

Bylaw 7-2020 Strathcona County and Beaver County Intermunicipal Development Plan**Report Purpose**

To provide Council with information to make a decision on first, second and third reading of a bylaw that proposes to adopt the Strathcona County and Beaver County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Recommendations

1. THAT Bylaw 7-2020, a bylaw that proposes to adopt the Strathcona County and Beaver County Intermunicipal Development Plan, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 7-2020 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 7-2020 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 7-2020 be given third reading.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

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

Report

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a high-level statutory plan jointly developed by two or more neighbouring municipalities in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*. IDP's ensure that land use decisions within the IDP area are thoughtfully considered through a cooperative planning approach to support the long-term interests of both municipalities.

The Province of Alberta completed a review of the *MGA* and made a number of amendments effective April 1, 2018. Included in these amendments was a requirement that all municipalities within the Province adopt an IDP with municipalities that have common boundaries and are not members of a growth region. Municipalities that are required to adopt an IDP must have an IDP in place by April 1, 2020.

On November 27, 2019, the Government of Alberta passed the *Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act*. This Act made resulted in changes to the *MGA*. One of the changes is that if both municipalities agree, then an IDP is not required.

Despite the changes resulting from the *Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act*, both municipalities agreed they would move forward in preparing a final draft and pursuing adoption of the IDP, given that the IDP was near completion at the time of the adoption of the new act.

The Strathcona County and Beaver County IDP included one phase of public engagement. Public engagement included an open house, which took place on November 21, 2019, and comment sheets, which provided the opportunity for residents to review information on the draft IDP and provide comments and feedback. A Public Engagement Summary is available on the IDP project website.

The PowerPoint presentation includes information related to the IDP.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The *MGA* provides that Council may, by bylaw, adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan

Interdepartmental: IDP Technical Committee including Planning and Development Services, Transportation and Agricultural Services, Transportation Planning and Engineering, and Utilities

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

Letter, newspaper advertisement and County website

Enclosures

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| 1 | Strathcona County, Beaver County and Town of Bruderheim IDP presentation |
| 2 | Bylaw 7-2020 |
| 3 | Rural location map |
| 4 | Location map |
| 5 | Air photo map |
| 6 | Notification map |