Parkland County Industrial and Employment Land Strategy

Terms of Reference Outline

- 1. Understanding of Industrial / Employment terminologies
 - Defining terms such as Knowledge-based; Lower-order; Prestige Industrial; Business Employment; and Shovel ready.
- 2. Competitiveness and market Readiness
 - Examine Provincial, Regional, and County economic contexts and market trends by sectors;
 - Comparative and competitive benchmarking of other municipalities;
 - Regional and County gap analysis by sector;
 - Review existing area structure plans relative to market potential and policy compatibility;
 - Land use bylaw regulations relative to market enablers and deterrents;
 - General physical and land use characteristics;
 - Transportation and general access characteristics and availability;
 - General servicing characteristics availability; and
 - Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis.
- 3. Industrial and Business Employment Land Inventory
 - Overview of the types of industrial and employment areas found in County and compared regionally;
 - Recent activities and trends in those industrial and employment areas;
 - County employment structure on industrial and employment lands;
 - Evaluate lands in County that have barriers to development and long-term vacant lands;
 and
 - Evaluate the industrial and employment land supply in the County relative to market choice and desirability.
- 4. Employment Forecast and Land Needs Analysis
 - Evaluate the employment forecasts for the region and County within the forecast period of the Capital Region Growth Plan;
 - Determine the projected land needs in the County for the period of the Capital Region Growth Plan;
 - Forecast the employment densities on industrial and employment lands; and
 - Examine potential and market desirable lands for expansion or development within the County.
- 5. Strategic directions and recommendations
 - Provide strategic direction and recommendations for the long-term industrial and employment needs for the County.