



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Topic: Approval of guiding principles – Municipal Development Plan 2016 update

Introduction:

This report provides information on the proposed guiding principles for the Municipal Development Plan 2016 update. The report also provides information on why the guiding principles are needed for the update and how they were developed.

Facts (Background Information):

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

March 8, 2016

- Council approved the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw (MDP) No. 37-2007 project workplan and MDP vision statement.

PURPOSE

Administration is seeking Council approval of the MDP guiding principles as the next step in updating Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 37-2007.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement on the update to the Municipal Development Plan is outlined in the MDP project workplan which was approved by Council on March 8, 2016.

Public engagement on the update to the Municipal Development Plan will follow the public consultation plan which forms part of the MDP project workplan.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The update to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 37-2007 **will conform** to the strategic priorities outlined in Council Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

The update to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 37-2007 will also conform to the Municipal Government Act, Capital Region Board Growth Plan policies, and draft findings from the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan. The plan update will also conform to all other relevant provincial plans, statutes and regulations.

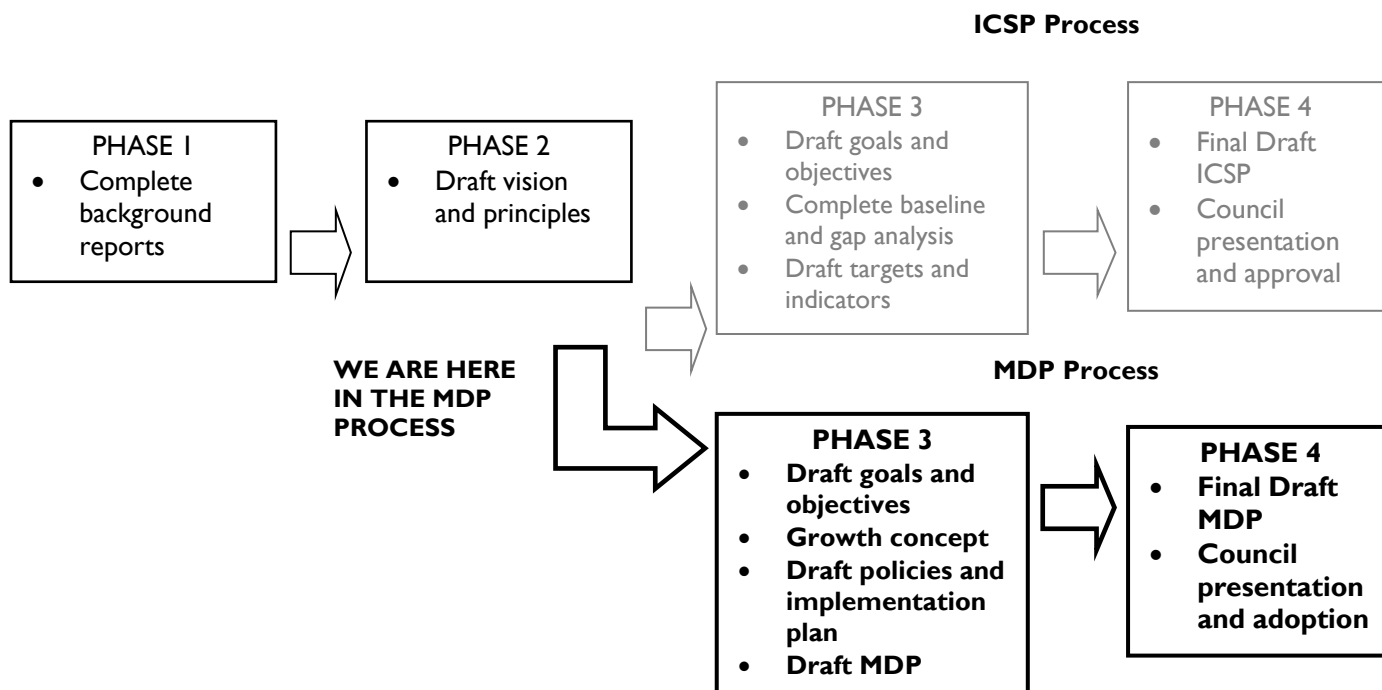
Analysis:

In early to mid-2015, Administration worked with the public and the Community Sustainability & Development Plan (CSDP) Advisory Committee to develop the CSDP Definitions of Sustainability. The CSDP Definitions of Sustainability cover five theme areas for sustainability:

- Built environment (land use)
- Natural Environment
- Economy

- Community
- Governance

In October 2015, Administration began to separate the MDP update from the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) update. Administration is currently in “phase 3” of the MDP update:



The Definitions of Sustainability *prepared during the CSDP process* will be incorporated into the ICSP update. The definitions have also been used to develop the five MDP guiding principles. The five guiding principles for the MDP include:

BUILT ENVIRONMENT (LAND USE)

The County will plan, build, operate and maintain the built environment to ensure public safety and to meet community needs by using innovation in its practices and balancing infrastructure longevity with cost.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The County will conserve and enhance the natural environment by minimizing environmental destruction, undertaking restoration activities, promoting renewable resources and reducing non-renewable resource use.

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The County will continue to diversify its economy through innovation, collaboration and sustainable approaches to development that generate prosperity for all county residents.

COMMUNITY

The County supports healthy communities by promoting inclusiveness, empowerment, diversity and community resilience and thriving social and cultural traditions.

