

Topic: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan 2016 Update – Definitions of Sustainability

**Introduction:**

This report provides information on the proposed definitions of sustainability for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) 2016 update. The report also provides information on why the definitions of sustainability are needed for the update and how they were developed.

**Facts (Background Information):****LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

March 8, 2016

- Council approved the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan project workplan and ICSP vision statement.

**PURPOSE**

Administration is seeking Council approval of the ICSP definitions of sustainability as the next step in updating Parkland County's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan in 2016.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Public engagement on the update to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan is outlined in the ICSP project workplan which was approved by Council on March 8, 2016.

Public engagement on the update to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan will follow the public consultation plan which forms part of the ICSP project workplan.

**PLAN CONFORMANCE**

The update to the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan **will conform** to the strategic priorities outlined in Council Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

**Analysis:**

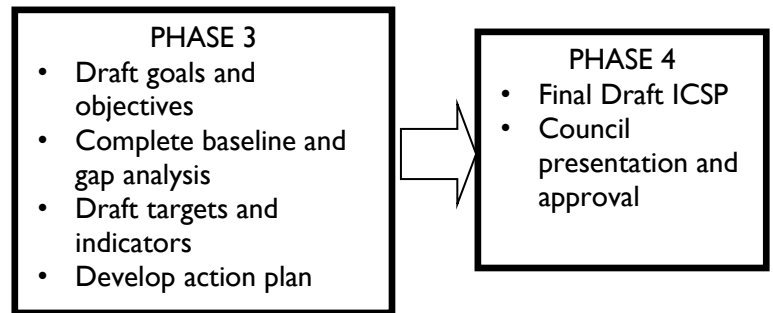
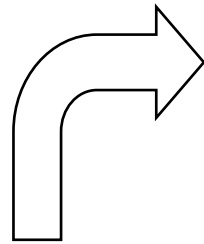
In early to mid-2015, Administration worked with the public and the Community Sustainability & Development Plan (CSDP) Advisory Committee to develop the CSDP Definitions of Sustainability. The CSDP Definitions of Sustainability cover five theme areas for sustainability:

- Built Environment (Land Use)
- Natural Environment
- Economy
- Community
- Governance

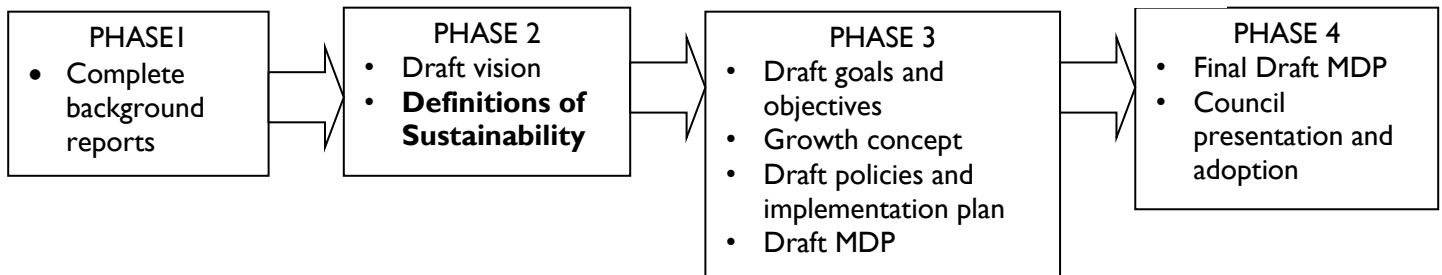
In October 2015, Administration began to separate the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan update from the Municipal Development Plan update. Administration is currently in "phase 3" of the ICSP update:

## ICSP Process

**WE ARE HERE  
IN THE ICSP**



## MDP Process



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 definitions of sustainability for the ICSP include:

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT (LAND USE)**

*A state in which the community's built environment meets community needs, now and in the future.*

We will: 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.

