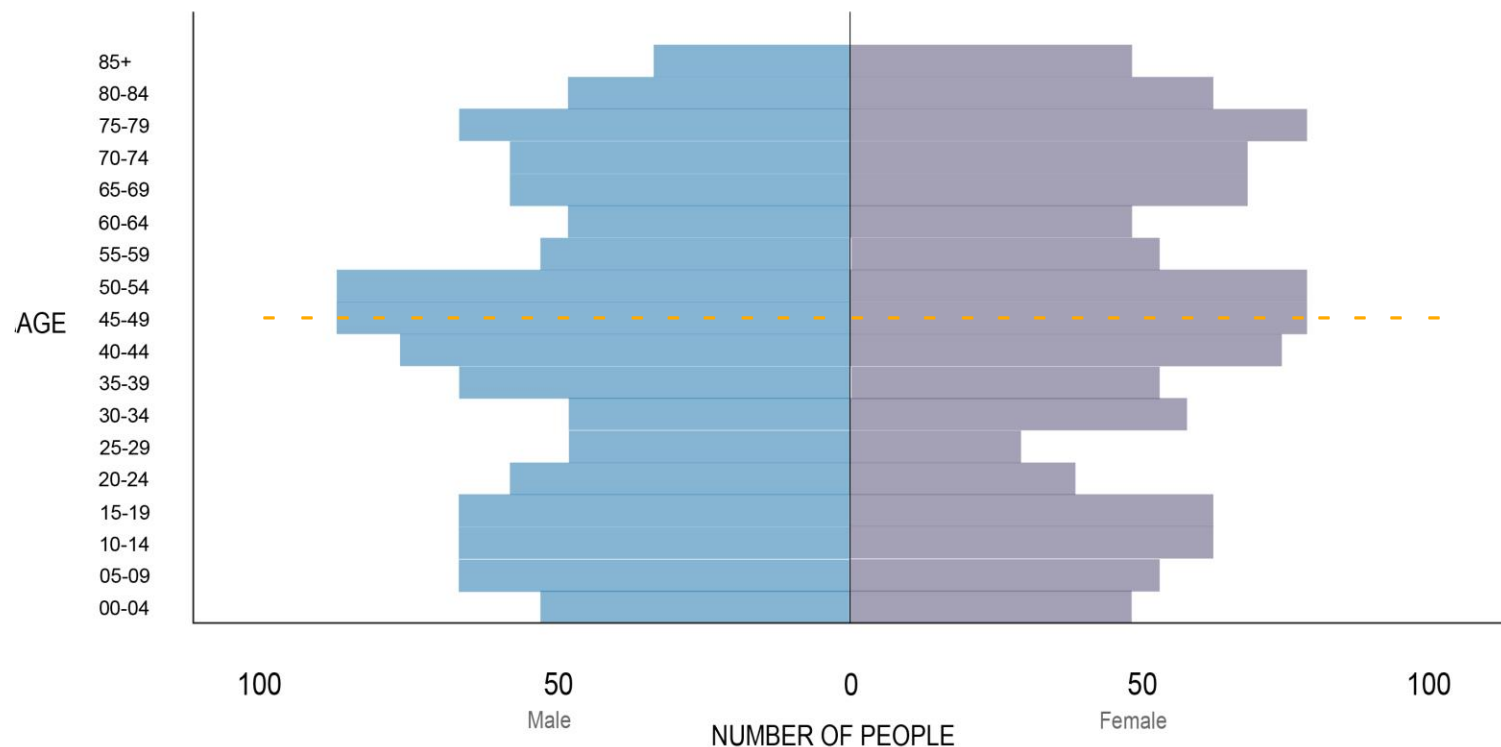


--- * median age not available

RM of Yellowhead

- The age populations below and above the median age have similar age range pattern.
- The rural municipality's median age is slowly rising.
- Overall, the female population has a higher longevity rate.

Yellowhead 2001= 2275 total

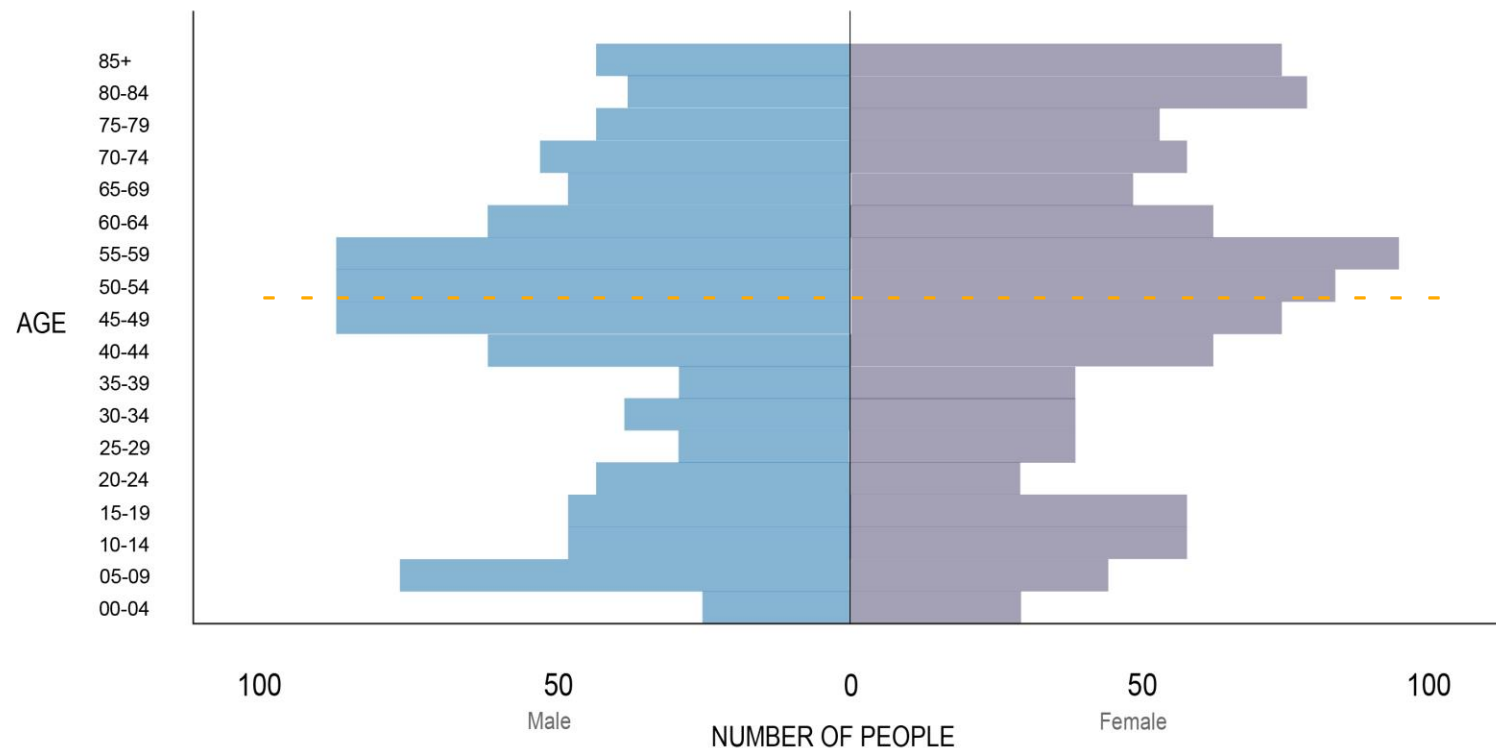


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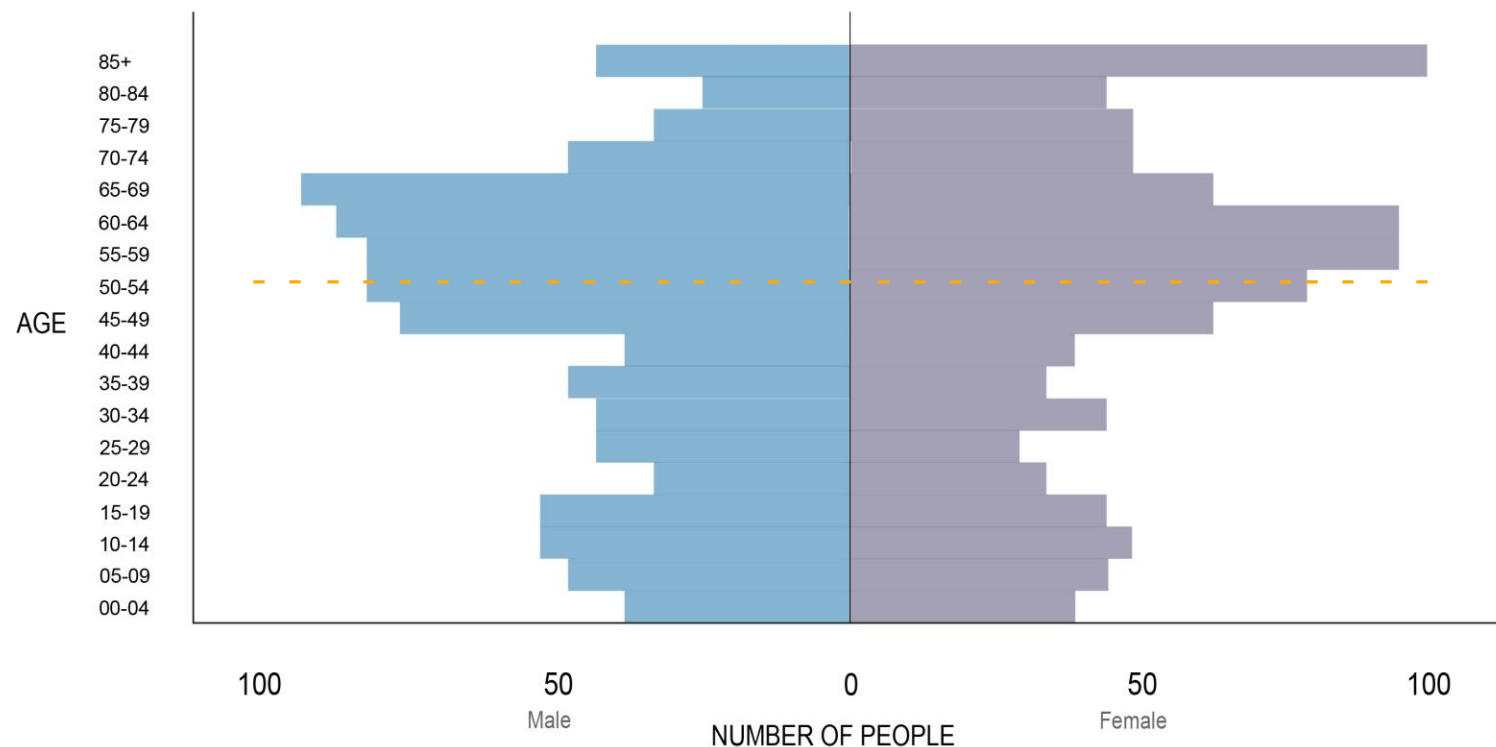


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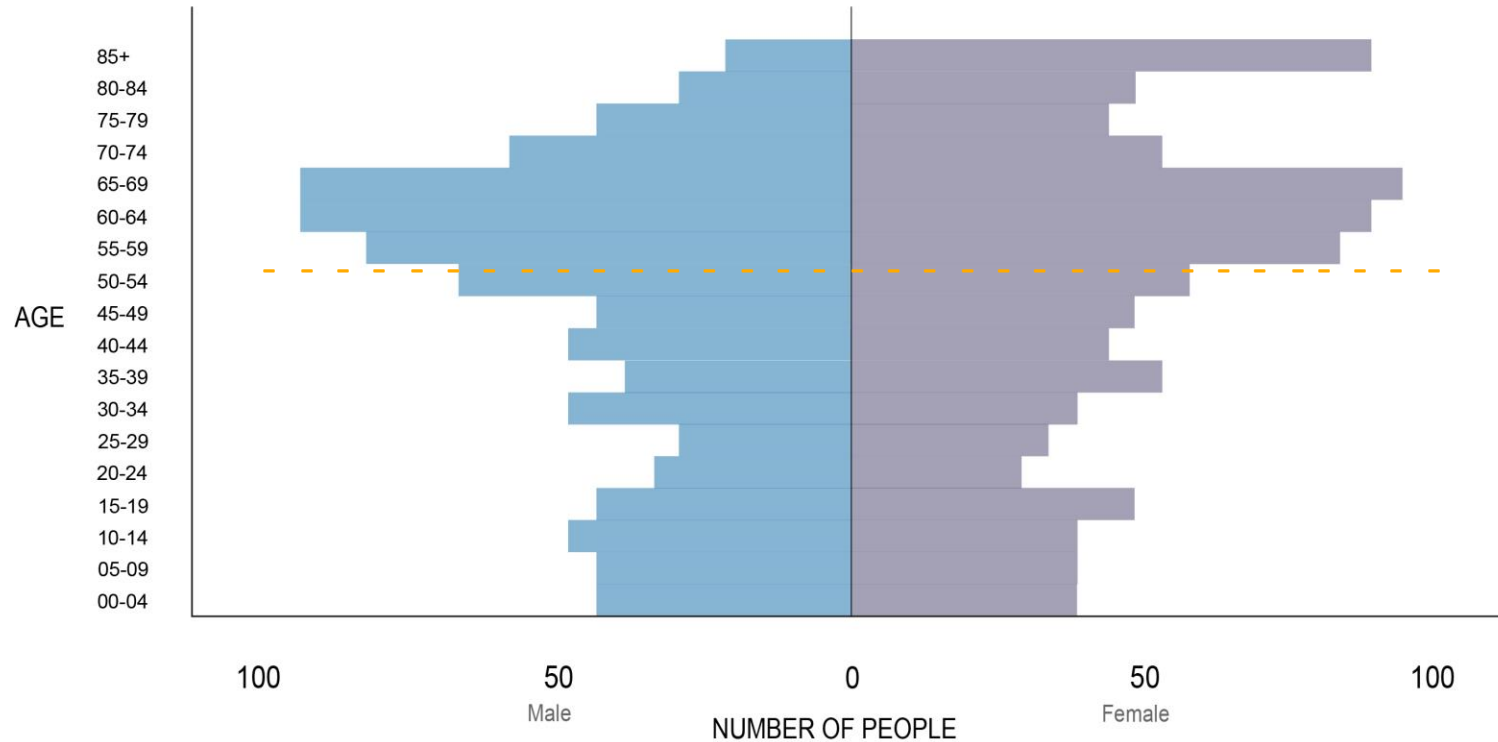


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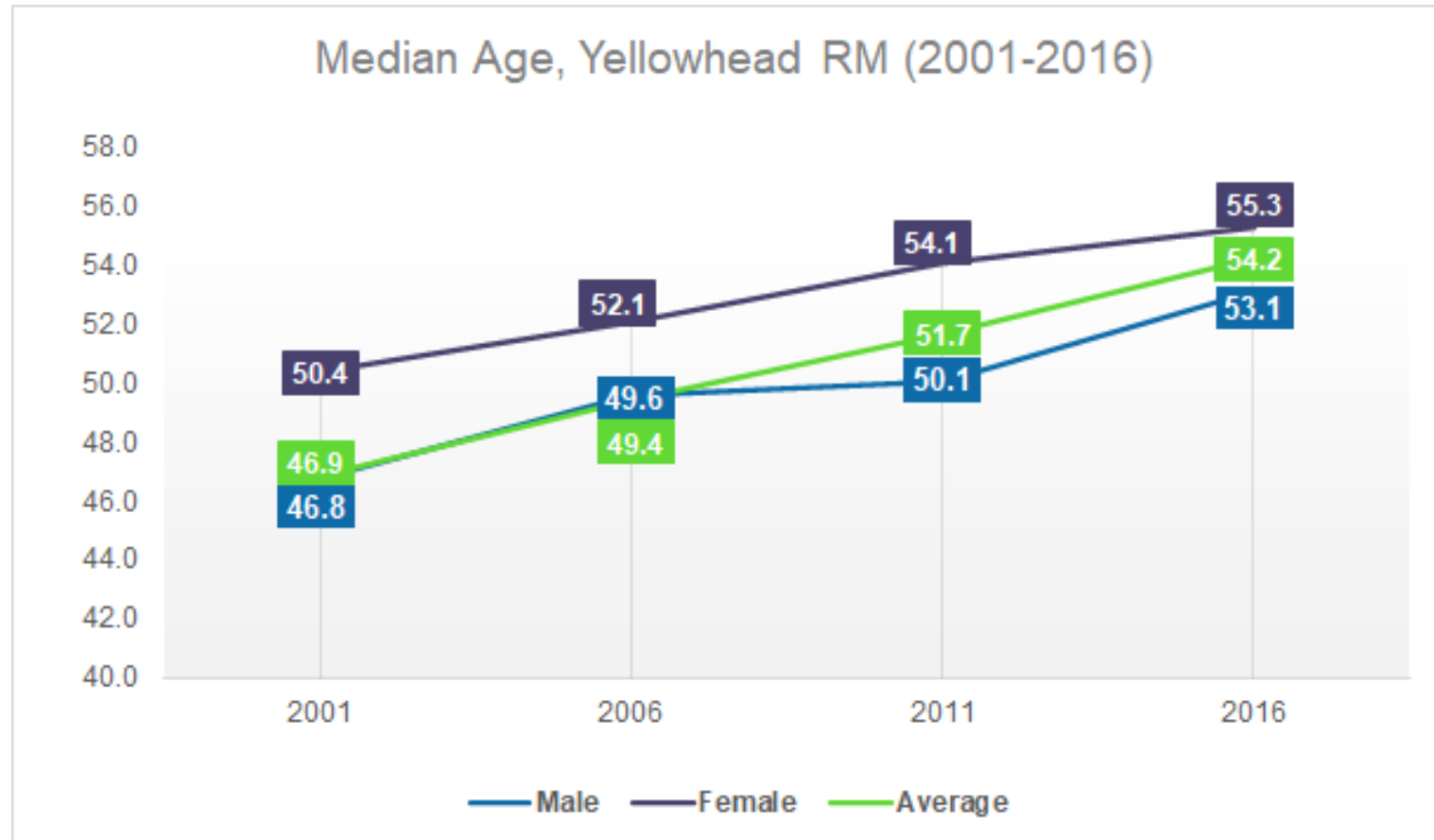
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- Pre-amalgamation (2001-2011) median ages were computed and weighted for population sizes by researchers from historical data of the towns of Strathclair and Shoal Lake.



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Question: What happened between 1996 and 2001 that the population jumped from 1422 to 2275 people?

Shoal Lake

An aerial photograph showing a small town nestled between a large lake and a smaller pond. The town features a mix of residential houses, commercial buildings, and a prominent white church with a tall steeple. The surrounding landscape is a combination of green fields and bright yellow rapeseed crops. A road curves through the foreground, and the overall scene is captured from a high angle under bright daylight.

Basics

Population (2016): 701

Population change (2011-2016): -4.7%

Aged 65+: 260

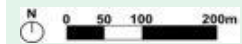
Highlights: Shoal Lake and large health centre

Mapping: Shoal Lake

Town:
Shoal Lake

Municipality:
Yellowhead

Question:
Is the area along Oak River
utilized as green space?



