

**Priorities Committee Meeting\_Mar08\_2016**

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****Comparison Matrix of Bremner and Colchester****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with a populated comparison matrix of the Bremner and Colchester Growth Management Strategies for their review.

**Council History**

March 6, 2007 – Council approved amendments to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 1-2007.

May 22, 2007 – Council passed Bylaw 1-2007, the Municipal Development Plan.

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

July 17, 2012 – Council directed Administration to bring back a Terms of Reference, a revised Growth Management Strategy and timeline.

October 23, 2012 – Council directed Administration to initiate a Growth Management Strategy and timeline for the Urban Reserve Area (Bremner).

November 20, 2012 – Council directed Administration to commence preparation of the Growth Management Strategy for the Colchester Urban/Rural Transition Policy Area following completion of the Bremner Urban Reserve Growth Management Strategy.

September 23, 2014 – Council received the Bremner Growth Management Strategy as information.

March 31, 2015 – Council received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy process.

July 07, 2015 - Council received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy. Council directed Administration to proceed with Part 2 Optional Work, being the Recommended Concept and Policy Direction, and complete the Colchester Growth Management Strategy.

September 29, 2015 – Priorities Committee received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy, specifically to present the results of the fiscal impact analysis of the three initial design concepts, as well as the draft community design concept.

November 24, 2015 – Priorities Committee received an update on the Colchester Growth Management Strategy, specifically to present the draft recommended community design concept, as well as the draft policy directions.

January 26, 2016 - Administration presented an overview of the Draft Colchester Growth Management Strategy to Priorities Committee.

February 2, 2016 - Council received the Colchester Growth Management Strategy as information.

February 16, 2016 – Priorities Committee received a draft unpopulated matrix for the purpose of comparing the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies.

### **Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** The Comparison Matrix process will include an assessment of growth options using the Fiscal Impact Model.

**Governance:** The public engagement and communications plans for the Growth Management Strategies aimed to create an inclusive process that engaged residents, businesses, and affected landowners.

**Social:** The Growth Management Strategy process assessed the social impacts of various growth options and reflected the objectives of the Social Sustainability Framework. Growth management decisions have implications for future community affordability and provision of housing.

**Culture:** The Growth Management Strategies included principles and goals to guide the creation of a vibrant and creative community in the development areas.

**Environment:** The Growth Management Strategy process assessed the environmental impacts of various growth options and reflected the objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Framework.

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** Municipal Development Plan (MDP) 1-2007, Policy 17.41 requires a Growth Management Strategy and associated servicing studies to be completed and endorsed by Council prior to the acceptance of new applications for Area Concept Plans, Area Structure Plans, rezoning or subdivisions within the boundaries of the Urban Reserve (Bremner Area) as well as the Rural/Urban Transition Policy Area (Colchester Area).

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** Multiple Strathcona County departments were involved in the development of the Growth Management Strategies through inter-departmental Technical Advisory Committees.

### **Summary**

On February 2, 2016, Council directed Administration to bring a populated matrix for the purpose of comparing the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies to Priorities Committee on March 8, 2016.

The populated matrix has been created to include criteria for comparison from the Colchester and Bremner Growth Management Strategies as well as from the completed supporting technical documents such as the high-level Biophysical Assessments and Transportation Analysis. The populated matrix also includes criteria for comparison on the Fiscal Impact Assessments of the final recommended concepts for both Colchester and Bremner.

Administration has revised the draft matrix and incorporated an appendix in order to include some of the additional items discussed at the Priorities Committee meeting on February 16, 2016. In the appendix, Administration has also identified the remaining additional items discussed by the Priorities Committee on February 16 which would require more time to prepare, would require an additional study, and/or would be required at the Area Concept Plan (ACP) or Area Structure Plan (ASP) stage of planning.

### **Communication Plan**

Information Release

Website Update

**Enclosures**

- 1 Bremner/Colchester populated Comparison Matrix
- 2 Bremner/Colchester Growth Management Strategy Key Assumptions