

Subject: **Bylaw 1905 Draft Municipal Development Plan Third Reading**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
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**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)**

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

**Provincial (cite)-** Alberta Land Stewardship Act, Municipal Government Act, Land Use Policies, Matters Related to Subdivision and Development Regulation

**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** Strategic Plan, Bylaw 1829 Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw 1808

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

The Municipal Development Plan is a long-term document that should reflect the values and priorities of the residents within the municipality it serves. A review of this document is an opportunity to review the current reality and identify emerging trends with a 20-30 year projected forecast.

In February of 2023, Administration recommended to Council that a full review of the current Municipal Development Plan (MDP) take place. Administration also presented several public engagement options to Council.

Council approved a working group style where a maximum of 3 Councillors and 2 members at large would meet to discuss the 6 largest sections of the MDP. Administration would then take the working group information to the public engagement working suppers for additional feedback. This draft is the result of 18 working group sessions, and 4 separate public engagements held over a period of 11 months.

**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

This draft document has been circulated for several months, and the changes were presented at the Public Hearing held on November 26, 2024. In order to give Council an opportunity for further discussion, Administration brought the document back to the February 18, 2025, Committee of the Whole for any final revisions prior to bringing it back for Third Reading.

Council noted a few minor revisions to the document including the addition of a couple definitions. They also clarified the area they wanted to designate as an exclusion zone for confined feeding operations. Council instructed administration to incorporate a 1.6 km (1-mile) buffer from the urban corporate limit and hamlet boundary into the Municipal Development Plan for both new confined feeding operations and expansions of existing ones. This change has been reflected under the Agriculture Section, Policy 12 and has also been defined in the maps attached to the document.



Administration is open to any further amendments to the document. If no further changes are forthcoming, Council can move Third Reading for the adoption of Bylaw 1905: Municipal Development Plan.

**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

The complete public engagement has been facilitated by internal staff. Due to the time-consuming nature of the review and the engagements, the ability to review the Intermunicipal Development Plans has been limited. The total cost of the entire engagement process, including the members-at-large, was approximately \$29,600. This was funded through Council's Strategic Initiative Budget.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Bylaw 1905

Draft Municipal Development Plan

2-Column document outlining the major changes to this draft Municipal Development Plan.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. That Council move Third Reading to Bylaw 1905: Municipal Development Plan as presented.
2. That Council move Third Reading to Bylaw 1905: Municipal Development Plan as amended.
3. That Council move Bylaw 1905: Municipal Development Plan be brought forward for further discussion prior to Third Reading.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That Council move Third Reading to Bylaw 1905: Municipal Development Plan as presented.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

If adopted, Administration will ensure that a signed copy be placed on our website and copies of the final document will be sent to all our adjacent municipalities.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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