GOVERNANCE

The County supports governance where democracy and decision-making is inclusive and transparent, information is shared, and rights and rules are respected and followed.

Need for MDP guiding principles

The Municipal Development Plan requires guiding principles in order to provide the specific direction to Administration in preparing MDP objectives and policies. The guiding principles “expand” on the MDP vision statement, and help form the foundation for future MDP policy development.

Alignment to the ICSP

Advisory Committee meetings and public consultations in 2015 resulted in the creation of the CSDP Definitions of Sustainability. The five definitions of sustainability will be used directly in the update of the ICSP. Administration has slightly modified the wording of the Definitions of Sustainability and incorporated these modifications as the MDP guiding principles.

Once approved by Council, the MDP guiding principles will be used to guide the development of MDP objectives and policies.

Next steps

Administration is currently in “step 2” of the MDP project workplan. Step 1 involved Council’s approval of the MDP project workplan and MDP vision statement. Administration will next present an update to Council on the draft MDP as outlined in the MDP project workplan. The next Council update will be in May 2016.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration recommends the adoption of the MDP guiding principles as presented.

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Project Workplan

Step	Deliverables	Anticipated Completion
<i>Project definitions and preparation.</i> <i>Project Vision</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Project Workplan</i> • <i>Consultation Plan</i> • <i>Approval of project vision</i> • <i>Content outline (information purposes)</i> • <i>Council presentation</i> 	<i>March 2016</i> completed -
Project Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Project Principles 	March 2016
Policy drafting – phase 1 <i>(Q2 Council update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Introduction, Community Vision and Principles section • Growth Policy sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Development ○ Environmental Conservation and Management ○ Economic Diversification and Development • Council presentation 	May 2016
Policy drafting – phase 2 <i>(Q2 Council update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Policy sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transportation, Infrastructure and Servicing ○ Governance and Regional Collaboration • Sub Policy section (text) and interim mapping • Interim update – Growth Study Report • Council presentation 	June 2016
Growth Study Report <i>(Q4 CoW update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Report – Growth Study Report • CoW presentation 	October 2016
Policy drafting – phase 3 <i>(Q4 Council update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Policy sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Priority Growth Area Development ○ Residential Development ○ Agriculture • Final Sub Policy section mapping • Council presentation 	October 2016
Growth Study Report <i>(Q4 Council update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Growth Study Report • Council presentation 	November 2016
Policy drafting – phase 4 <i>(Q4 Council update).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Section completed • Interim MDP mapping completed • Council presentation 	December 2016
Finalize draft MDP <i>(Q4 Council update)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft MDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final Draft MDP text ○ Final Draft MDP mapping ○ Final Appendices • Council presentation 	December 2016

Alignment of ICSP Definitions of Sustainability to MDP Guiding Principles

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – DEFINITIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY	MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRINCIPLES
<p>BUILT ENVIRONMENT (LAND USE) <i>A state in which the community's built environment meets community needs, now and in the future.</i></p> <p><u>We will:</u> <i>Plan, build, operate, and maintain the built environment for community needs in such a way that ensures public safety, innovative and efficient land and material use, and balances longevity with costs.</i></p> 	<p>BUILT ENVIRONMENT (LAND USE) <i>The County will plan, build, operate and maintain the built environment to ensure public safety and to meet community needs by using innovation in its practices and balancing infrastructure longevity with cost.</i></p>
<p>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT <i>A state in which the demands placed on the natural environment can be met without reducing its capacity to allow living things to live well, now and in the future.</i></p> <p><u>We will:</u> <i>1. Promote renewables and the responsible use of non-renewable resources. 2. Eliminate the non-essential use of synthetic substances. 3. Minimize destruction of the environment. 4. Undertake restoration and enhancement activities.</i></p> 	<p>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT <i>The County will conserve and enhance the natural environment by minimizing environmental destruction, undertaking restoration activities, promoting renewable resources and reducing non-renewable resource use.</i></p>
<p>ECONOMY <i>A state in which the community's economy is able to generate prosperity now and in the future.</i></p> <p><u>We will:</u> <i>Pursue diversification, innovation, collaboration, and the further greening of our economy in order to produce equitable prosperity over generations.</i></p> 	<p>ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT <i>The County will continue to diversify its economy through innovation, collaboration and sustainable approaches to development that generate prosperity for all county residents.</i></p>
<p>COMMUNITY <i>A state in which the community's social and cultural traditions thrive now and in the future.</i></p> <p><u>We will:</u> <i>Foster a healthy quality of life by promoting inclusiveness and empowerment that supports equity, diversity, liveability and resilience in a rural-character setting.</i></p> 	<p>COMMUNITY <i>The County supports healthy communities by promoting inclusiveness, empowerment, diversity and community resilience and thriving social and cultural traditions.</i></p>
<p>GOVERNANCE <i>A system of government which maintains the capacity and the resources necessary to function now and in the future.</i></p> <p><u>We will:</u> <i>Preserve quality democracy by exercising inclusive and transparent decision-making that upholds the electoral process, allows access to information, defends civil rights and regards the rule of law.</i></p> 	<p>GOVERNANCE <i>The County supports governance where democracy and decision-making is inclusive and transparent, information is shared, and rights and rules are respected and followed.</i></p>