# **Municipal Land Framework**

Priorities Committee Council Meeting
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### Introduction

- Planning and Development Services is working with Stantec to create a Municipal Land Framework.
- Discuss with the Committee the need to have a Framework.





### **Vision**

Land is a limited resource with diverse potential uses that must be managed in a timely, transparent and strategic way in order to maximize its benefit to the County.



## Understanding the framework

#### Why do we need a framework?

- The Municipal Land Framework is a tool that will guide the use, acquisition, and disposition of land in a timely, transparent and strategic manner.
- Will provide policy and process for land related decisions over the next 25 years.
- Provide a guide to the balancing and prioritization of demands and requirements for land that are identified by County departments, the residents and elected officials.



## Understanding the framework

- Is required to efficiently, and responsibly guide land acquisition and disposition taking into consideration requirements for upcoming projects including operational requirements, financial resources and environmental stewardship.
- Land acquisition or disposition, done properly, requires alignment with the County's Strategic Plan and precise analysis that looks at both short and long-term needs.



# **Current property inventory**

Fee Simple Title	Total Hectares	Licenses/Leases	Registered	Estimated Value
			Encumbrances	
2,045	4,605	380	3,300	\$498,558,340



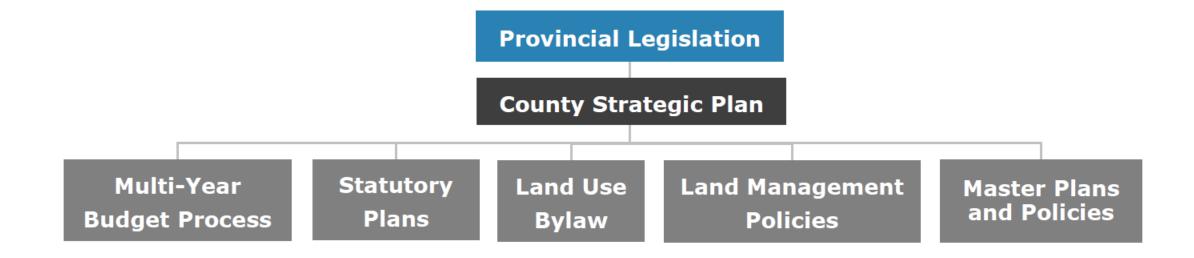


### **Benefits of the framework**

- Will formalize a process to manage, utilize and process land assets to the highest and best use.
- Will bring consistency to decision making and reporting.
- Will provide for greater transparency.



# Land management hierarchy





## Strategic outcomes

- Sustainability
- Community
- Efficiency
- Value

- Conservation
- Consistency
- Adaptability



#### **Detailed land analysis**

- Current land inventory
- Determining the highest and best use
- Value of land asset

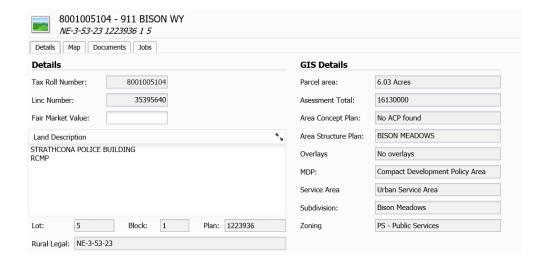


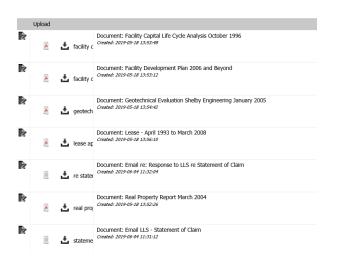


- Understanding the commitments and obligations of the over 3,600 agreements which include:
  - > Leases
  - > Licenses
  - > Utility rights-of-way and easements
- Understanding future land and programming requirements
- Impacts to budget



 Developing a comprehensive data base and mapping tool that will have the capability to provide the most up-to-date information on County land.









#### **Land acquisition**

- Land acquisition can be in many forms:
  - Fee Simple (full purchase)
  - Option to Purchase
  - Right of First Refusal
  - Donation
  - Easements and Rights-of-way
  - Lease
  - Land exchange

#### **Partial land acquisition**

- Is required when only a partial strip of land rights is required.
- This is typically needed for linear rights such are utility servicing, and road widening.



#### **Land disposition**

- Develop a process to dispose of land that is surplus to the County's requirements
- Department consideration

- Public engagement
- Council approval
- Impacts to budget



#### **Lease and Licensing**

- Municipal Land Licensing Program for agricultural purposes
- Long-term lease agreements
- Service leases
- Surface and mineral lease



#### **Encroachments and unauthorized use**

- County land is often used for purposes no permitted or approved
- Identified through inspection process, compliance review or by public complaint
- Unauthorized Use of County Property Bylaw 8-2007







# Questions?

