

Priorities Committee Meeting_Mar14_2017

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Municipal Development Plan Update – Items for Discussion****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with items for discussion regarding the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Update.

Council History

March 6, 2007 – Council approved Motions 175/2007 and 176/2007, amendments to MDP Bylaw 1-2007.

May 22, 2007 – Council approved MDP Bylaw 1-2007.

March 11, 2010 – Capital Region Growth Plan was adopted by Province.

February 19, 2013 – Council approved Bylaw 42-2012 to ensure the MDP was in conformance with the Capital Region Growth Plan.

April 21, 2015 – Council received an overview of the MDP Update process and public engagement.

July 14, 2015 & November 10, 2015 - Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process and public engagement.

February 16, 2016 - Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process.

March 22, 2016 - Council directed that Administration include consideration of land use options within the rural/urban transition policy area (Colchester) in the current MDP Update.

May 17, 2016 & June 14, 2016– Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process.

November 22, 2016 - Priorities Committee received an overview of the Rural Service Area and Options for Colchester.

January 24, 2017 - Priorities Committee received an overview of the Urban Service Area and Hamlet sections for the MDP Update.

February 14, 2017 - Priorities Committee received an overview of the General and Implementation sections for the MDP Update.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The Economic Development section of the MDP will be reviewed to ensure policy aligns with the objectives of the Economic Sustainability Framework and Strategic Plan for a diverse economy and effective and efficient municipal infrastructure.

Governance: The public engagement and communications plan for the MDP Update will aim to create an inclusive process that engages residents and stakeholders.

Social: The MDP Update will review the social development section of the document to ensure it reflects the objectives of the Social Sustainability Framework and Strategic Plan for an active and healthy community.

Culture: The MDP Update will be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the Strategic Plan to create vibrant, creative communities.

Environment: The MDP Update will review the environmental section of the document to ensure it reflects the objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Framework and Strategic Plan to protect our environment and preserve biodiversity.

Other Impacts

Policy: Policy 17.4 of the MDP indicates a major review of the document is to be conducted every five years in order to ensure the Plan remains valid and effective.

Legislative/Legal: Any changes to the MDP will require passage of a bylaw to replace or amend Bylaw 1-2007.

Interdepartmental: Multiple Strathcona County departments are involved in the MDP Update.

Summary

Administration is providing an overview regarding the public engagement completed as part of Phase 4 of the MDP Update process. The draft MDP was presented to the public at two open houses in January as well as through an online survey. A summary regarding the public engagement for Phase 4 is attached as Enclosure 2.

Administration is presenting detailed information regarding the feedback for items needing further discussion. This includes:

1. 80-acre splits in the Agriculture Large Holdings Policy Area
2. minimum 20-acre parcels in the Agriculture Small Holdings Policy Area
3. country residential servicing in the Country Residential Policy Area
4. seasonal bareland recreational resorts in the Beaver Hills Policy Area

In addition, public engagement was also conducted regarding policy area options for Colchester. An open house was held on January 19, 2017, and an online survey for Colchester residents ran until February 13, 2017. A summary regarding the public engagement for Colchester is attached as Enclosure 3.

Recommendations from Administration for Colchester and the MDP Update items requiring further discussion are included in the attached PowerPoint (Enclosure 1).

Communication Plan

A range of stakeholders such as community groups, school boards, developers, as well as the general public have been consulted for the MDP Update. The County has utilized traditional engagement tools such as open houses, stakeholder interviews, posters, newspaper advertisements and the County website. In addition, the County has a white board video, online engagement hub, backgrounder discussion papers, e-newsletters, postcards, bus ads, portable signs and has utilized social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to engage the public.

Enclosures

- 1 MDP Update Outstanding Items
- 2 MDP Update Phase 4 Public Engagement Summary
- 3 Colchester Public Engagement Summary