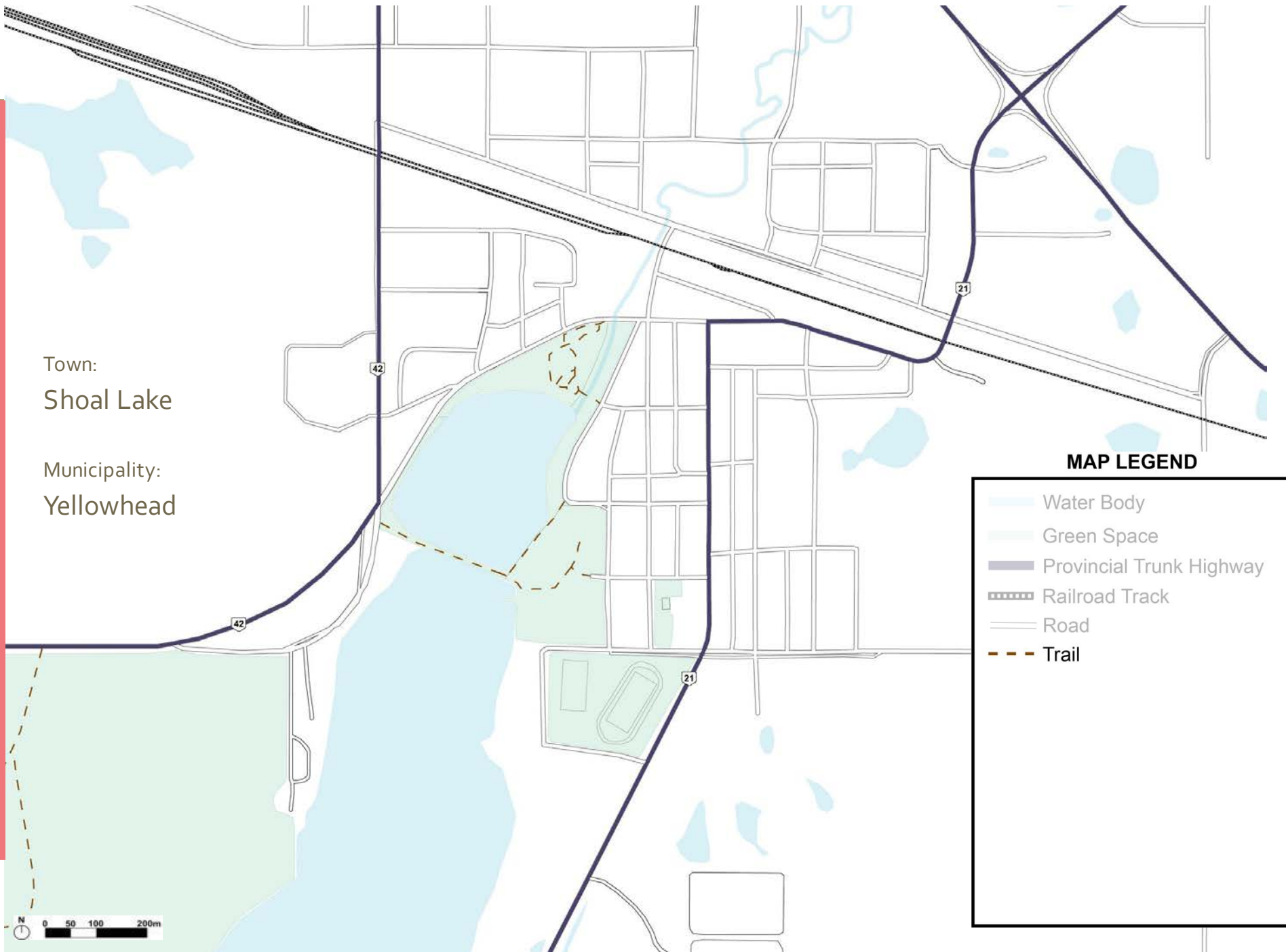
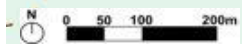
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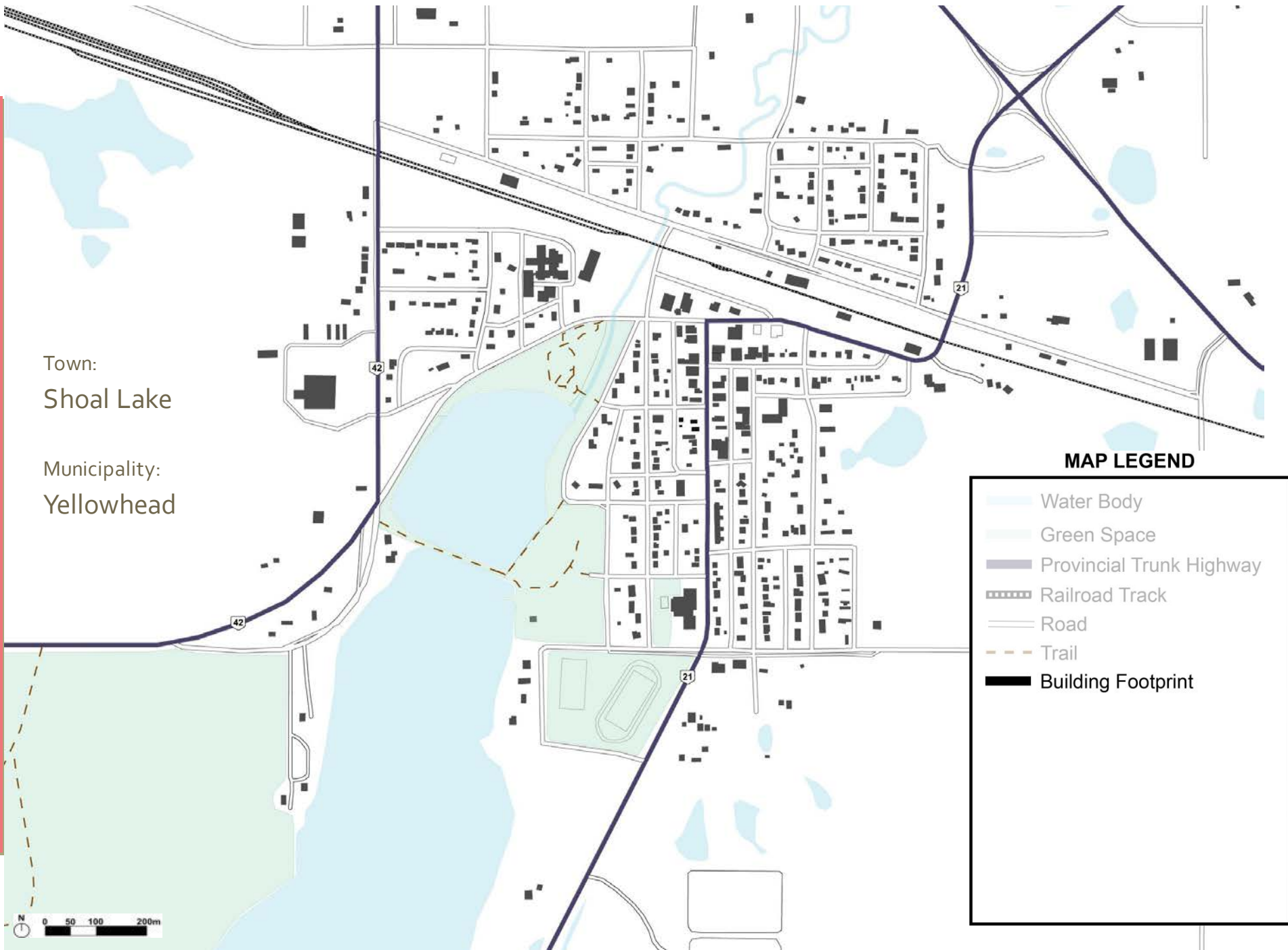
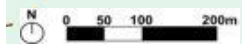
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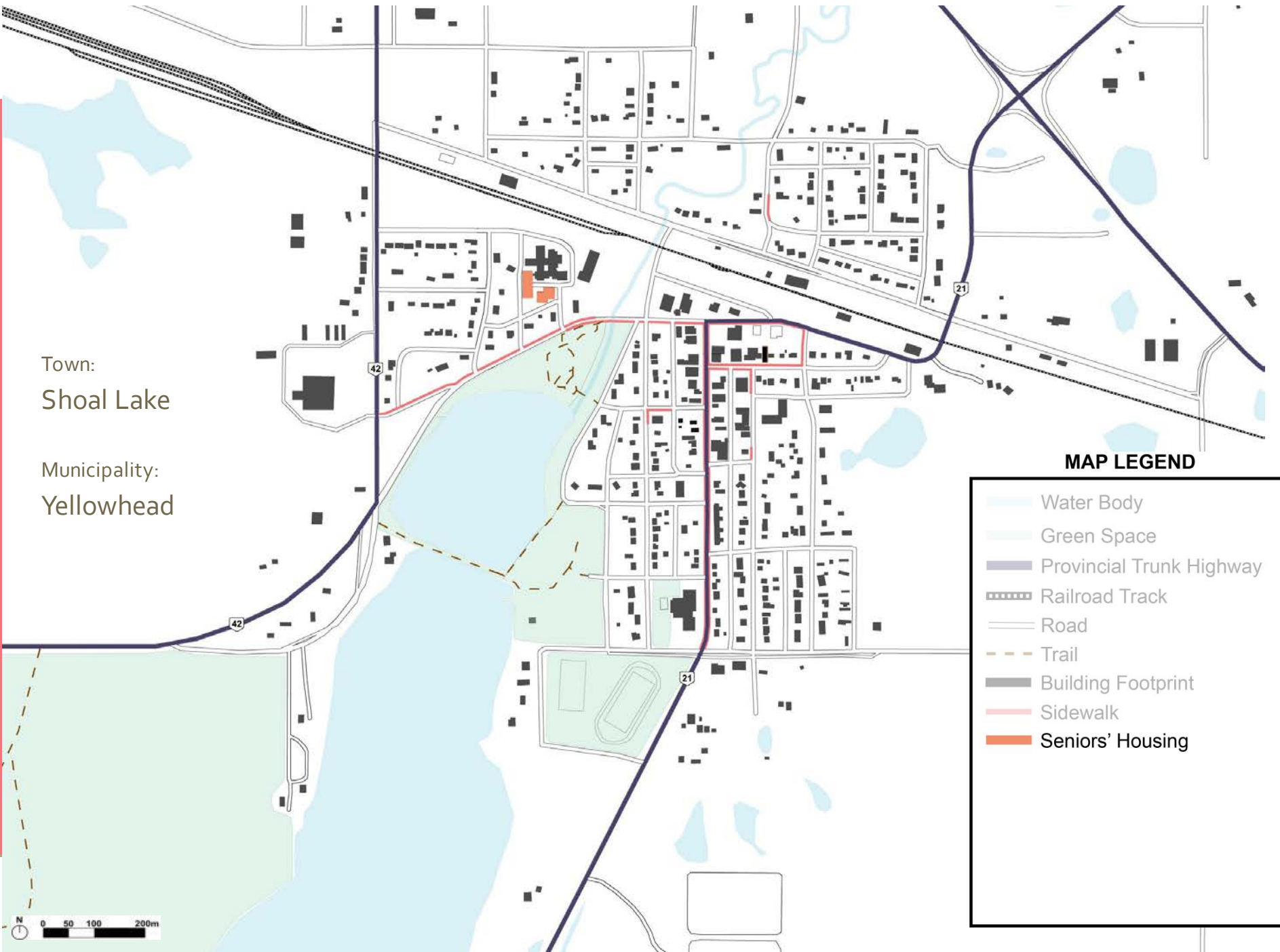
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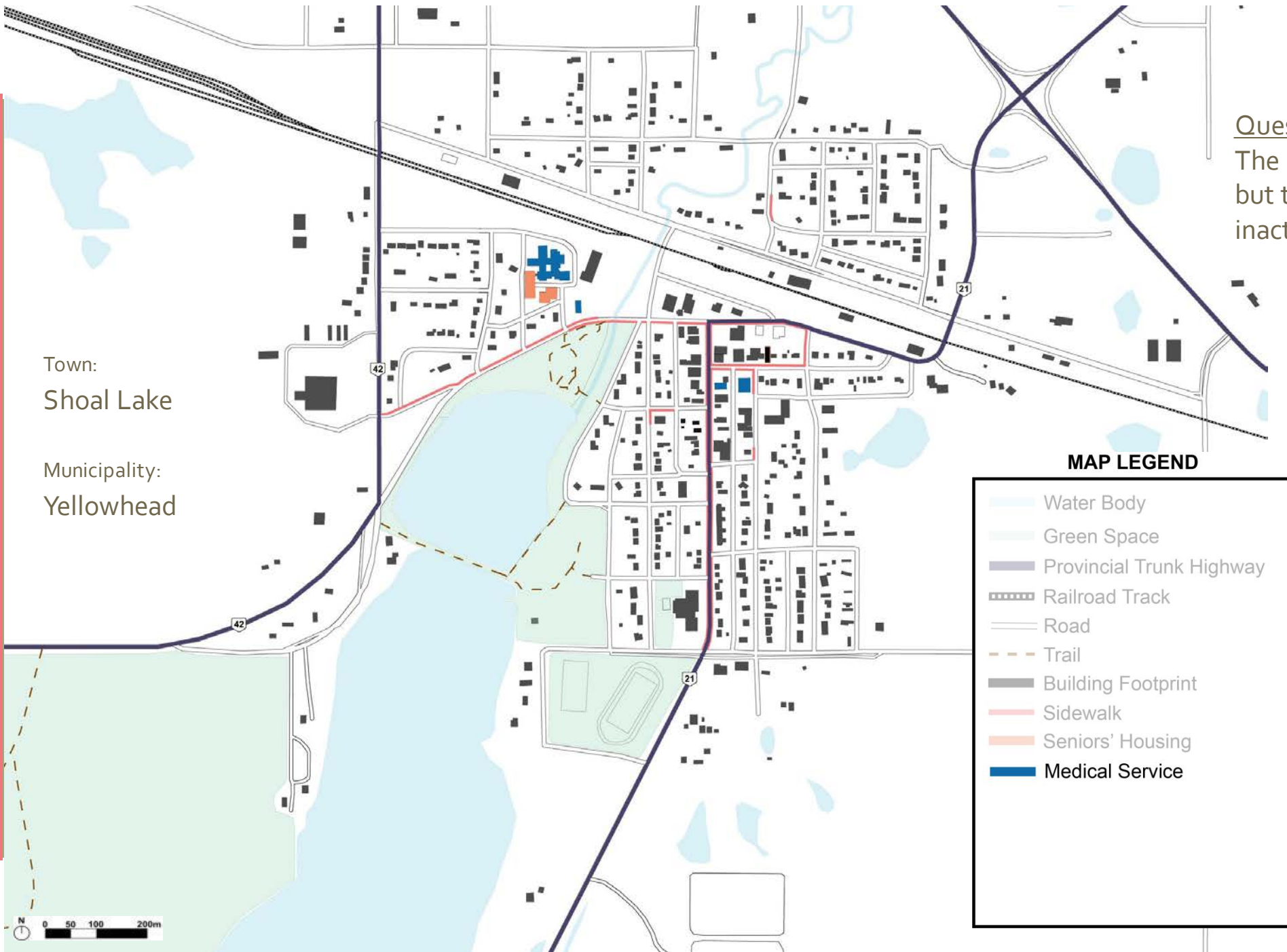


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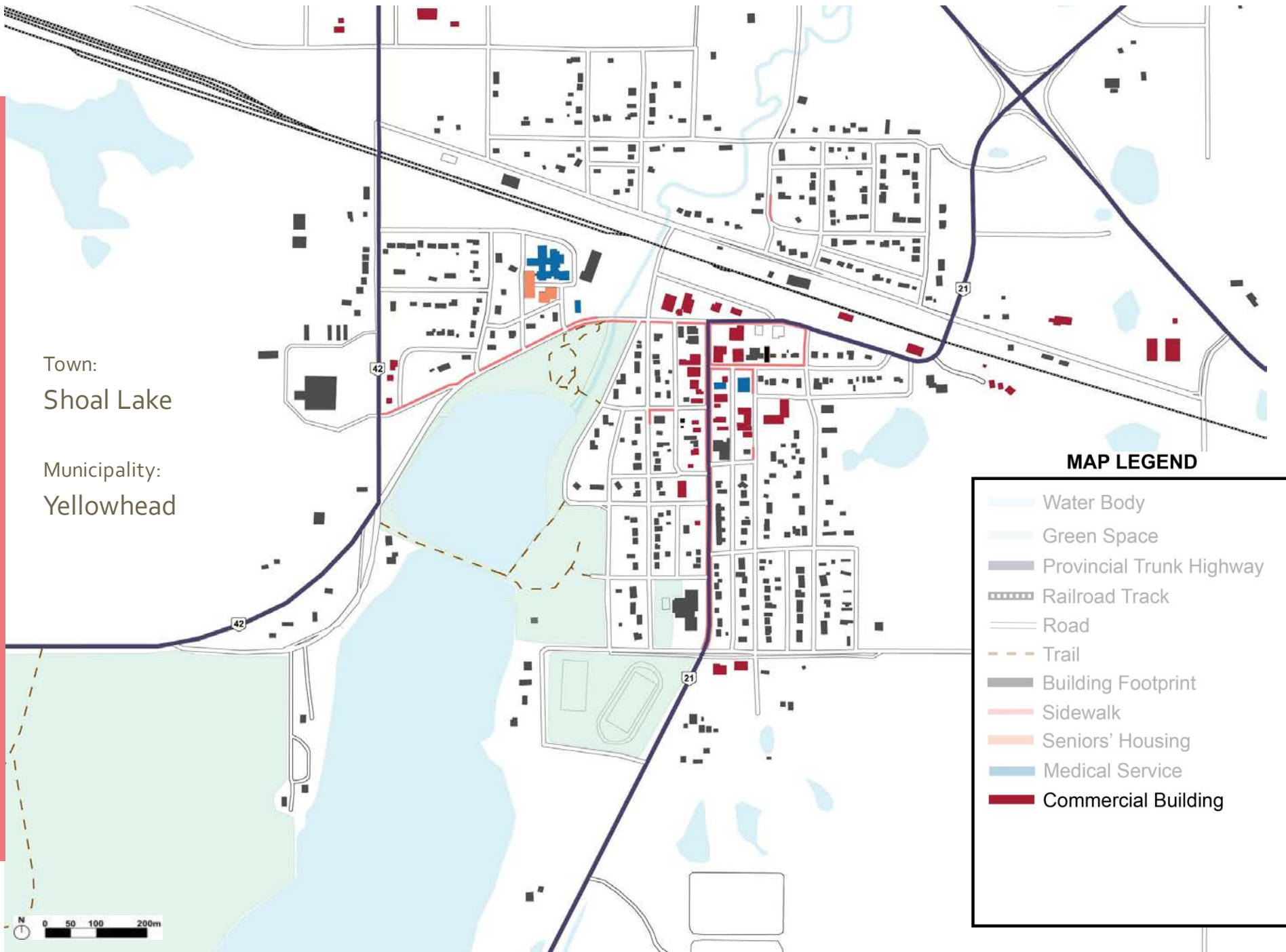
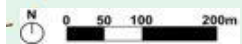
Question:
The EMS Station is active,
but the ambulance is
inactive?



