AREA STRUCTURE PLAN (ASP) PRIORITIZATION PROJECT UPDATE | PROPOSED APPROACH

COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2025

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Introduction

- Proposed Approach

- Schedule

- Conclusion

- Acheson Area Structure Plan
- Atim Creek Area Structure Plan
- Big Lake Area Structure Plan
- Entwistle Area Structure Plan
- Fifth Meridian Area Structure Plan
- Glory Hills Area Structure Plan
- Highvale End Area Structure Plan
- Jackfish Lake Area Structure Plan
- Jackfish Mayatan Area Structure Plan
- Woodbend Graminia Area Structure Plan
- Wabamun Hamlet Area Redevelopment Plan
- Wabamun Waterfront Area Structure Plan
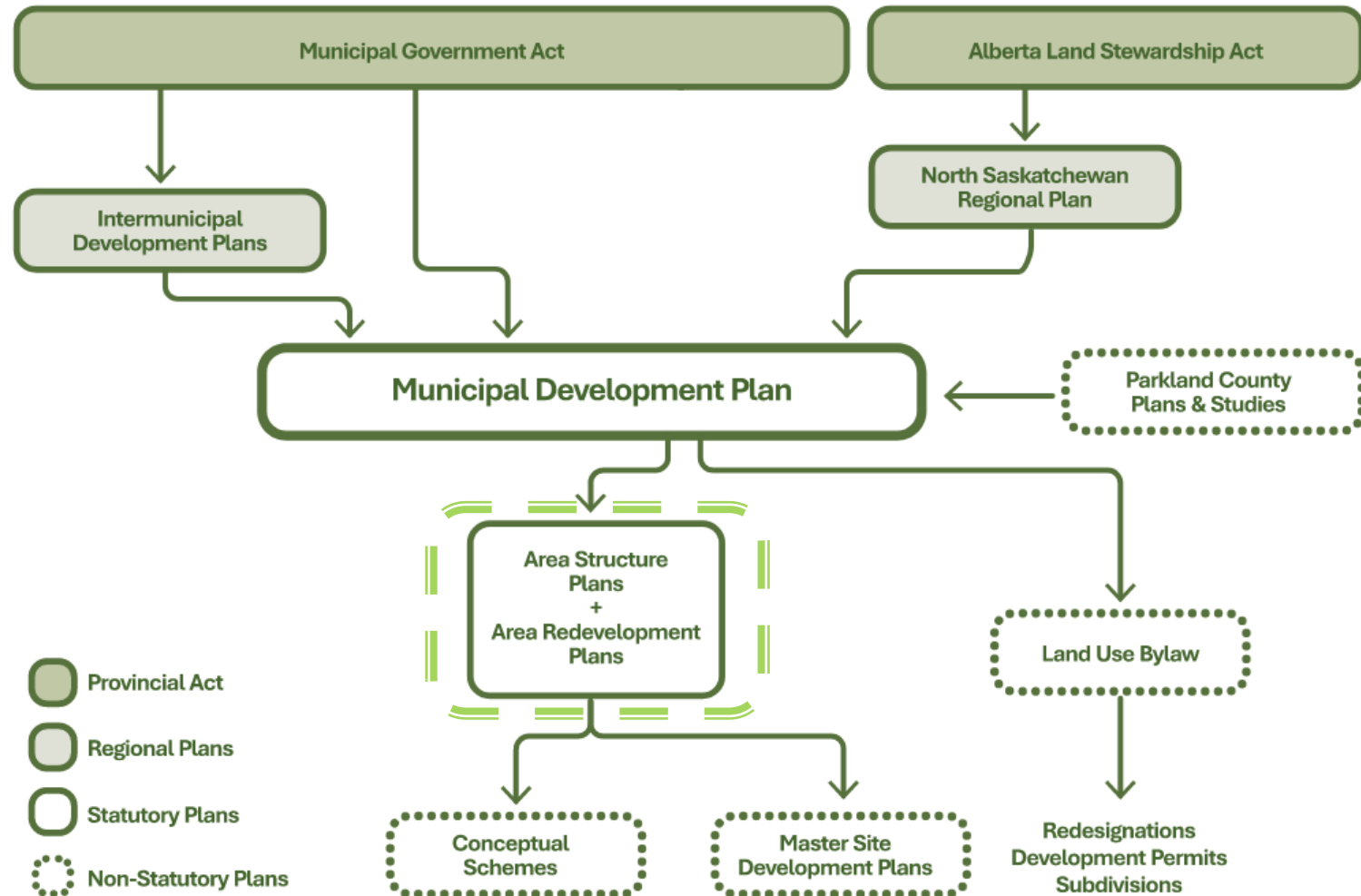
INTRODUCTION

