

Priorities Committee Meeting_Nov22_2016

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Municipal Development Plan Update****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an overview of the Rural Service Area and options for the Rural/Urban Transition Policy Area (Colchester) for the Municipal Development Plan Update.

Council History

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

May 22, 2007 – Council approved Municipal Development Plan 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 Municipal Development Plan (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 - Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process and public engagement.

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 Municipal Development Plan Update.

May 17, 2016 – Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process for information.

June 14, 2016 - Priorities Committee received an update on the MDP Update process.

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 bringing forward information on the current status of the MDP Update as well as detailed overview on the draft Rural Service Area section of the MDP Update. Given the information provided is regarding the Policy Areas within the Rural Service Area, Administration has also brought forward options for the Colchester area as directed by Council on March 22, 2016. See Enclosure I for detailed information.

Communication Plan

A range of stakeholders such as community groups, school boards, developers, as well as the general public have been, and will continue to be, 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.

Enclosure

- 1 MDP Update Rural Service Area and Options for Colchester Presentation