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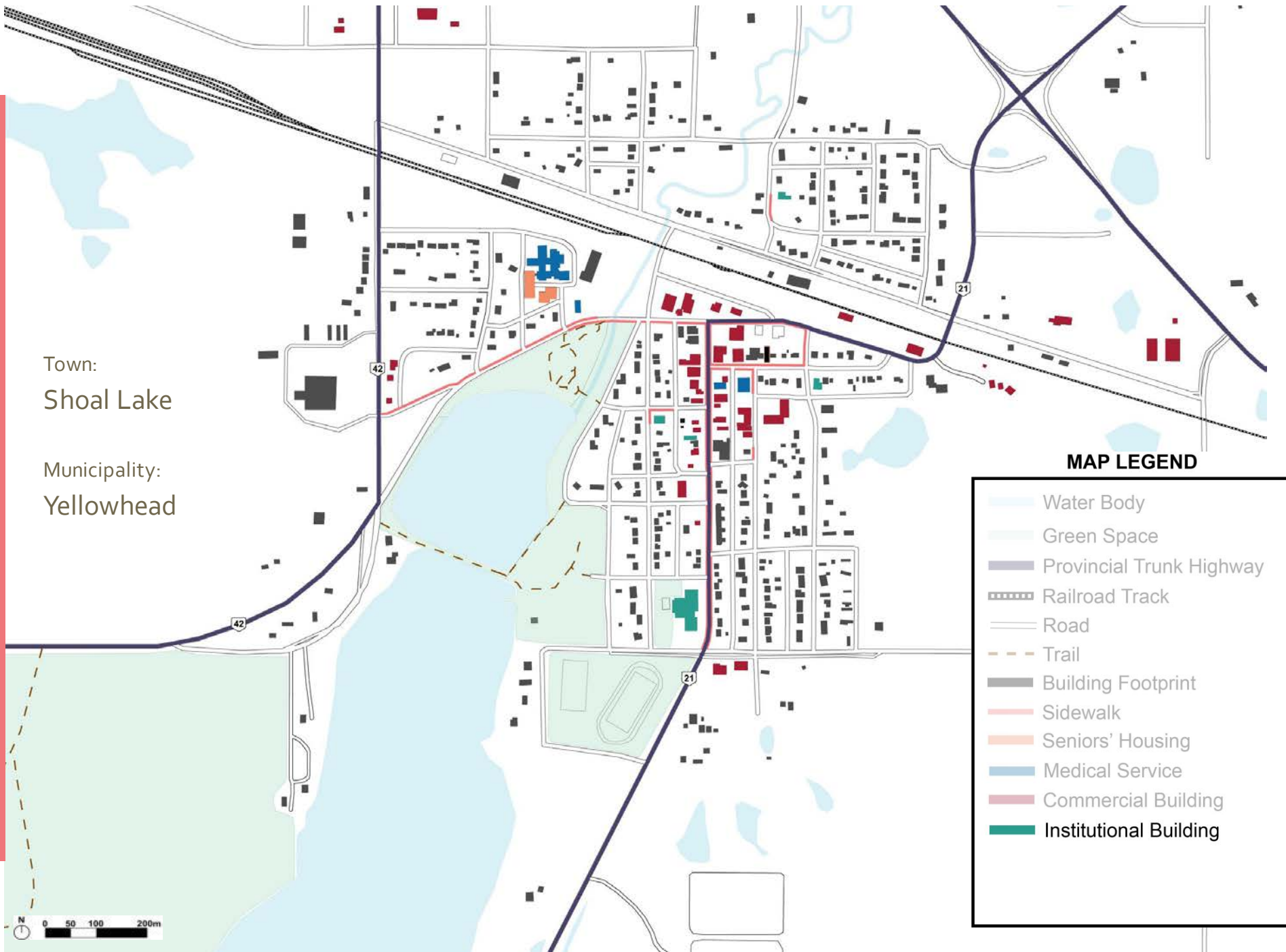
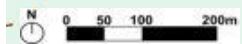
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Mapping: Shoal Lake

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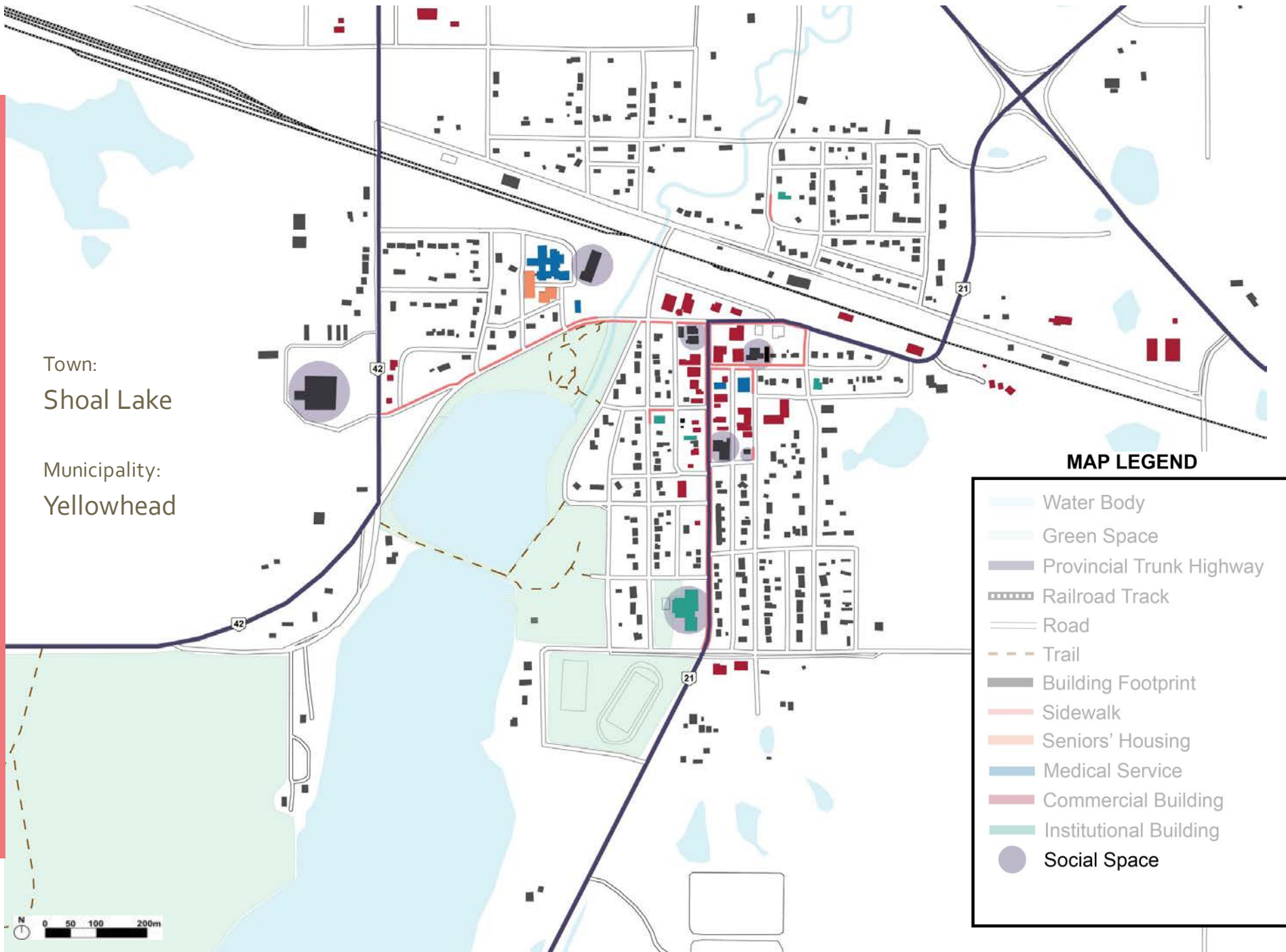
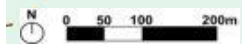
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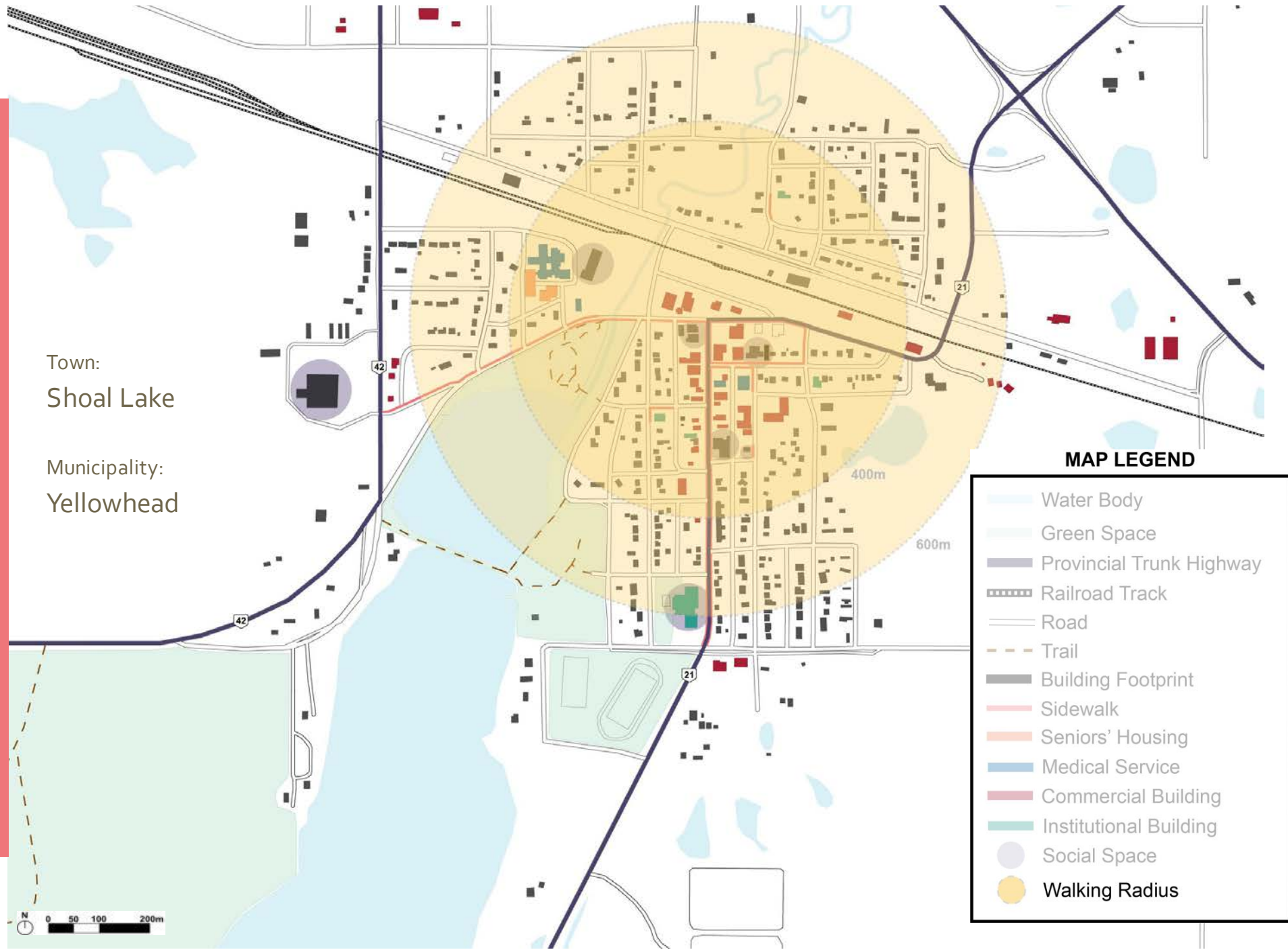
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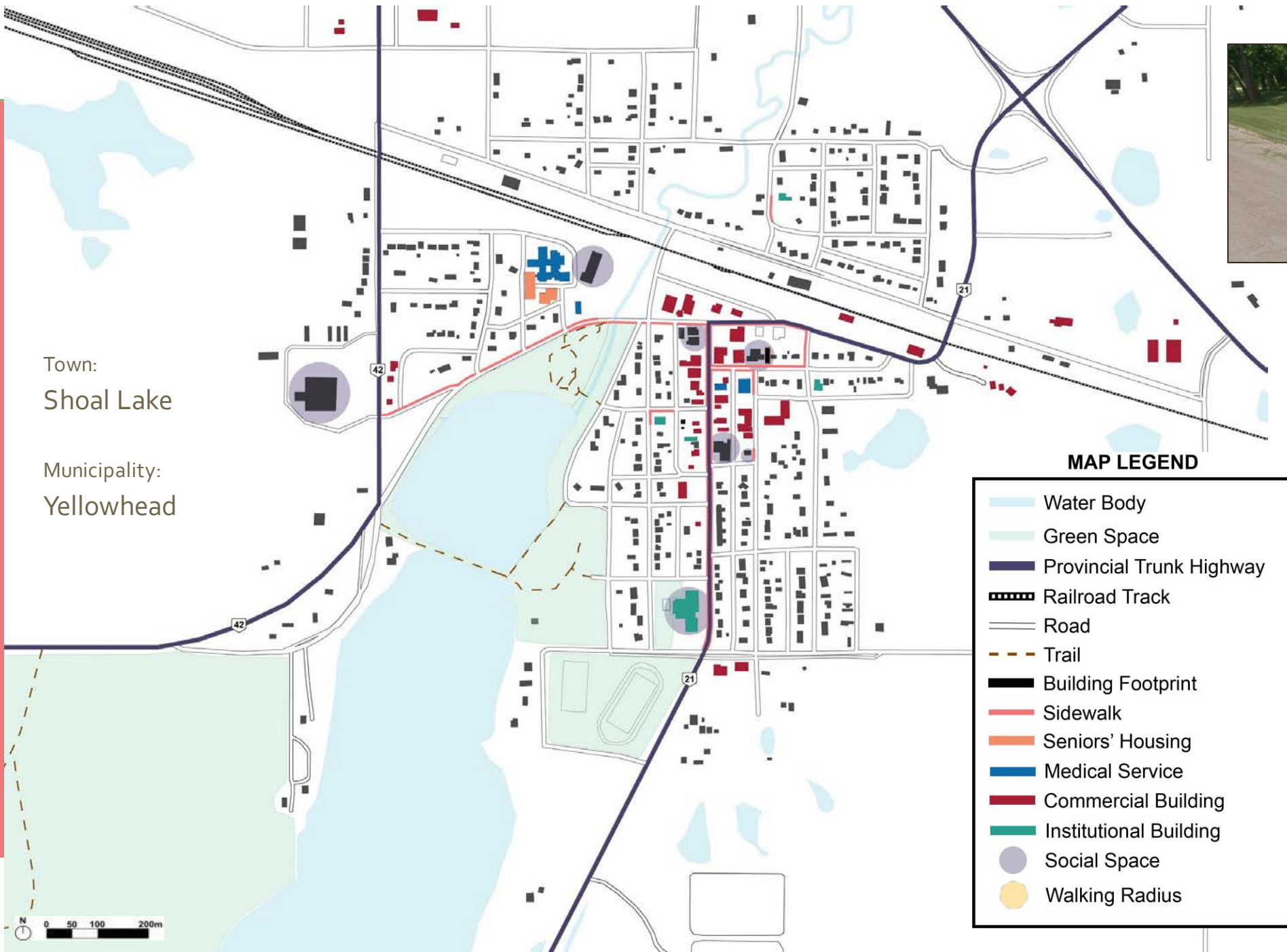
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Rich Street furniture palette . Seems to be put up by stores rather than the town.



Signages seem adequate and legible.



How often are the Bulletin boards used?



Park spaces seem quite accessible. How is it in winters?



Shaded green verges in residential streets. Walkway networks could be enhanced.

Images source: Google maps (Street view)

Streetscape: Shoal Lake



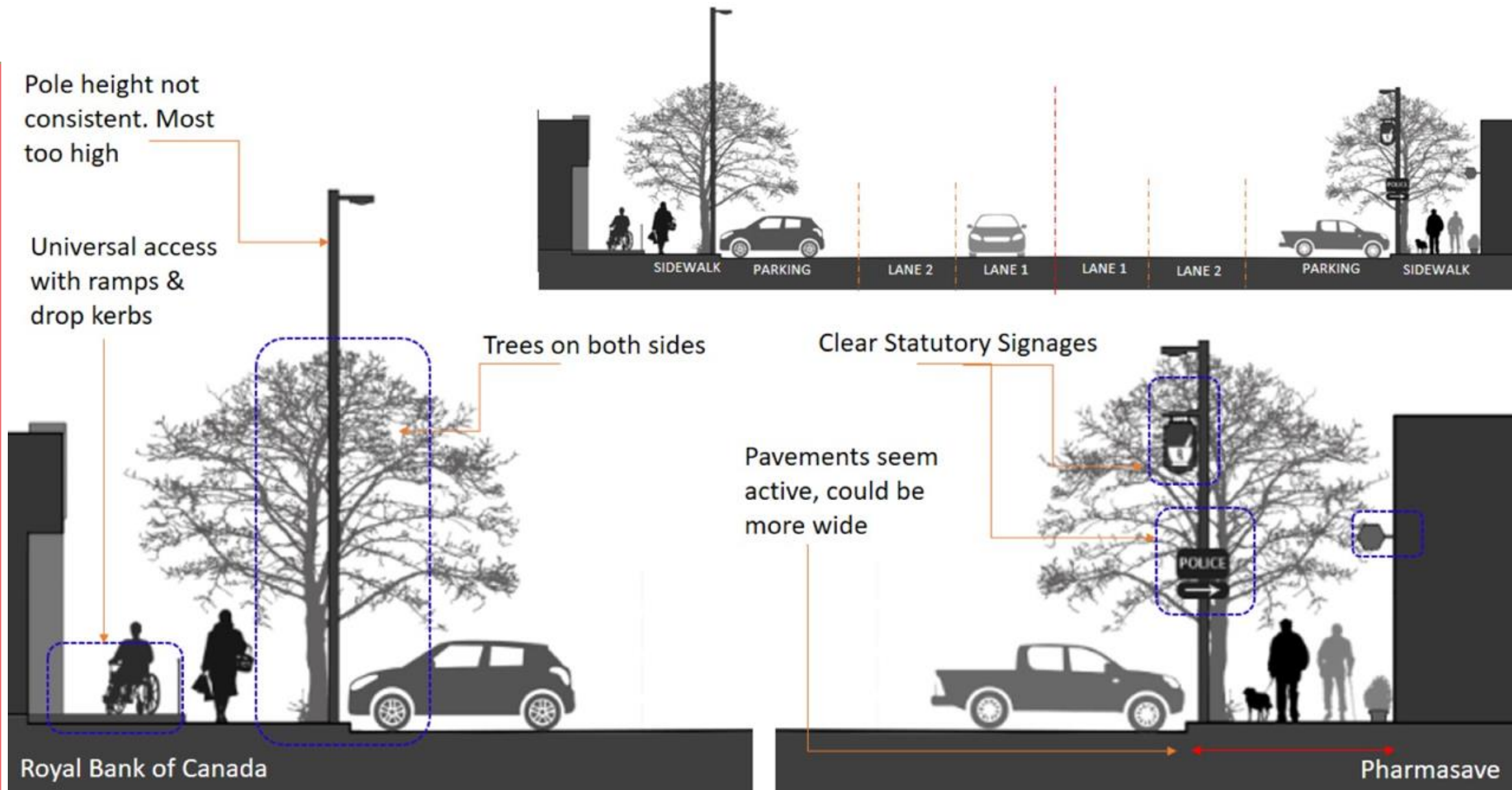
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Station Road | Royal Bank of Canada - Pharmasave