Project Purpose

Determine the desired future state by:
- Conducting a review of existing ASPs
- Researching best practices for ASPs in rural serviced and unserviced areas
- Creating a framework for prioritizing the creation, updating, or rescinding of ASPs
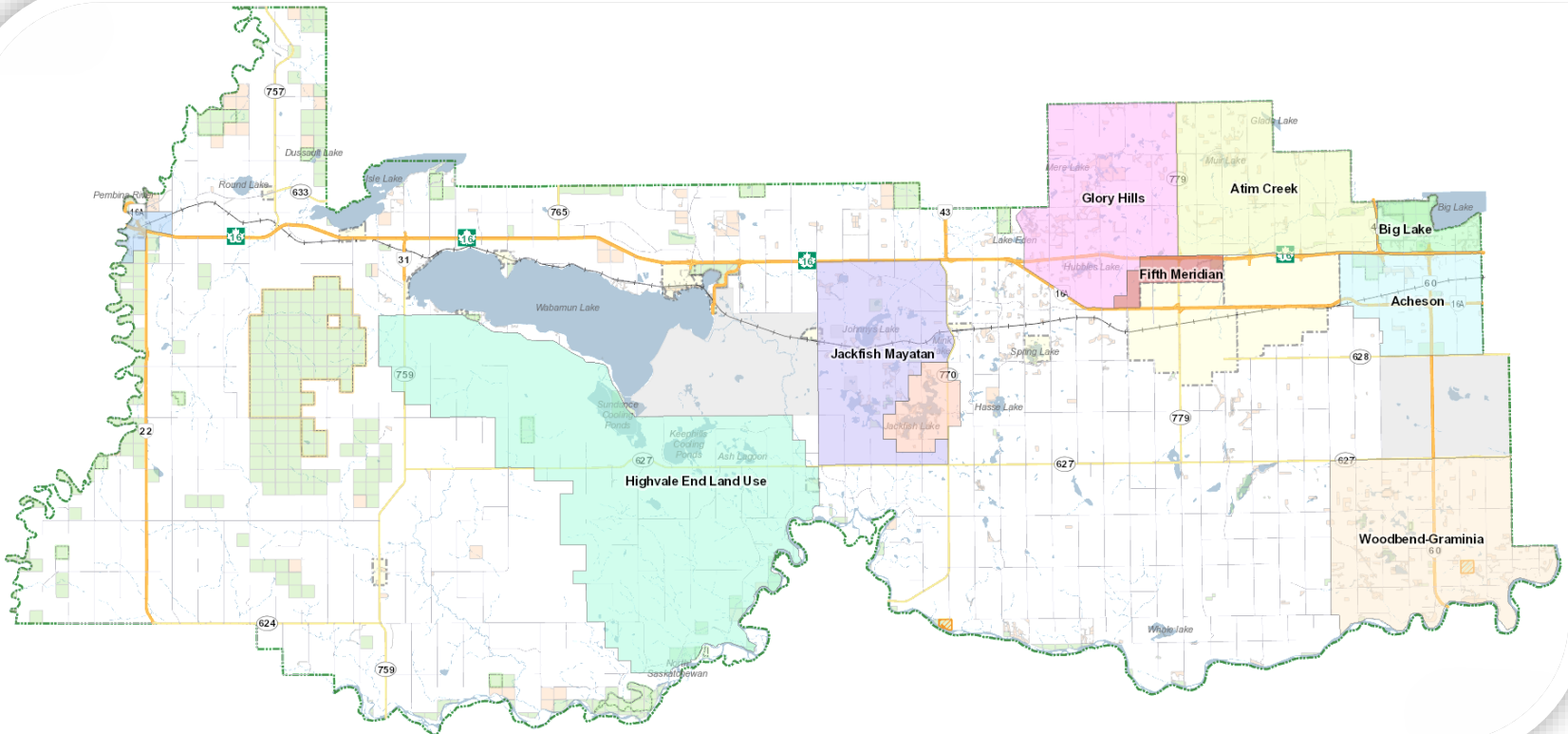
Project Deliverables

- Jurisdictional Scan
- Gap Analysis
- Evaluation Framework
- Internal Engagement
- Present Recommendations

PLANNING HIERARCHY

WHY ARE AREA STRUCTURE PLANS IMPORTANT?

Give detailed policy direction to areas where development is more intense in use and more technically complex
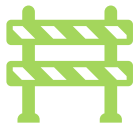
CHALLENGES WITH EXISTING ASPS

ASPs vary in scope, level of detail, and technical background

Majority of the County's ASP's have not been routinely updated

Misalignment with County's strategic priorities and changing economic, social, and environmental conditions

Barriers and uncertainty for the public, applicants and County staff

CHALLENGES WITH EXISTING ASPS

ASP / ARP Name	Date Created	Last Amendment
Acheson Industrial	2014	2020
Atim Creek North	2002	2013
Big Lake	1991	2013
Entwistle	2012	2017
Fifth Meridian	2001	2003
Glory Hills	1979	2010
Highvale End Land Use	1997	2016
Jackfish Lake	1997	2013
Jackfish-Mayatan	1981	2013
Woodbend-Graminia	1984	2013
Wabamun Hamlet	2023	-
Wabamun Waterfront	2010	2011

WHY DO THIS PROJECT?

Achieve a baseline assessment of our ASPs and planning framework

Create predictability for Council and Administration

Setup to achieve the following goals:

1. Align Policies

2. Streamline Services

3. Flexibility and Adaptability

4. User Friendliness

PROPOSED APPROACH

Information Gathering
- Jurisdictional Scan of rural ASPs
- Gap Analysis based on findings of scan

Evaluation Framework
- Use to determine whether an ASP needs to be updated, rescinded, or newly created

Internal Engagement
- Conduct Internal Committee meetings and workshop

Recommendations
- Run each ASP through the evaluation framework
- Create breakdown prioritizing ASPs and / or planning documents to update, rescind, or newly create

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SCHEDULE: WHAT'S NEXT?

Info Gathering and Draft Framework	Spring - Summer 2025
GPC Project Introduction	June 17 2025
Recommendations	Fall 2025
Sharing Findings and Decision Request	Second GPC Meeting: Winter 2026 Council Presentation(s): Spring 2026

CONCLUSION

ASPs Need Updating

Prioritization of ASPs is the Key Deliverable

Allows Council to Make Informed Decisions

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) receive the Area Structure Plan Prioritization Project update and proposed approach for information, as presented. The final deliverable and recommendations of this project will be presented to Council in Spring 2026.

THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?