

**Strathcona County Regional Context Statement****Report Purpose**

To provide Council with information to make a decision on the Strathcona County Regional Context Statement required for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB).

**Recommendation**

THAT the Strathcona County Regional Context Statement, as outlined in Enclosure 1 to the September 25, 2018 Planning and Development Services council report, be approved.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

**Report**

The Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan came into effect on October 26, 2017. In accordance with the Growth Plan Section 5.1.2 Regional Context Statements, member municipalities that are required by the *Municipal Government Act* to prepare a Municipal Development Plan (MDP) must submit a Regional Context Statement to the EMRB for information within one year of the Growth Plan being approved by the Government of Alberta. As a result, the Regional Context Statement is required to be approved by Strathcona County Council and submitted to the EMRB by October 26, 2018.

The Regional Context Statement is intended as a transition mechanism to address the time lag between the approval of the Growth Plan and the updating of MDP's. Member municipalities will identify in the Regional Context Statement how existing MDP's conform, or diverge from the new Growth Plan, and how municipalities will bring their MDP's into compliance.

As Strathcona County recently updated its MDP in accordance with the new Growth Plan requirements, the MDP currently meets all of the requirements identified by the Growth Plan, as outlined in Enclosure 1.

**Council and Committee History**

September 5, 2017 Council adopted Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** n/a

**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a

**Enclosure**

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