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Elm Street



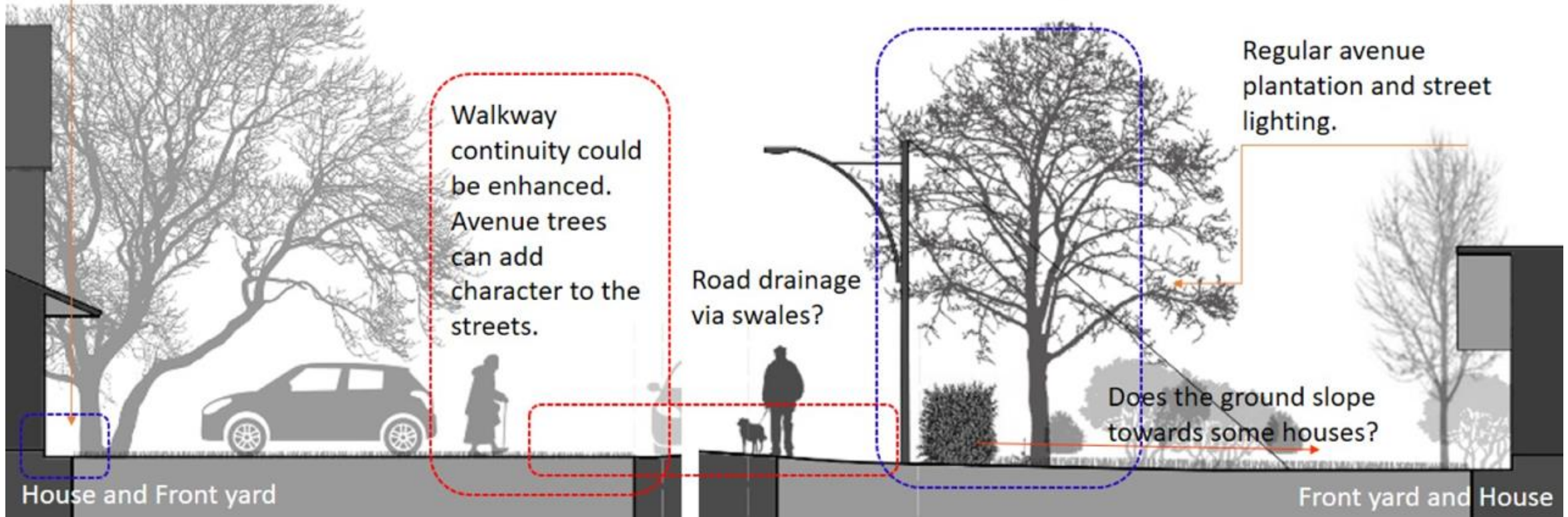
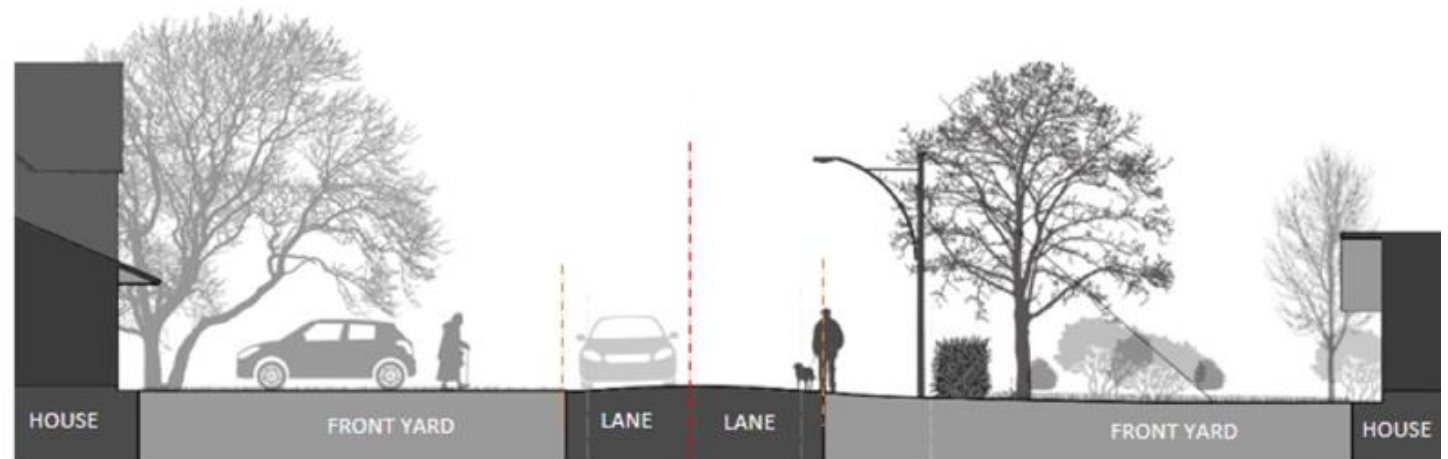
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Universal accessibility via garages driveways



Strathclair

An aerial photograph of the town of Strathclair, showing a cluster of houses and a prominent church with a tall steeple in the center. The town is surrounded by vast, flat agricultural fields in shades of brown and green. A road or railway line runs through the landscape, and the overall scene is rural and open.

Basics

Population (2016): 709

Population change (2011-2016): -4.7%

Aged 65+: 205

Unique feature: Bend Theatre! (Performing Arts)

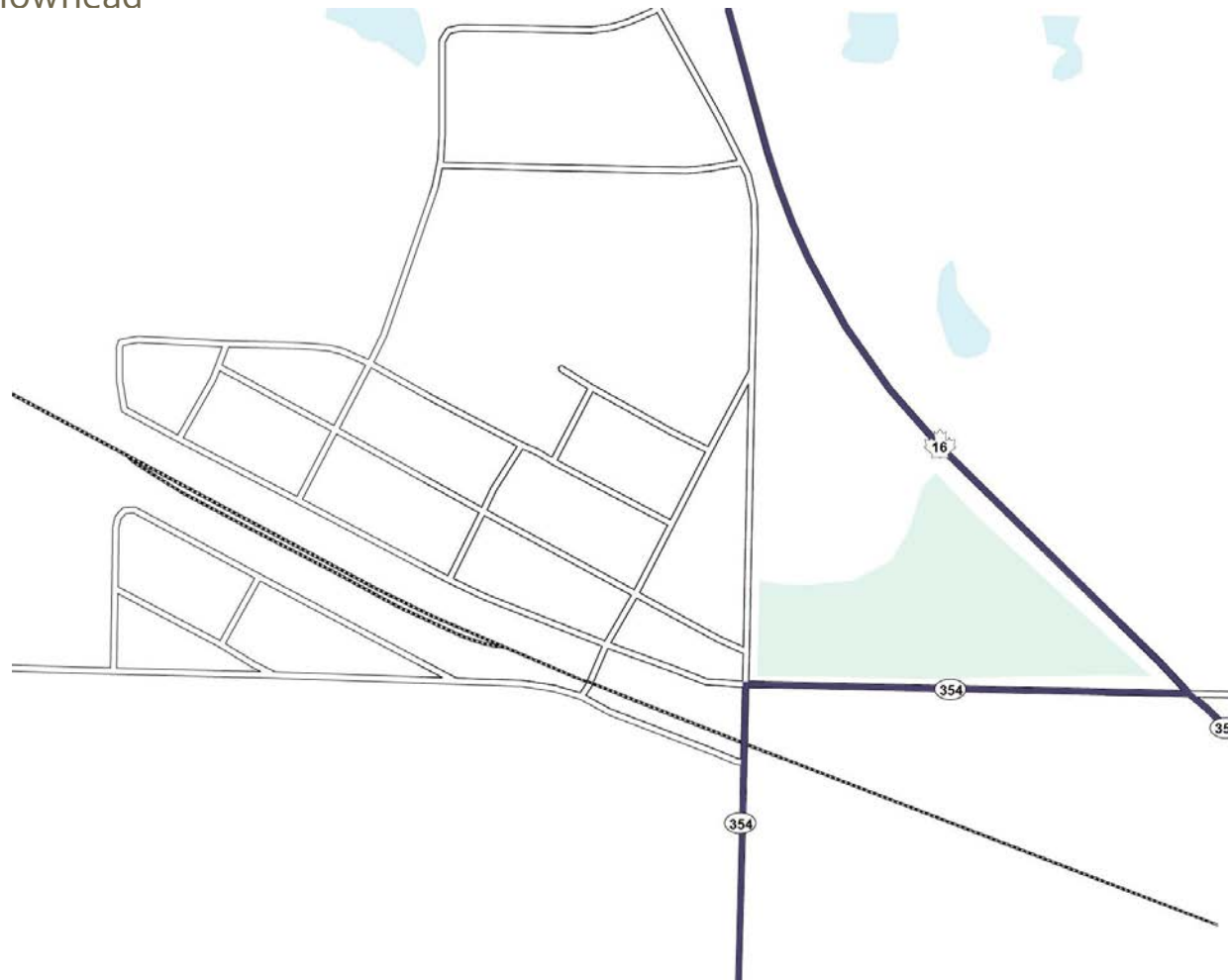
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Question:

Are there any other outdoor gathering spaces?

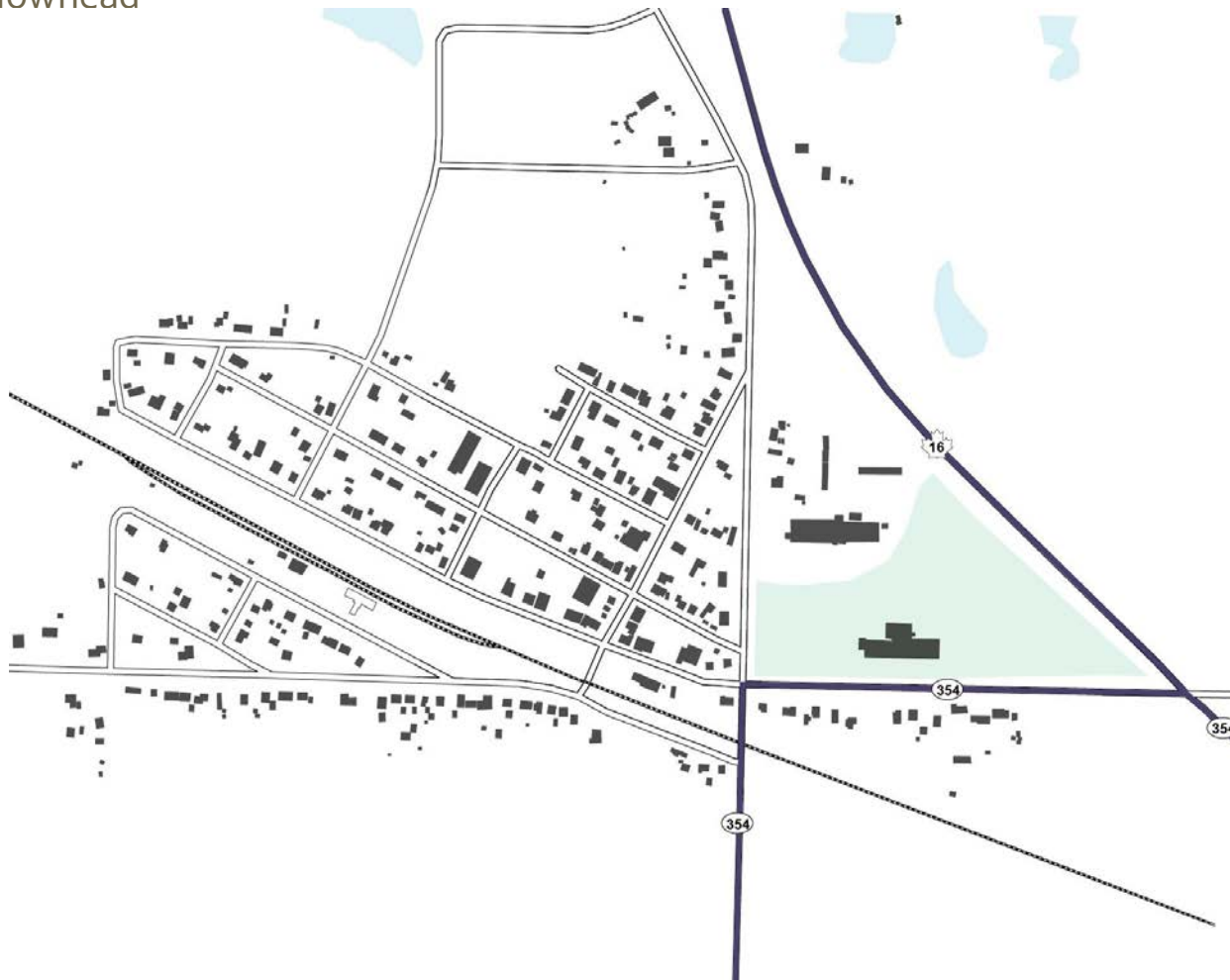
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Question:

Do seniors from out of town move to Strathclair for its senior lodges?



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Question:

During its peak season, how many visitors does the museum receive?

Question:

How often is Bend Theatre used? Is it visited by people from out of town?

Question:

Do seniors partake in horse-related activities at River Hills Ranch?

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Question:
How quick is the subdivision development progressing?

Streetscape: Strathclair

Signages seem adequate and legible.



Pick up spots?

Park spaces seem quite accessible. How is it in winters?



Walkway networks could be enhanced.

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Streetscape: Strathclair



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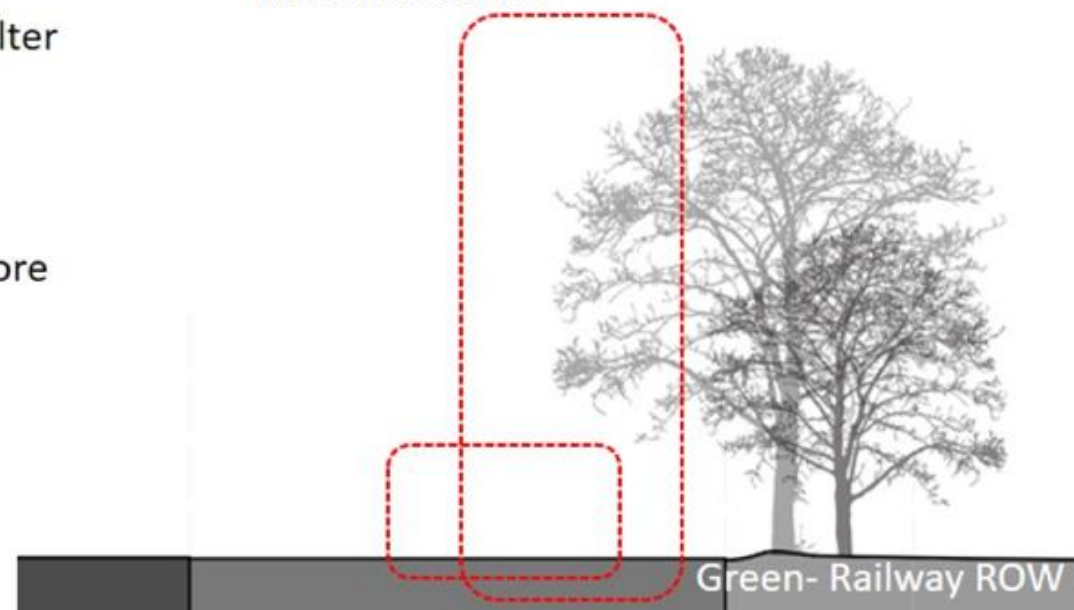
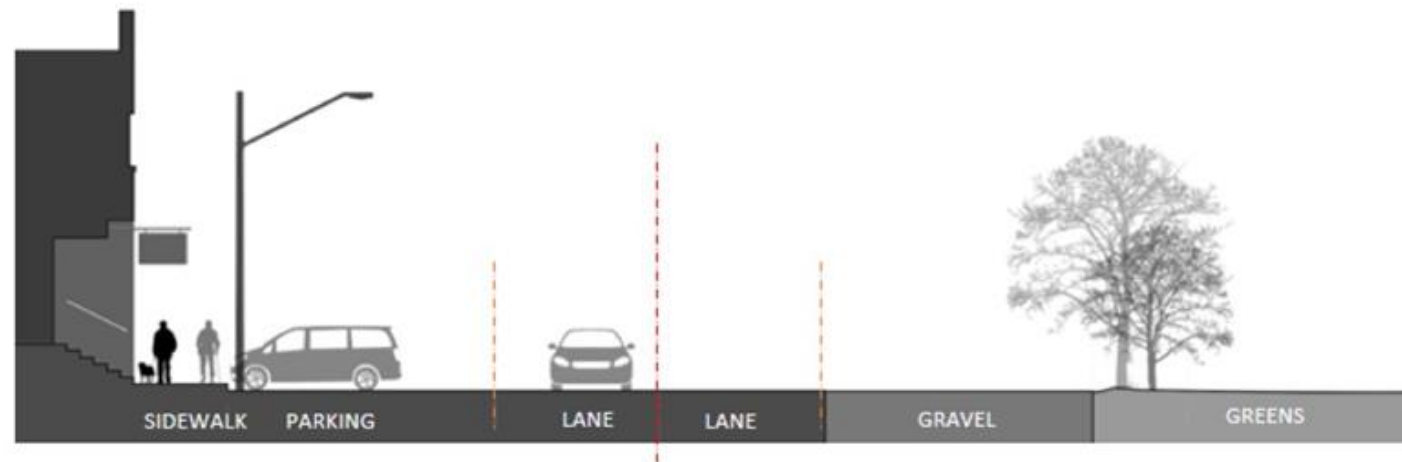
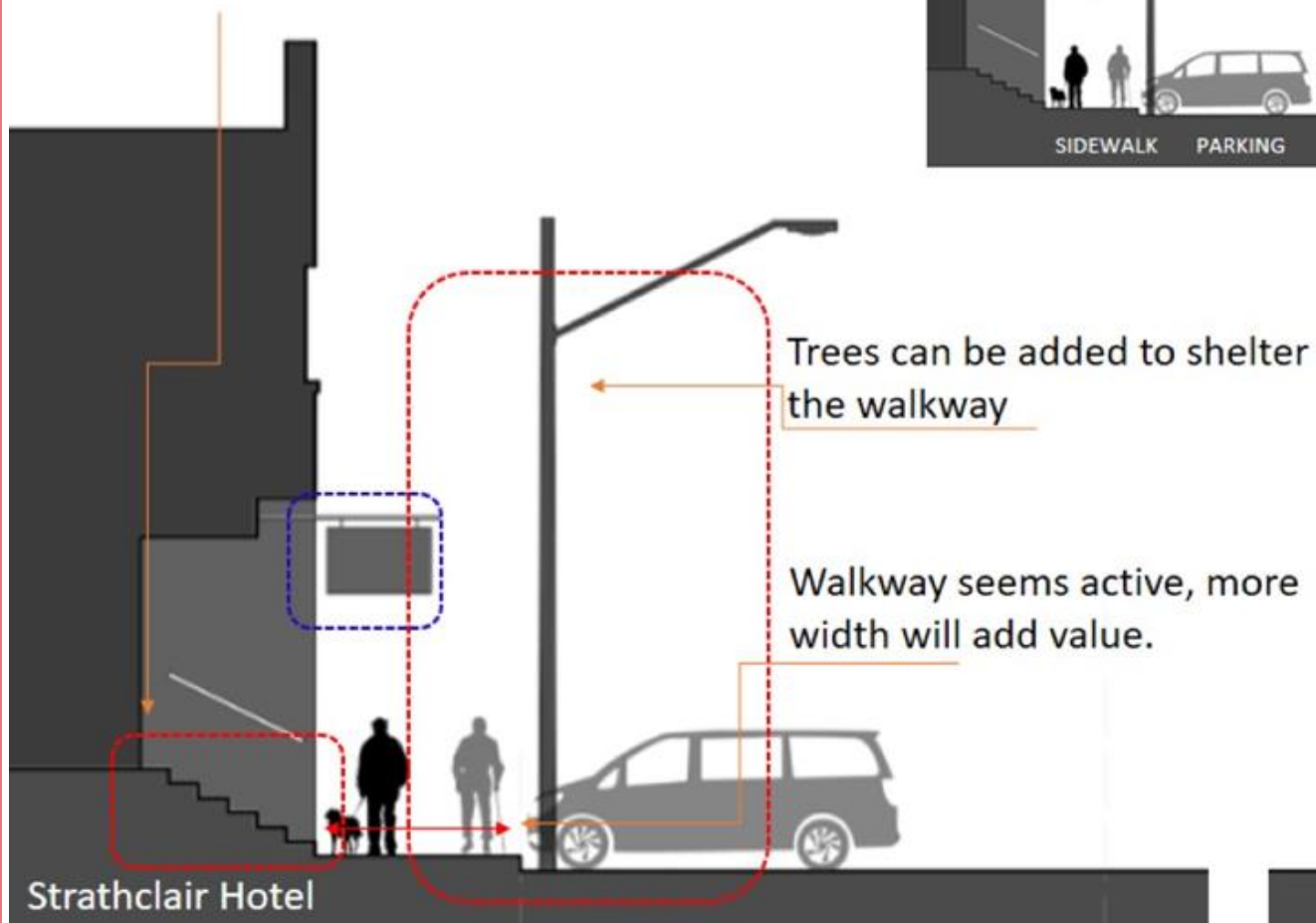


