

Bylaw 2025 – 16 Amendment to the Parkland County Municipal Development Plan**Recommendation:**

1. THAT Bylaw 2025-16 receive first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 2025-16 receive second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 2025-16 receive third reading.

Background Information:

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) establishes a vision for the County's long-term growth. It identifies where future residential, employment, recreation, and community services growth will occur. It also has policies to guide infrastructure, transportation, and environmental protection. A MDP is required by the Municipal Government Act (MGA) for all municipalities in Alberta. It is a statutory plan that must align with provincial and regional requirements.

Analysis:

Upon the approval of third reading for the updated Parkland County MDP (Bylaw 2024-22), administration began to measure policies to determine their effectiveness. Through this review, it was identified that two (2) glossary terms required updating to support the MDP's policy intent for efficiency prior to the start of construction season. Additionally, through the Land Use Bylaw's ReDesign efforts, the glossary terms were identified to not be in alignment with one another, which administration proceeded to rectify. **Attachment 2- Redline.**

Engagement

Administration conducted a virtual open house to present the two (2) glossary terms which are being proposed for amending. In total, three (3) representatives attended the virtual open house with general support for the proposed glossary amendments. The virtual open house was advertised for approximately three weeks on County online platforms.

Circulation

In compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act, Administration circulated the proposed bylaw to relevant agencies and adjacent municipalities. Internal and external circulation of the proposed amendments for comment occurred between April 29, 2025, and May 21, 2025. No concerns were identified from internal and external circulation.

Policy Framework Review

The policy frameworks relevant to the consideration of the proposed Municipal Development Plan are as follows:

1. Parkland County Strategic Plan 2022-2025: The following policy statements within the current Parkland County Strategic Plan support the proposed amendment:

Pillar B- Economic Diversification

- B4- To support existing new businesses in Parkland County with a focus on micro and small businesses

Pillar D- Responsible Leadership

- D1: To ensure that County Council is supported by a robust and current framework of bylaws, policies, and plans
- D2: To strive for organizational excellence in delivering County services and programs to residents, businesses, and community groups

Next Steps / Conclusion

Administration recommends that Council give Bylaw 2025-16 first, second and third reading as it is in alignment Parkland County's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 Pillars B and D.

As the public hearing for this item has been completed prior to first reading, administration provides the following options for next steps:

1. If Council desires to receive further information, Council may adjourn the Public Hearing to continue to receive additional information accordingly.
2. Should Council be satisfied with the information received at the Public Hearing, that the Public Hearing be closed and:
 - a. That Bylaw 2025-16 be presented to Council at this meeting for first, second and third reading.
OR
 - b. That Bylaw 2025-16 be presented for first, second and third reading at a later date or a date directed by Council.

If Council chooses to not move forward with the readings of bylaw 2025-16 proposed amendments will not occur.

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