### **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

*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.*

We will:

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.

### **ECONOMY**

*A state in which Parkland County's economy is able to generate prosperity now and in the future.*

We will: Pursue diversification, innovation, collaboration, and long-term sustainability of our economy in order to produce equitable prosperity over generations.

### **COMMUNITY**

*A state in which the community's social and cultural traditions thrive now and in the future.*

*We will: Foster a healthy quality of life by promoting inclusiveness and empowerment that supports equity, diversity, liveability and resilience in a rural-character setting.*

## **GOVERNANCE**

*A system of government which maintains the capacity and the resources necessary to function now and in the future.*

*We will: 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.*

### **Need for ICSP definitions of sustainability**

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan requires definitions of sustainability in order to provide the specific direction to Administration when completing the rest of the ICSP. The definitions of sustainability “expand” on the ICSP vision statement, and help form the foundation for ICSP goal, target, initiative and policy development.

### **Alignment to the MDP**

CSDP Advisory Committee meetings and public consultations in 2015 resulted in the creation of 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 this as the MDP guiding principles.

Once approved by Council, the ICSP definitions of sustainability will be used to guide the development of ICSP goals and targets.

### **Next steps**

Administration is currently in “step 2” of the ICSP project workplan. Step 1 involved Council’s approval of the ICSP project workplan and ICSP vision statement. Administration will next present draft goals and targets for the Community, Environment and Economy theme areas as outlined in the ICSP project workplan. The next Council update will be in May 2016.

### **Conclusion/Summary:**

Administration recommends the adoption of the ICSP definitions of sustainability as presented.

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# Project Workplan

Step	Deliverables	Milestone date (s)
Council presentation: Overview of MDP update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Workplan</li> <li>• Consultation Plan</li> <li>• Approval of project vision</li> <li>• Content Outline (information purposes)</li> <li>• Council Presentation</li> </ul>	March 8, 2016
<b>Definitions of Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approval of Draft Definitions of Sustainability for each community theme area</b></li> </ul>	<b>March 22, 2016</b>
ICSP Drafting Phase 1 (Q2 Council update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Introduction, Community Vision and Definitions section</li> <li>• Approval of Goals, Objectives and Targets for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community (Social and Cultural)</li> <li>○ Environment</li> <li>○ Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council presentation</li> </ul>	May 10, 2016
ICSP Drafting Phase 2 (Q2 Council update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Goals, Objectives and Targets for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Land Use (Built Environment)</li> <li>○ Governance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council presentation</li> </ul>	June 28, 2016
ICSP Drafting Phase 3 (Q3/Q4 Council update).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Action Plan:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community (Social and Cultural)</li> <li>○ Environment</li> <li>○ Economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council presentation</li> </ul>	September/October 2016
ICSP Drafting Phase 4 (Q4 Council update)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Action Plan:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Built Environment</li> <li>○ Governance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council presentation</li> </ul>	November 2016
Finalize draft ICSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft ICSP Adoption               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Final Draft ICSP text</li> <li>○ Final Draft Indicator section</li> <li>○ Final Appendices</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council Presentation</li> </ul>	December 2016

## Alignment of ICSP Definitions of Sustainability and MDP Guiding Principles

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – DEFINITIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY	MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRINCIPLES
<p><b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT (LAND USE)</b>  <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><b>BUILT ENVIRONMENT</b>  <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><b>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>  <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><b>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT</b>  <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><b>ECONOMY</b>  <i>A state in which Parkland County'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 long-term sustainability of our economy in order to produce equitable prosperity over generations.</i></p>	<p><b>ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT</b>  <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><b>COMMUNITY</b>  <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><b>COMMUNITY</b>  <i>The County supports healthy communities by promoting inclusiveness, empowerment, diversity and community resilience and thriving social and cultural traditions.</i></p>
<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b>  <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 in-formation, defends civil rights and regards the rule of law.</i></p>	<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b>  <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>