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Main St. | Strathclair Hotel – Greens (Railway ROW)

Streetscape: Strathclair

Universal access needed



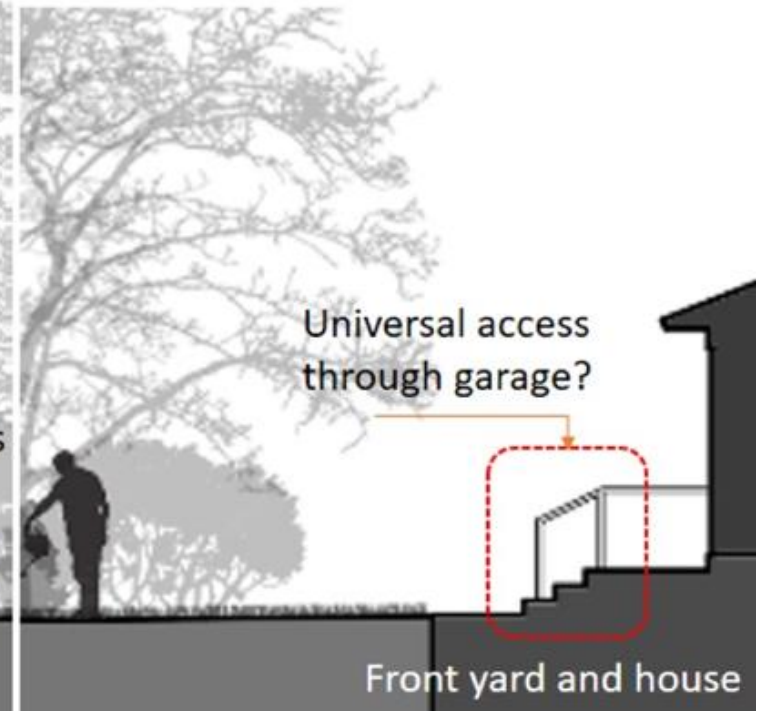
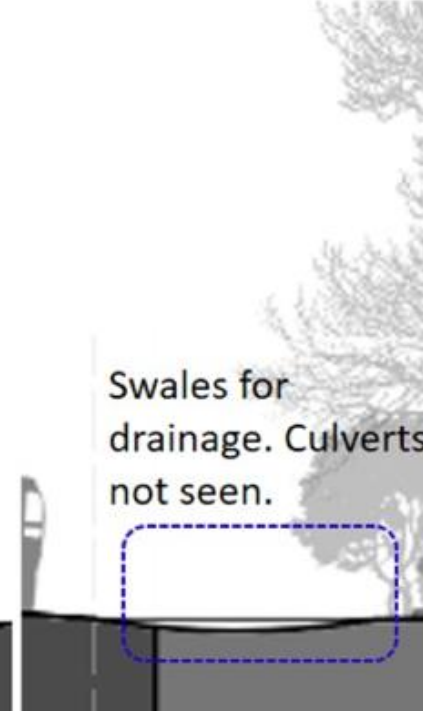
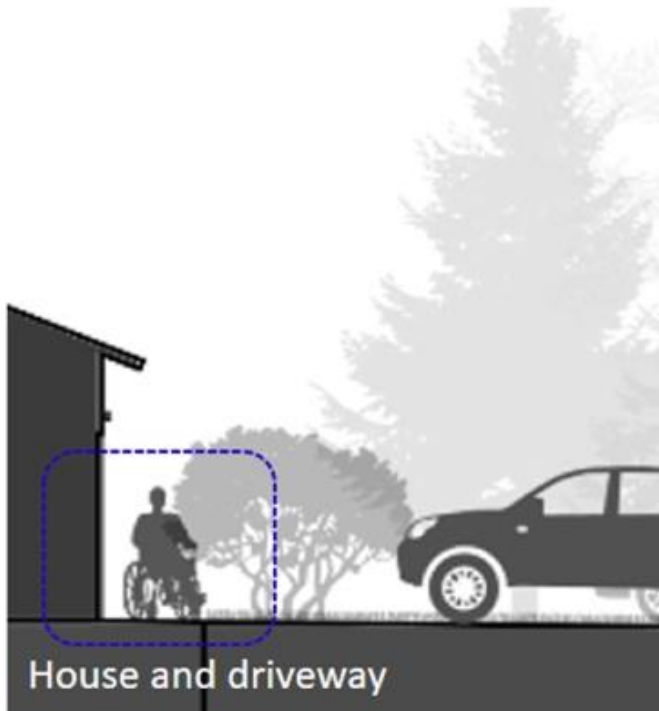
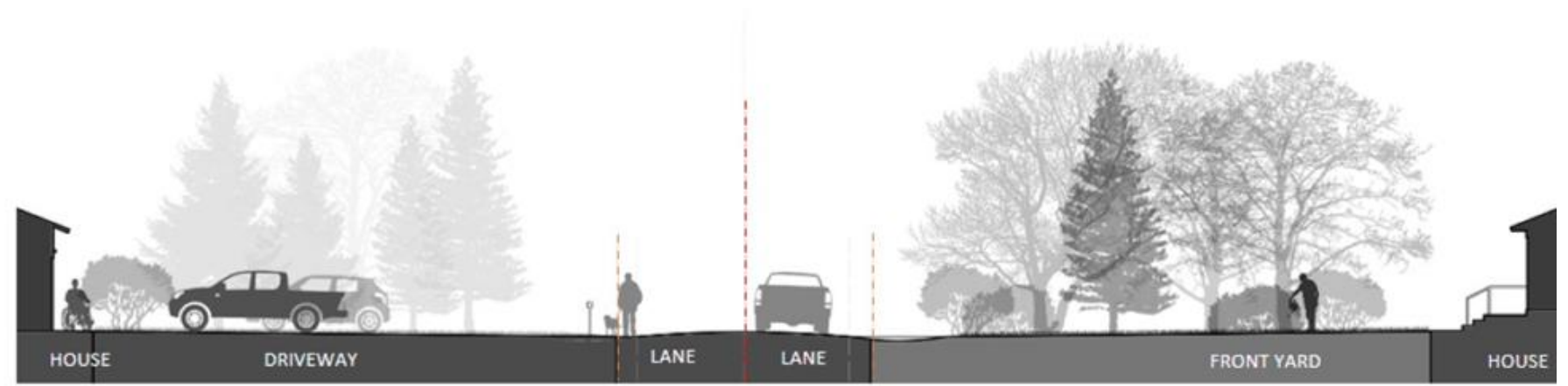
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Saskatchewan St.



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Saskatchewan St.

Oakburn



Basics

Population (2015): ~68

Population change (2000-2015): +1.5%

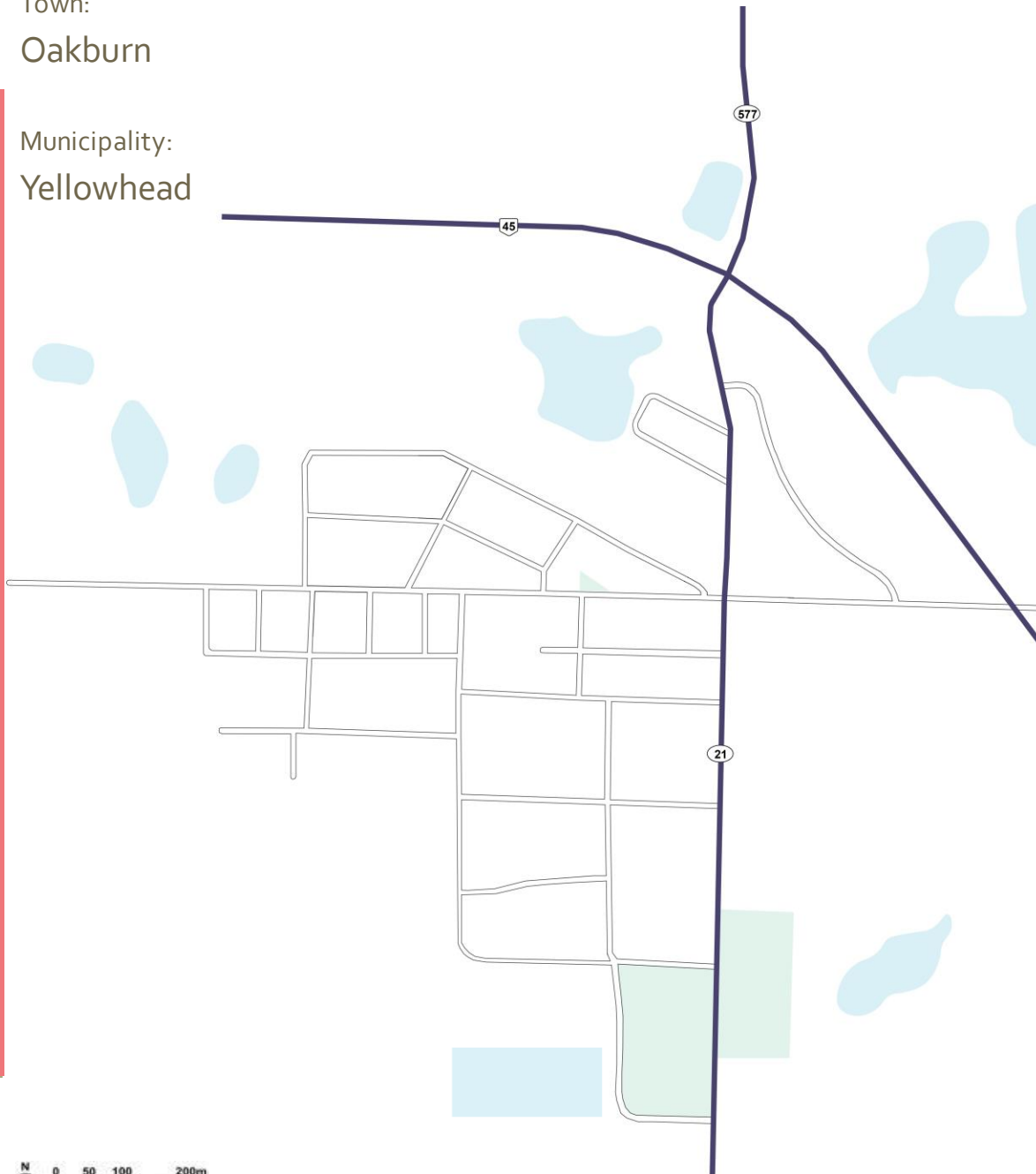
Aged 65+: ?

Highlights: Iconic grain elevator visible to the north of the Main St. And a Manitoba Historic Site: Oakburn Pioneers Monument right when entering the town from Hwy 21 at Main St.

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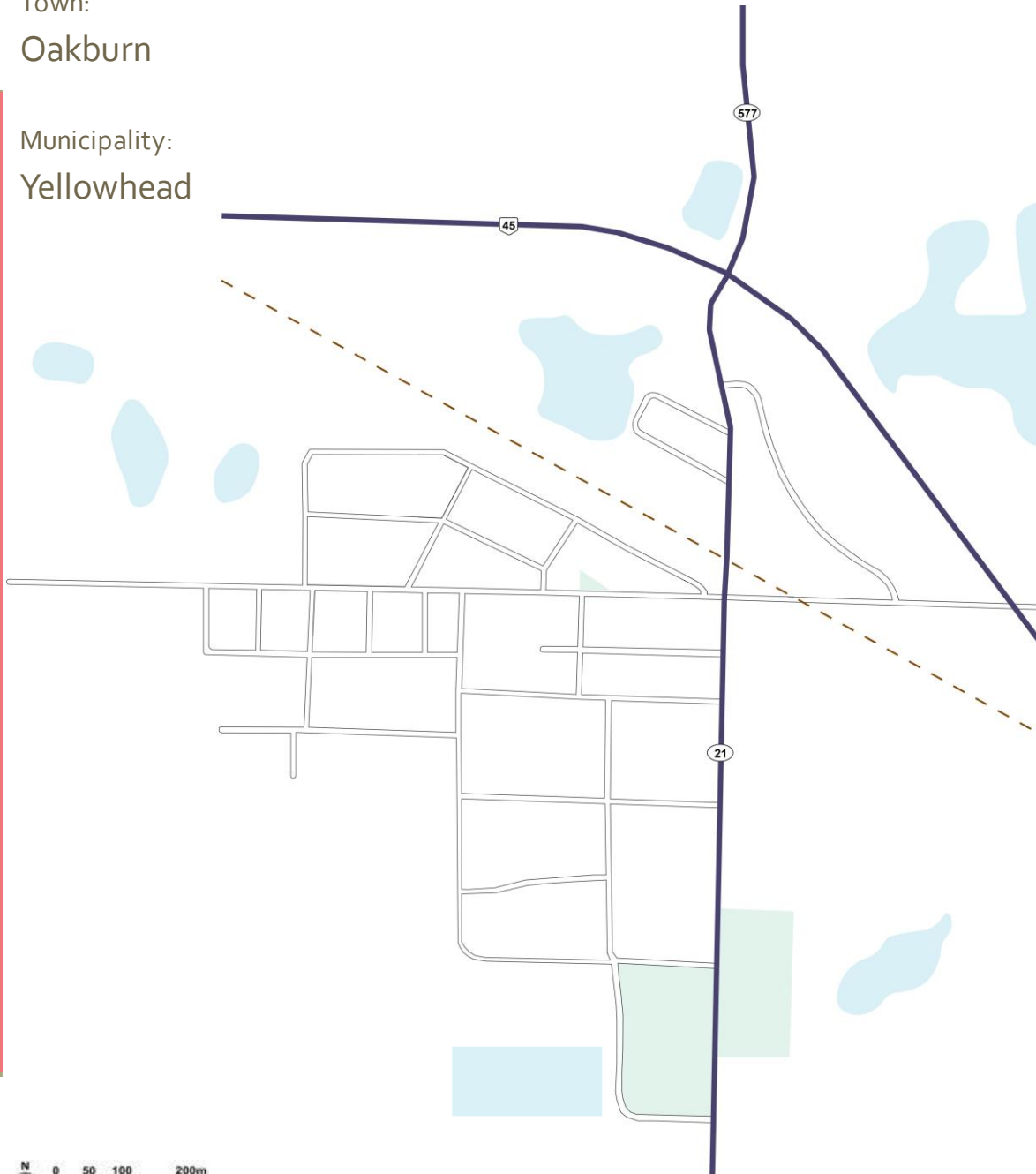
Small park across from the
Oak Site Foods.

Question:
Are there any other
outdoor gathering spaces?

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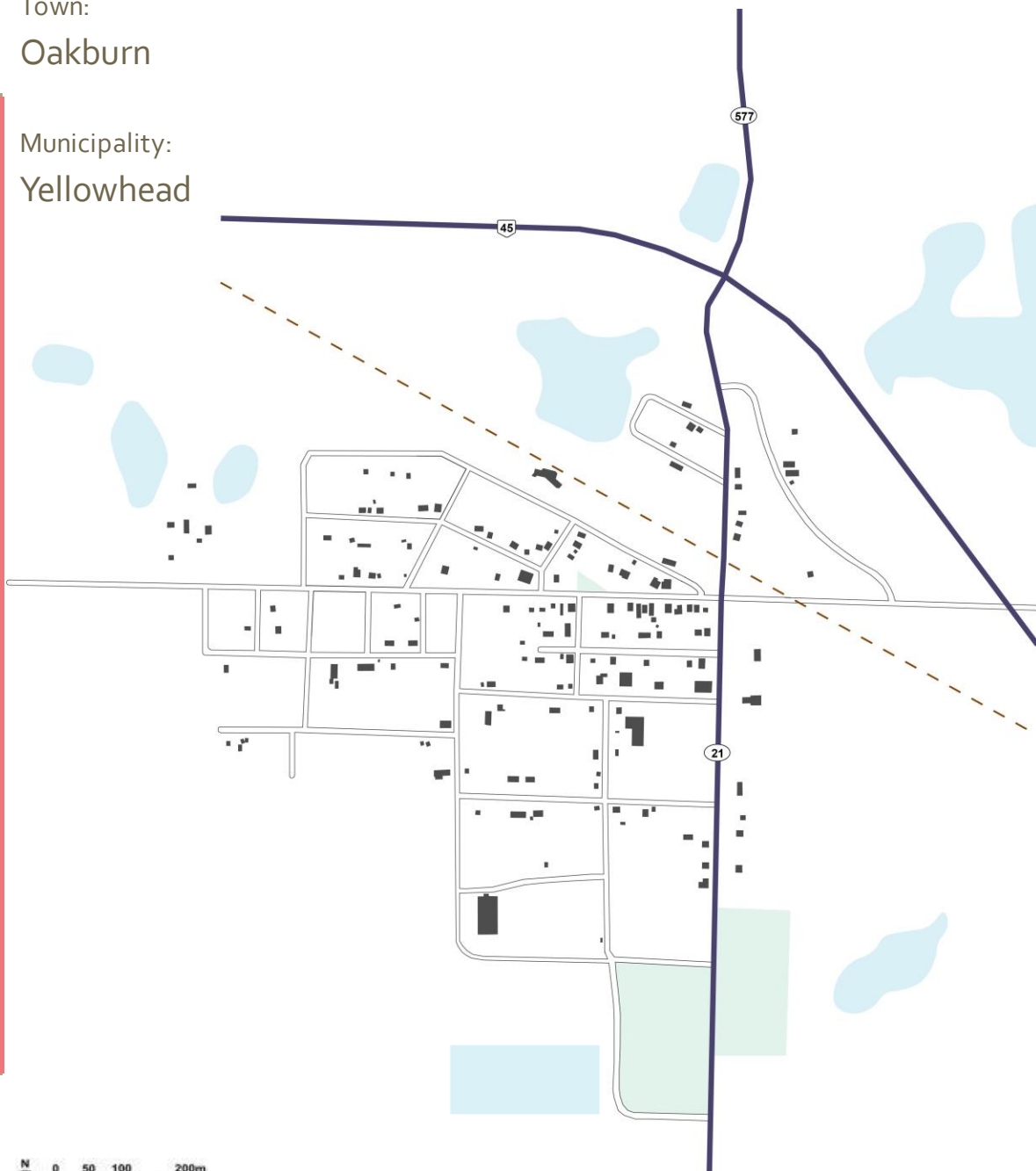
Is the Great Trail in good condition?

How often is it used?

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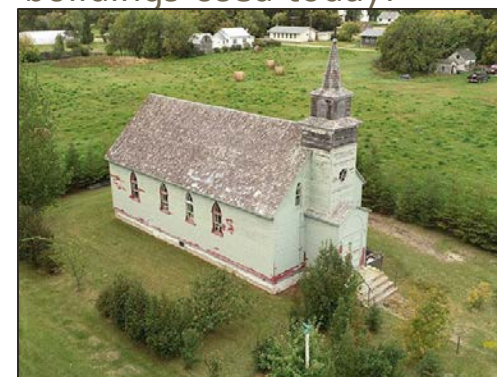
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Which buildings are most important to the community?

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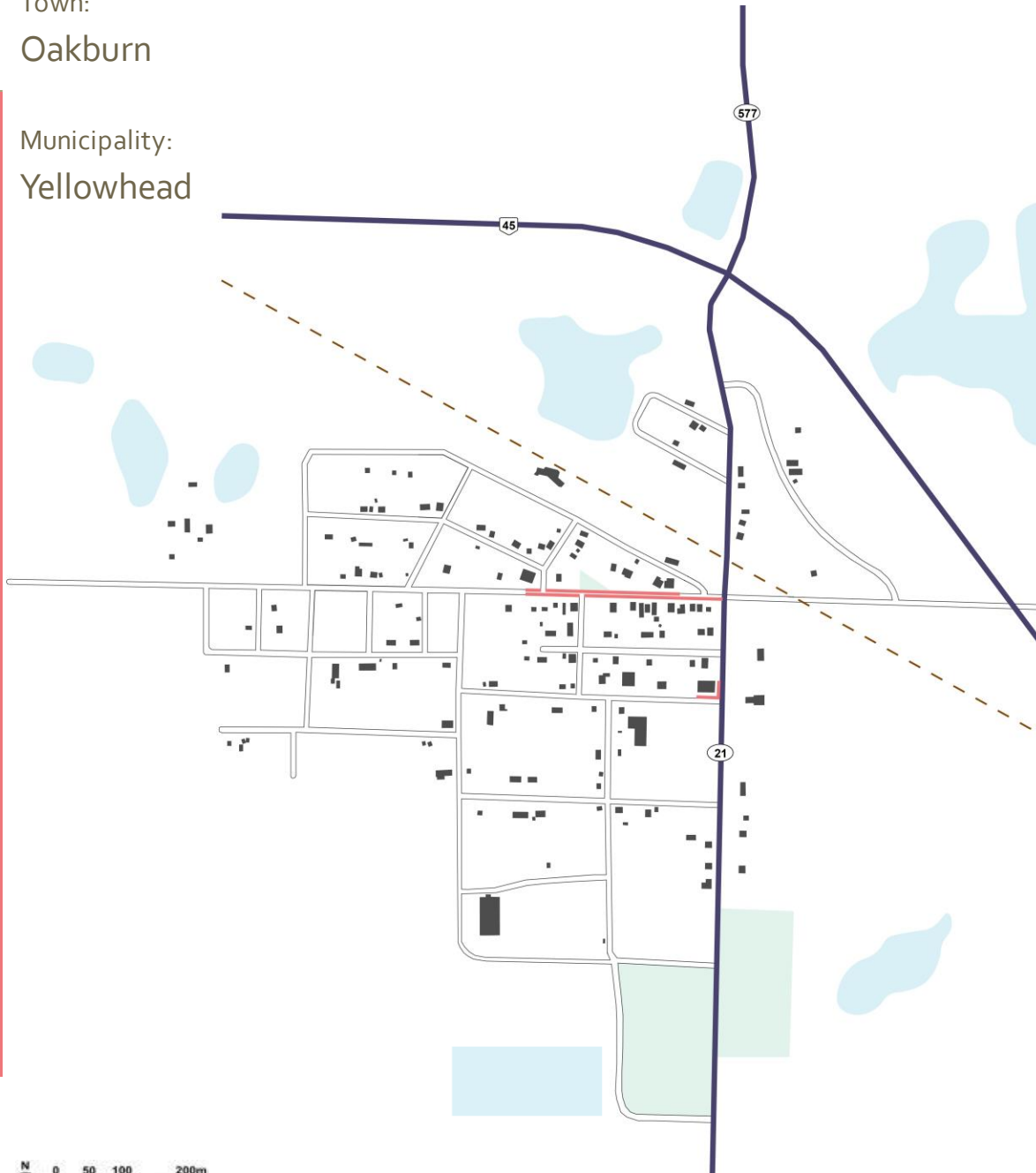
How are historical buildings used today?



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Question:

To improve access, which roads could benefit with additional sidewalks?

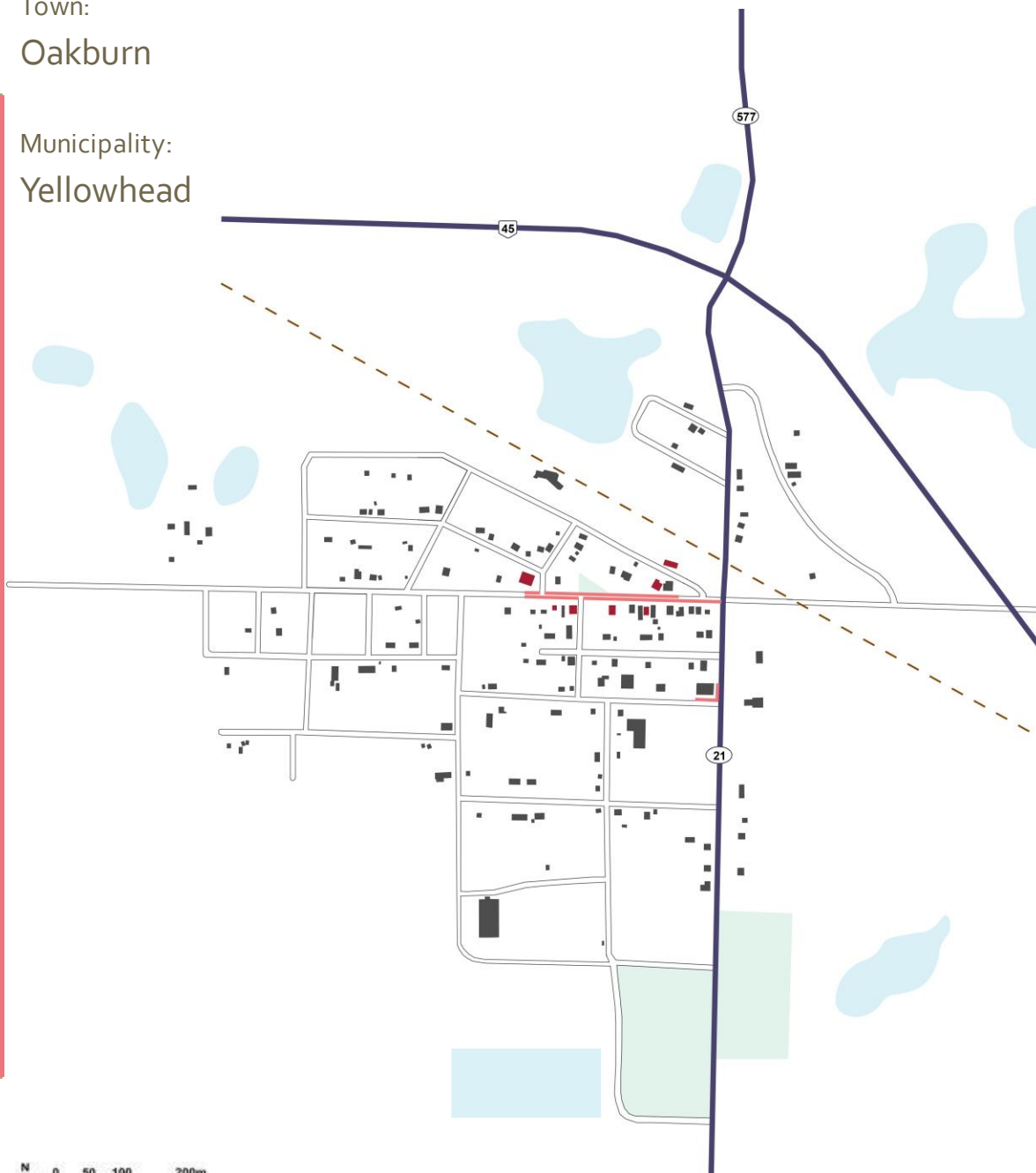
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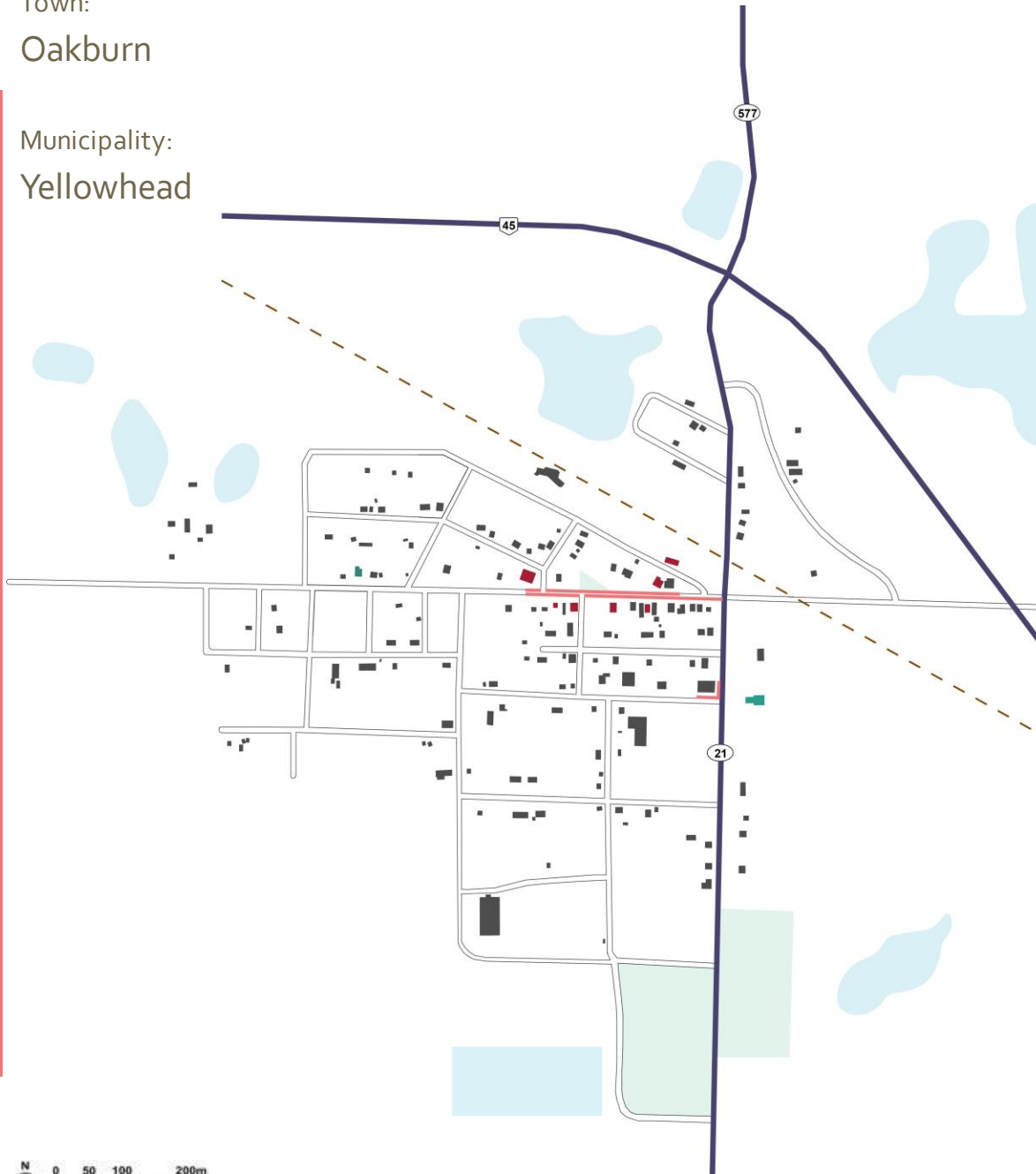
Question:

Do people have to go out of town for groceries and other basic needs?

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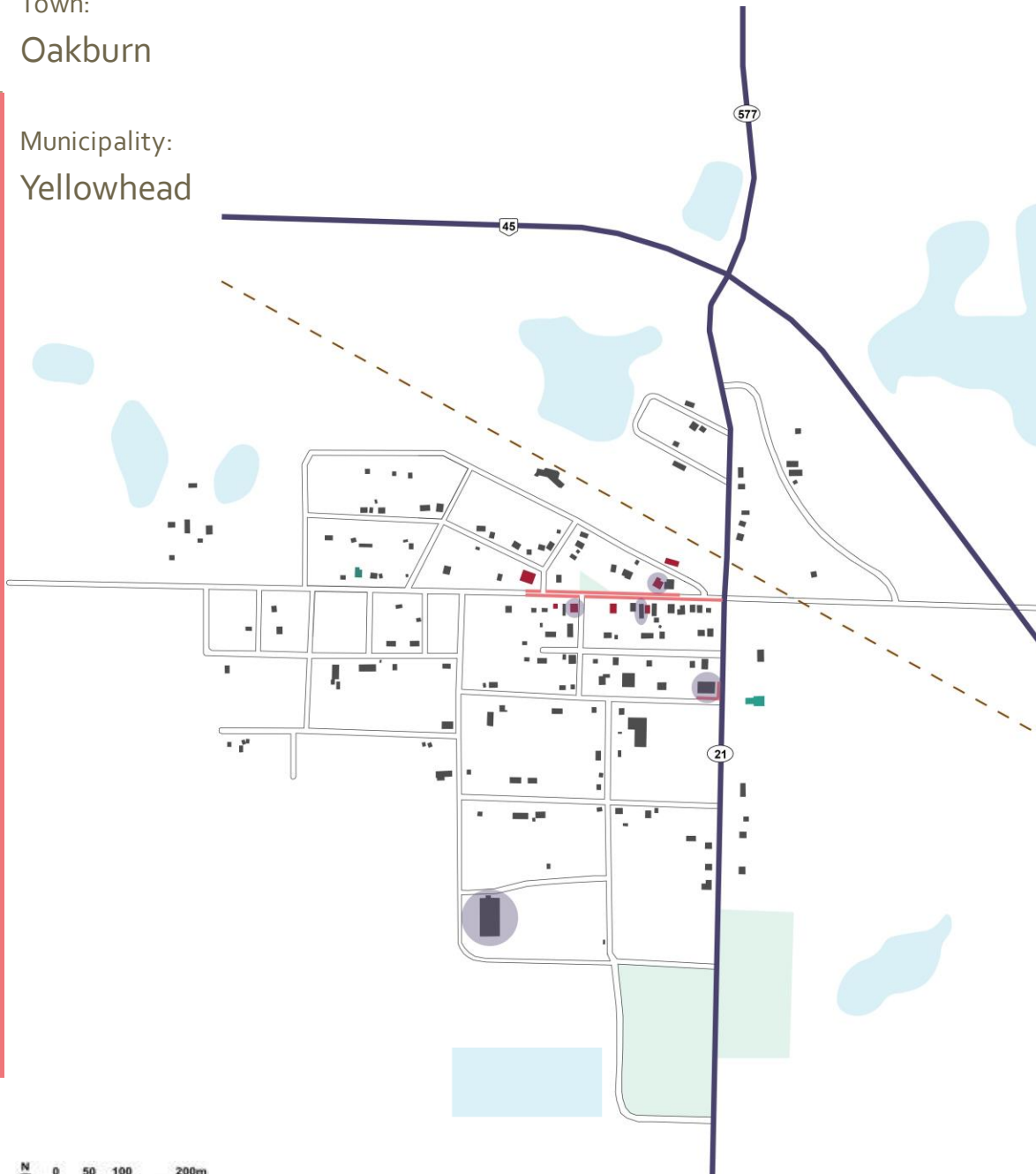
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Question:
Is the school operational?

Mapping: Oakburn

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Oakburn

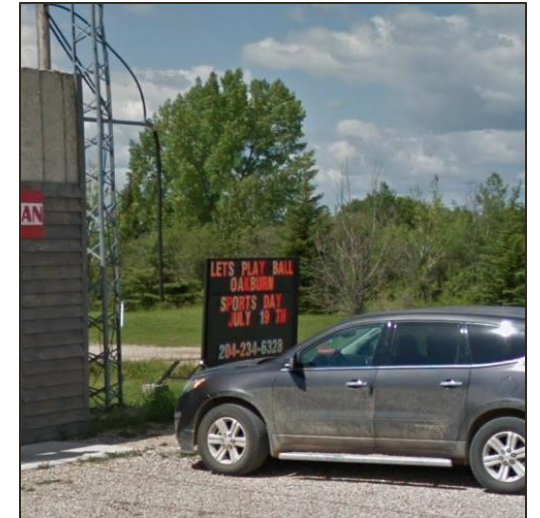
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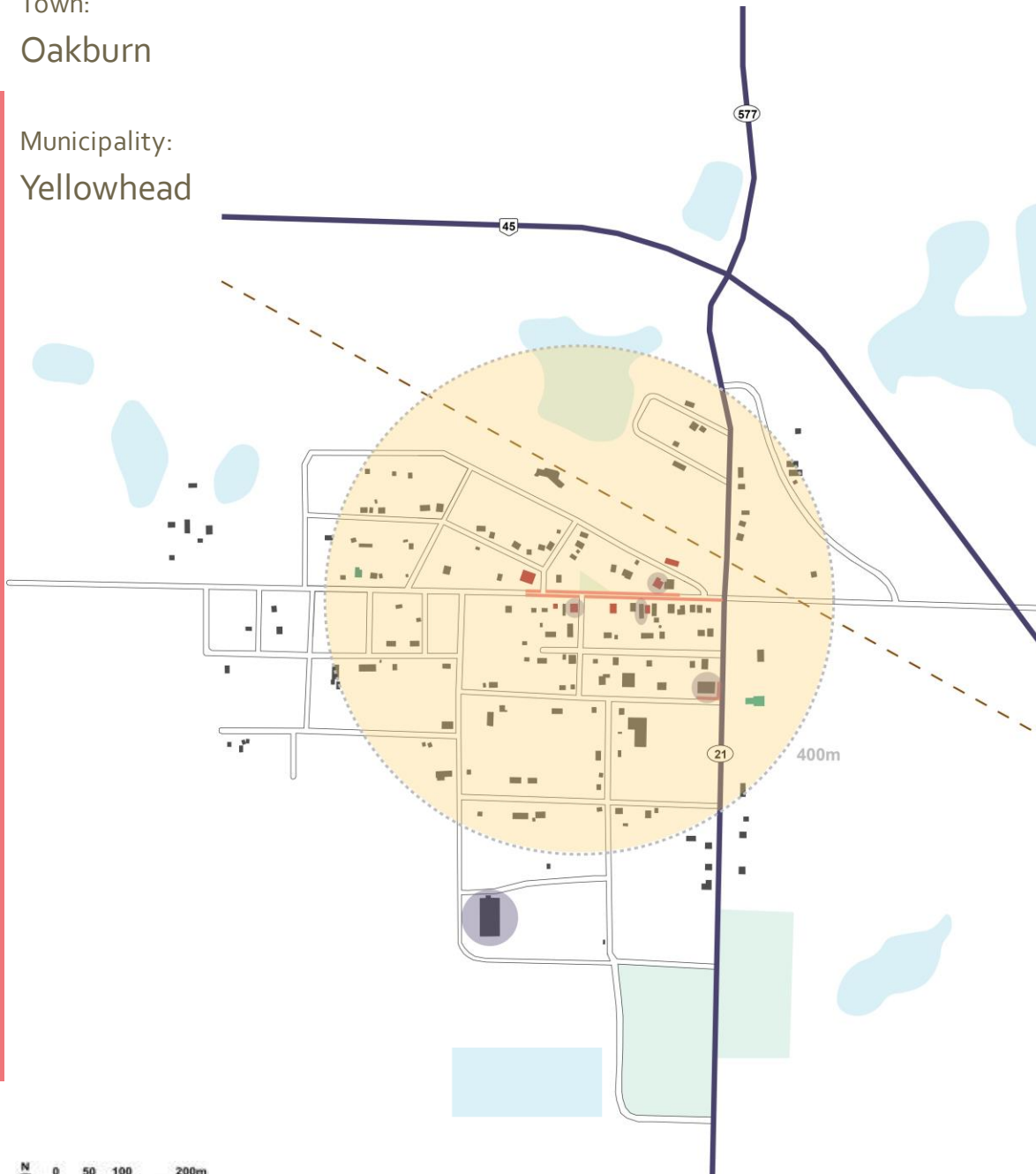
Event Communication



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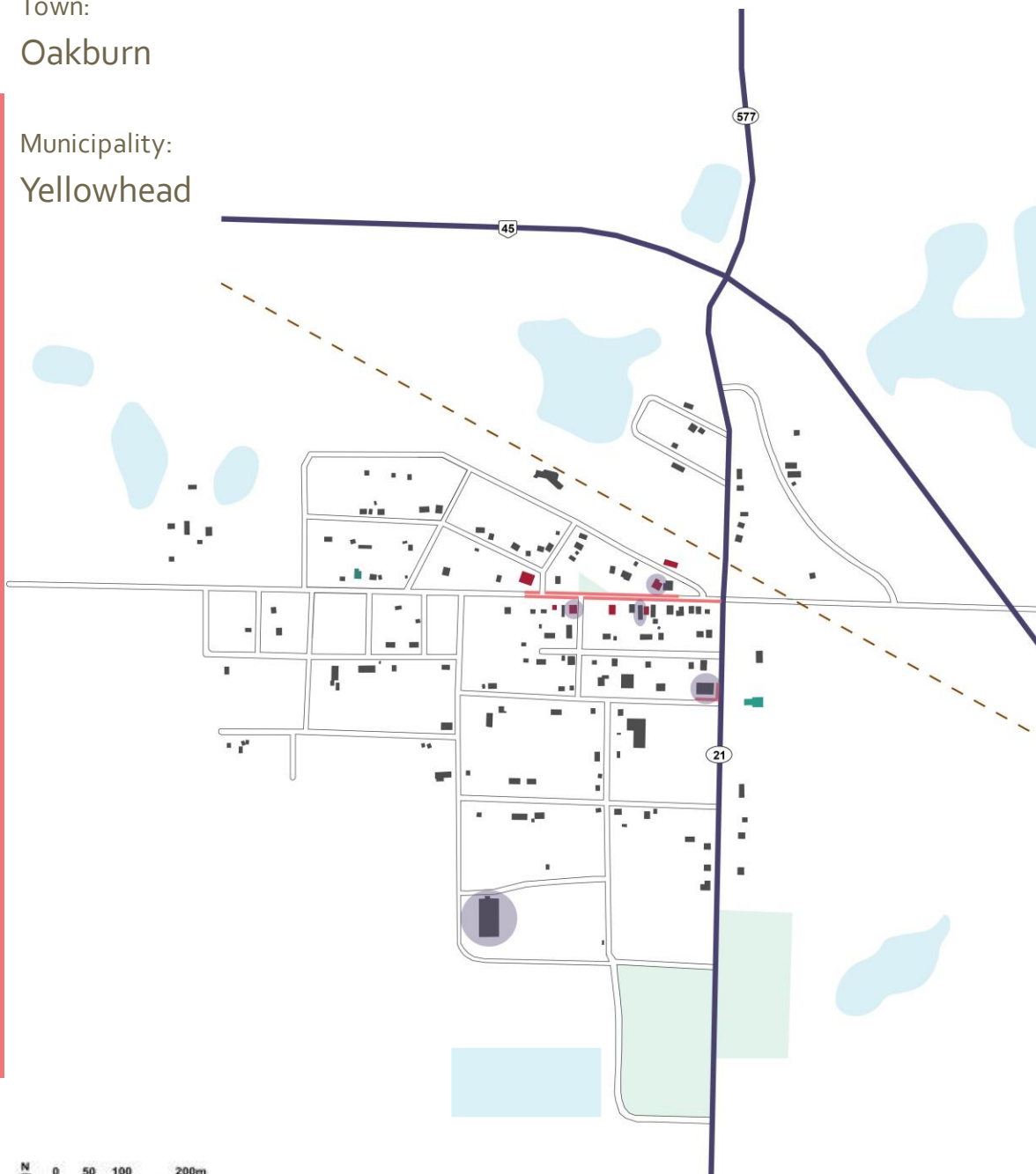
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Question:

Where do seniors go when they require more dependent living?

Streetscape: Oakburn

Rich Street furniture palette . Seems to be put up by stores owners rather than the town.



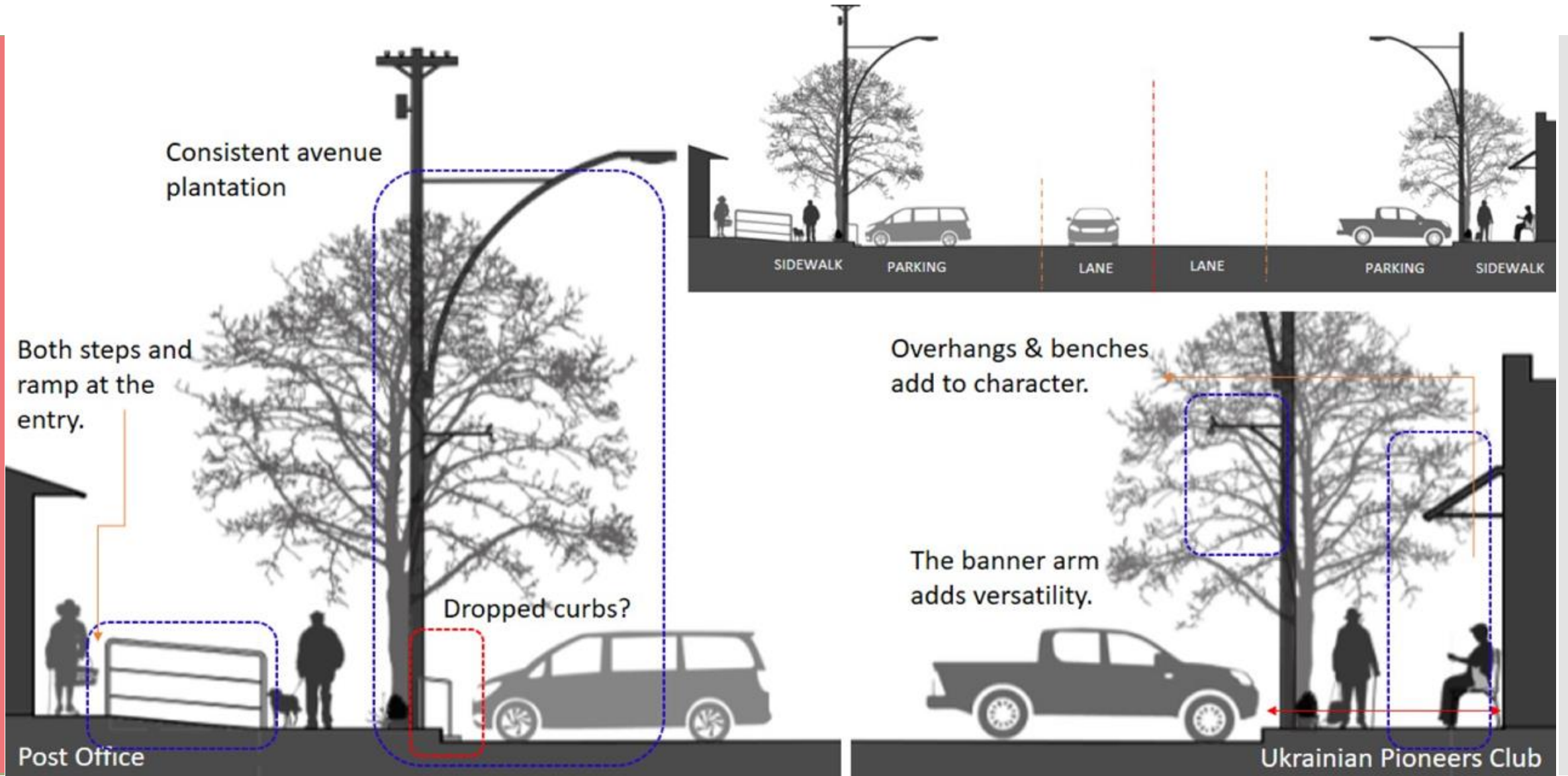
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Streetscape: Oakburn



Main St. | Post office – Ukrainian Pioneers Club

Streetscape: Oakburn



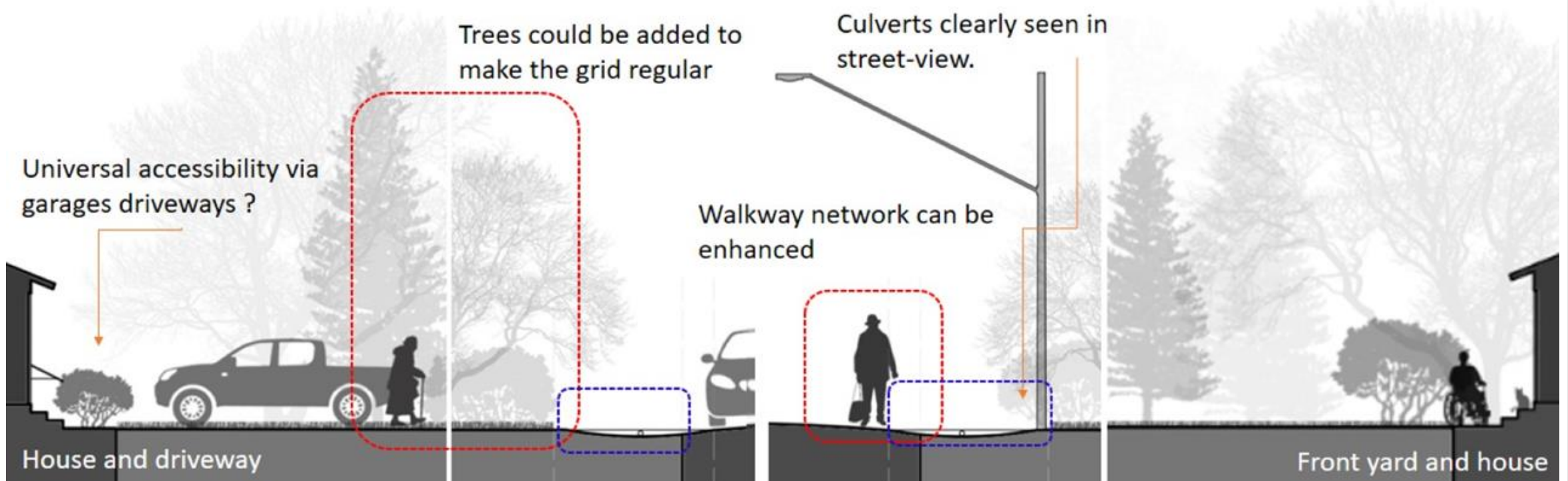
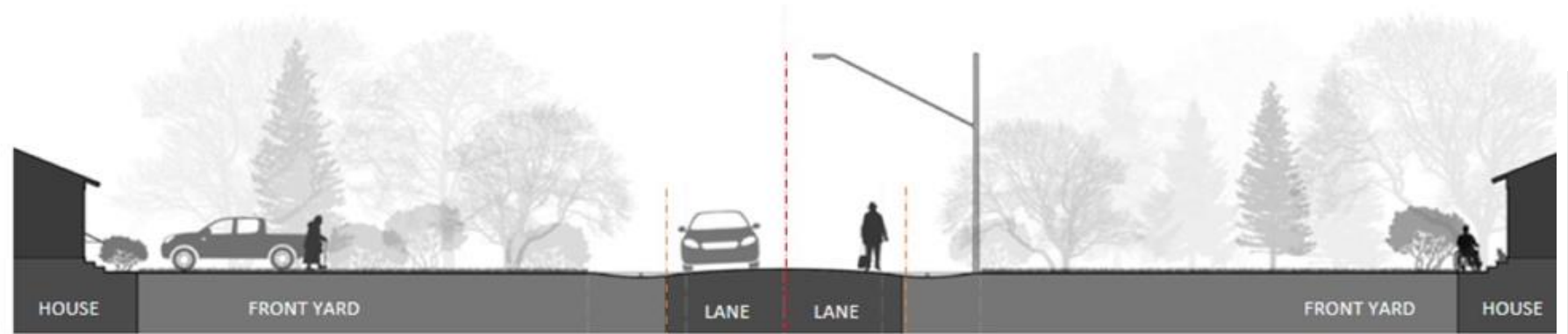
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Streetscape: Oakburn



Wren Avenue

Streetscape: Oakburn



Elphinstone



Basics

Population: ~50

Population change (2011-2016): ?

Aged 65+: ?

Highlights: Topography and close proximity to the Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation reserve

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Town:

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Question:

Is there a particular street that is more distinguished than the others?

Question:

Is the stream used recreationally?

Does it flood?

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Question:

Do people have to go out of town for groceries and other basic needs?



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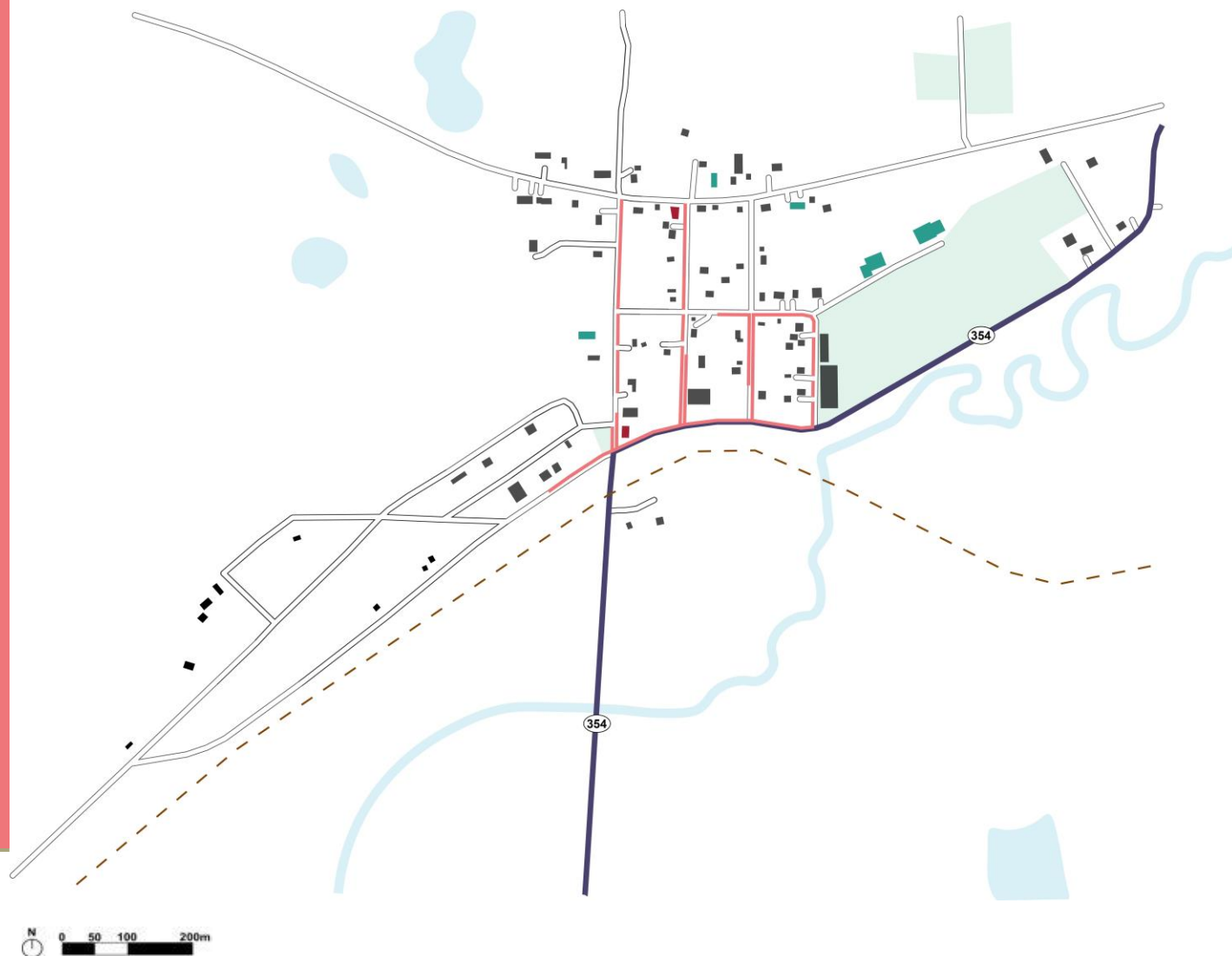
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Question:

Are all 3 churches used?

Question:

Is the school in operation?

Question:

Is the RCMP detachment in operation?

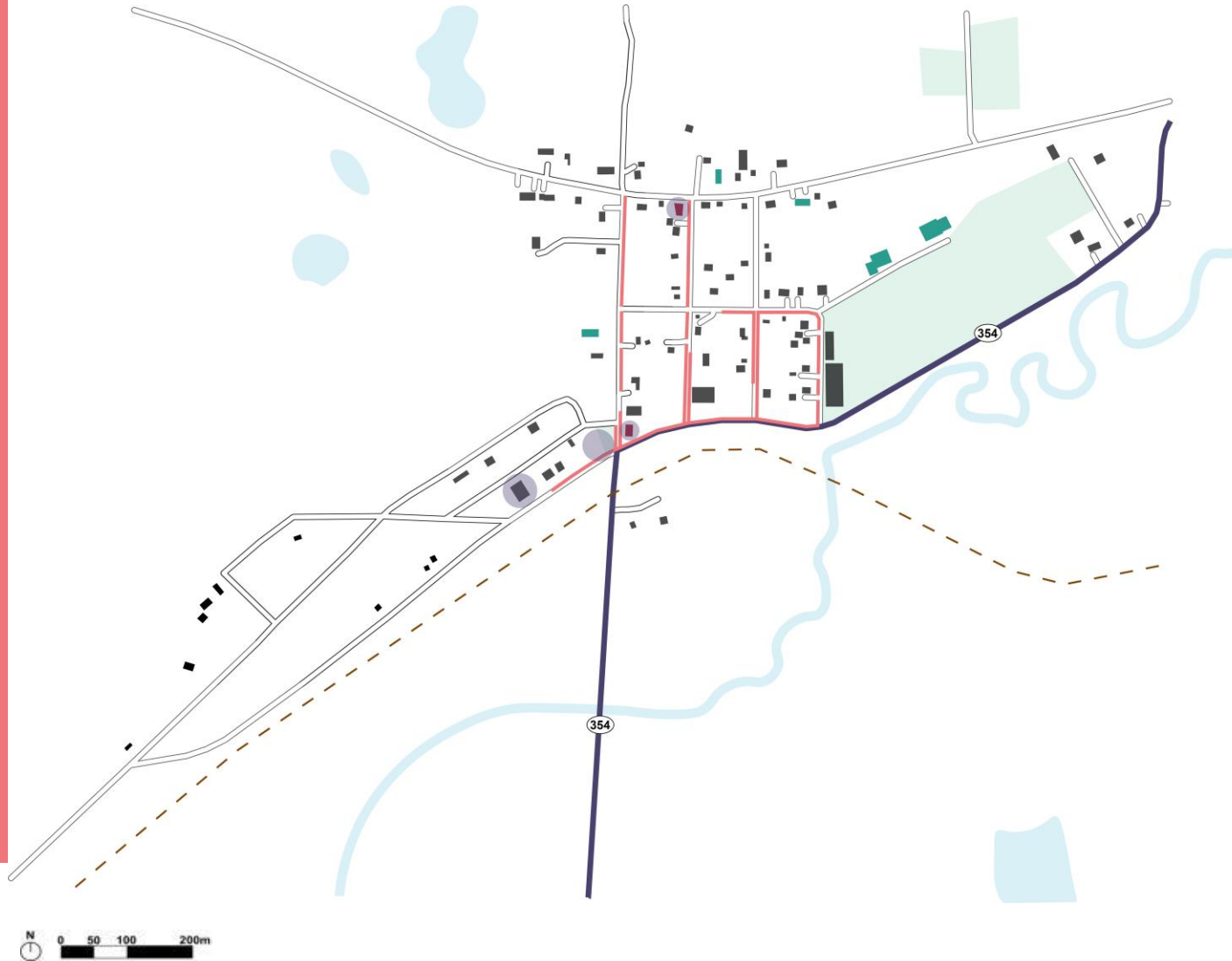
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Question:

How do residents in Elphinstone stay connected?

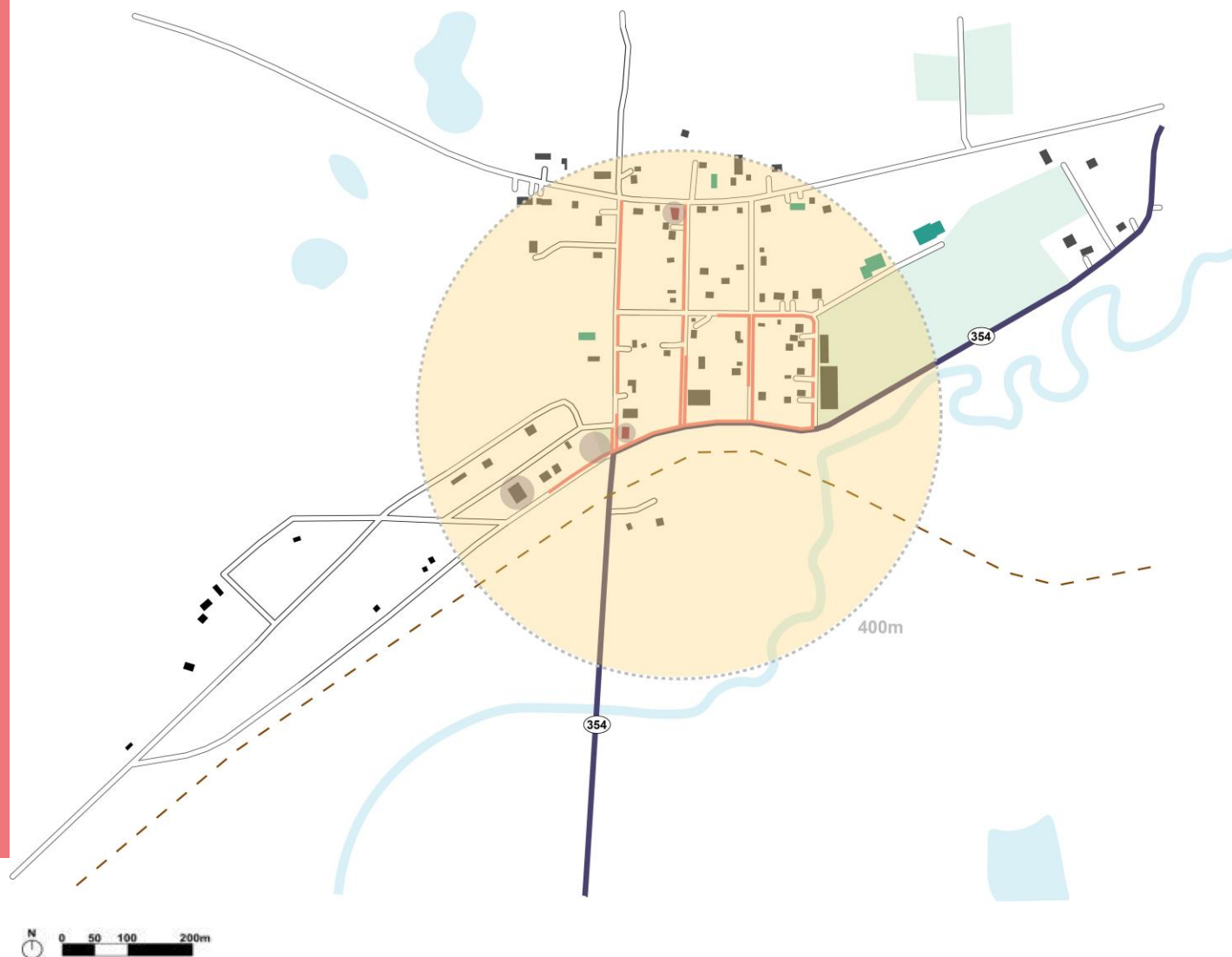
Question:

Are there frequent community events in town?

Mapping: Elphinstone

Town:
Elphinstone

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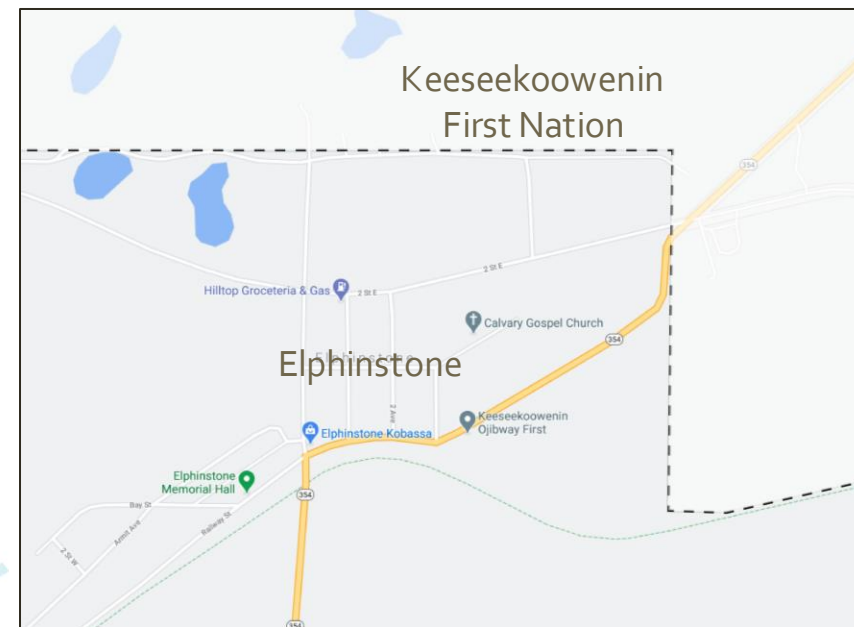
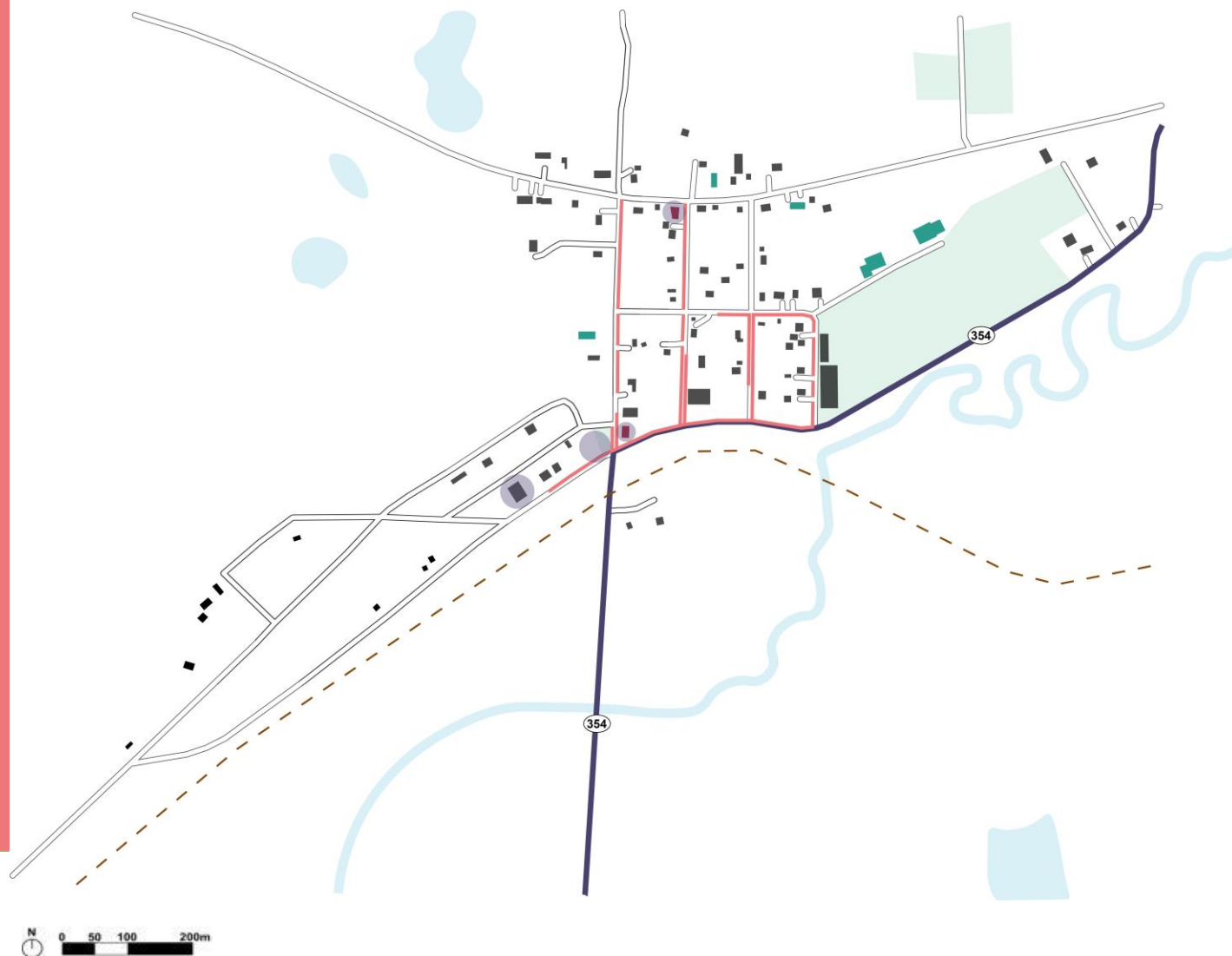
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Question:
Does the
topography
cause
accessibility
issues?

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Question:

Are services or events shared between Keeseekoowenin and Elphinstone?

Question:

Where do seniors go when they require more dependent living?

Streetscape: Elphinstone

Signages seem adequate and legible.



Some streets have conspicuous swales for drainage.



Bulletin board & post boxes as social space.

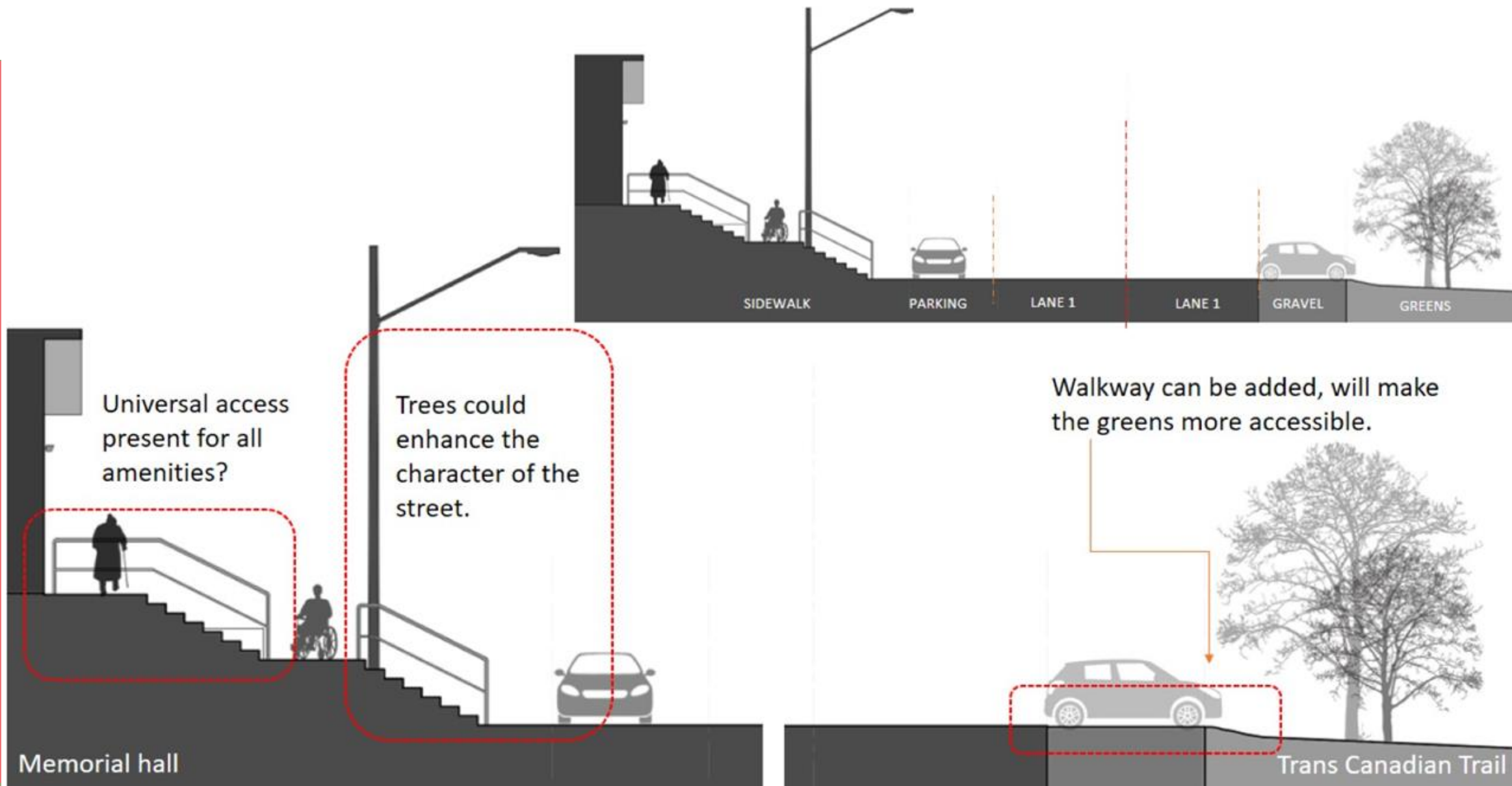


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Railway St. | Memorial hall – Greens (Trans Canadian Trail)

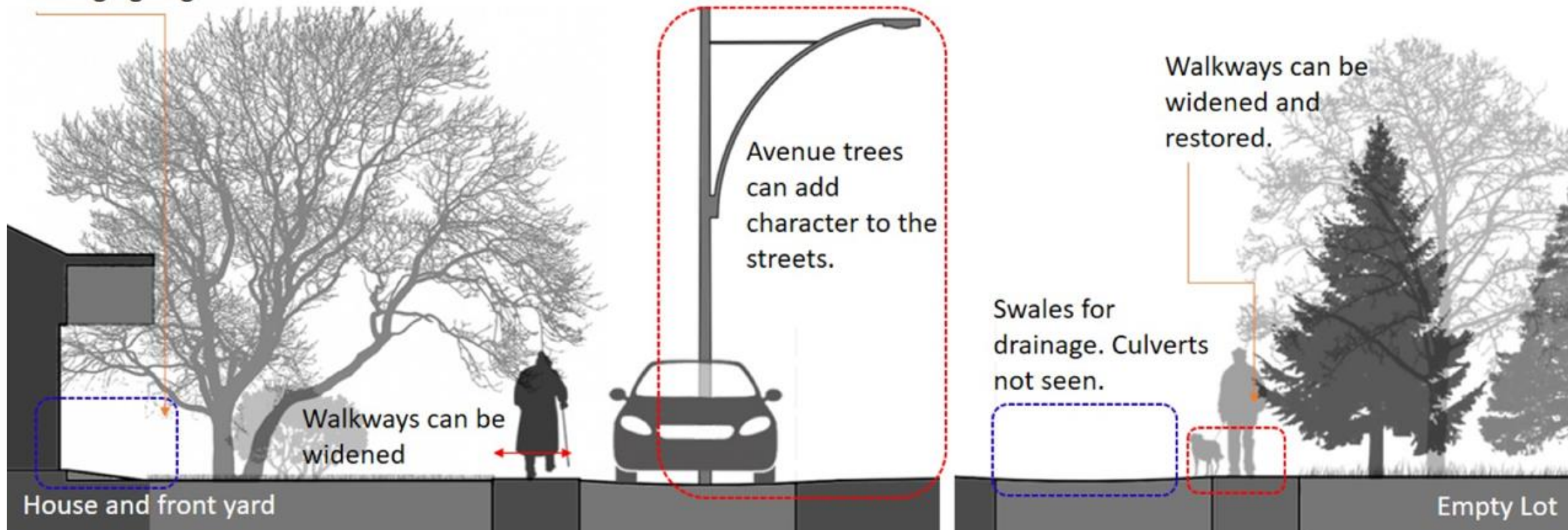


Streetscape: Elphinstone



Second Avenue

Universal access
through garages..





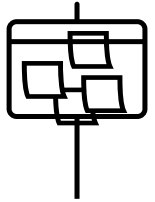
Phone Tag

- + Social calls to seniors on Mondays and Tuesdays
- + Telephone chain – info on services and events



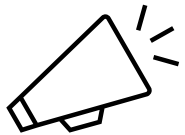
Newsletter

- + "What's Up Yellowhead" is free to advertise
- Only available online?



Bulletin Board

- + Posters around time, usually at grocery store
- + Info on services and events



Word-of-Mouth

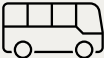
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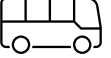
Technology

- Overreliance on technology; not everyone has computer
- Most people are not online

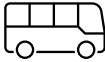
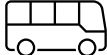
W.H.O. Age-Friendly Categories

Icon	Category
	Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
	Transportation
	Housing
	Communication and Social Participation
	Healthcare
	Necessities

Strengths:

- Respondents say they love the “small-town” feel 
- There is a strong sense of volunteerism in the community 
- Low crime rate 
- Parks are well maintained 
- The RM has access to two handi-vans (1 large one, 1 smaller one) - driven by volunteers  
- Housing is affordable 
- Most buildings are accessible 
- Local food business (groceries, meat shop) 
- Mailboxes double as social spaces 

Needs Improvement:

- Medical specialists are in Brandon and Winnipeg  
- No emergency room in Shoal Lake 
- Communication channels to seniors 
- More COVID-safe community events 
- Road safety for seniors driving alone (carpooling networks, etc.) 
- Sidewalk and streetscape network 



Questions or Comments?

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