

TOWN OF STRATHMORE

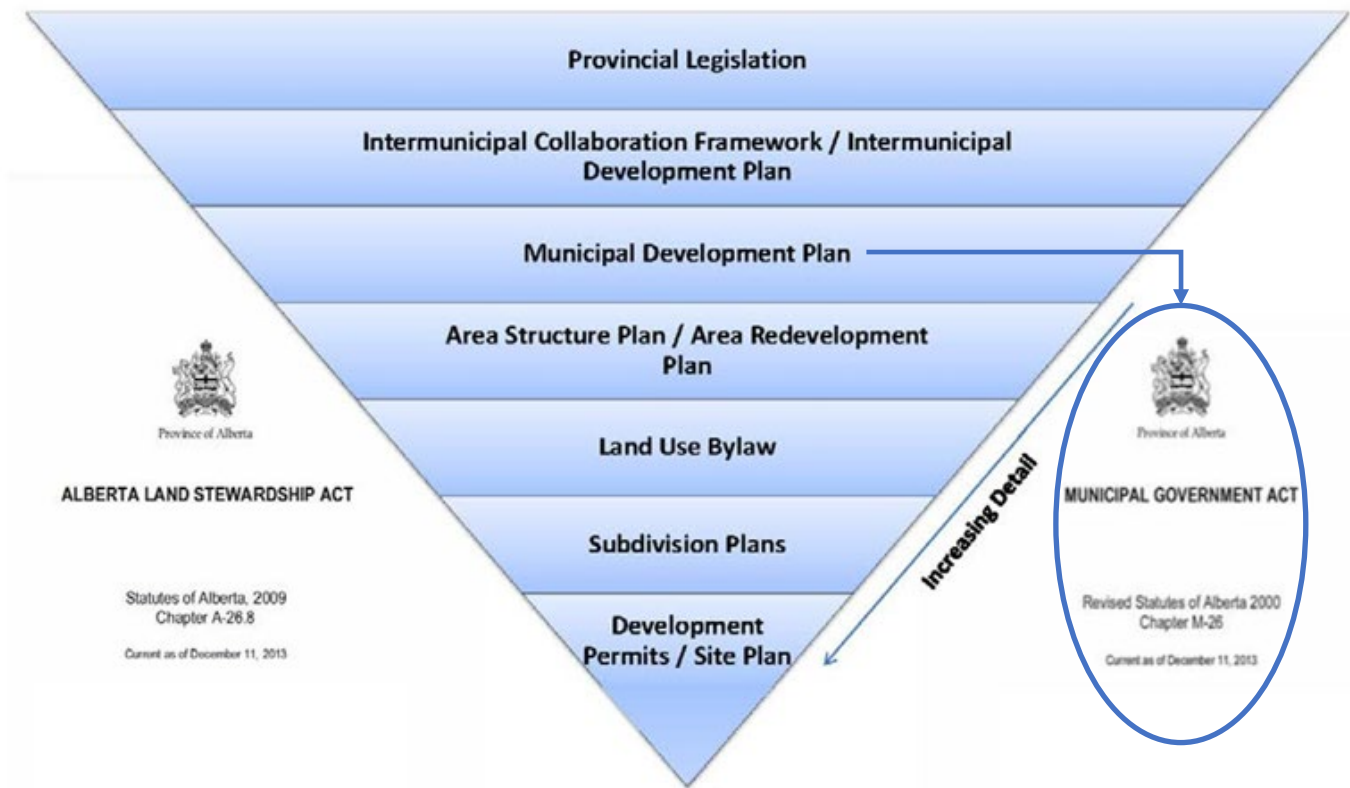
Municipal Development Plan Review

Background Report



Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 10, 2024

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Background Continued...

- Current MDP approved in 2014 – typically reviewed every 4-5 years as a “best practice” across Canada;
- MDP Review was started and paused due to global pandemic – background work and public consultation completed prior to the pause;
- “Silver-Lining” of the MDP Review being paused is an opportunity to align and partner with the Town’s Strategic Plan; and,
- Town is well-positioned to relaunch MDP Review as “Strathmore Forward >>| Together” in 2024 to 2025.



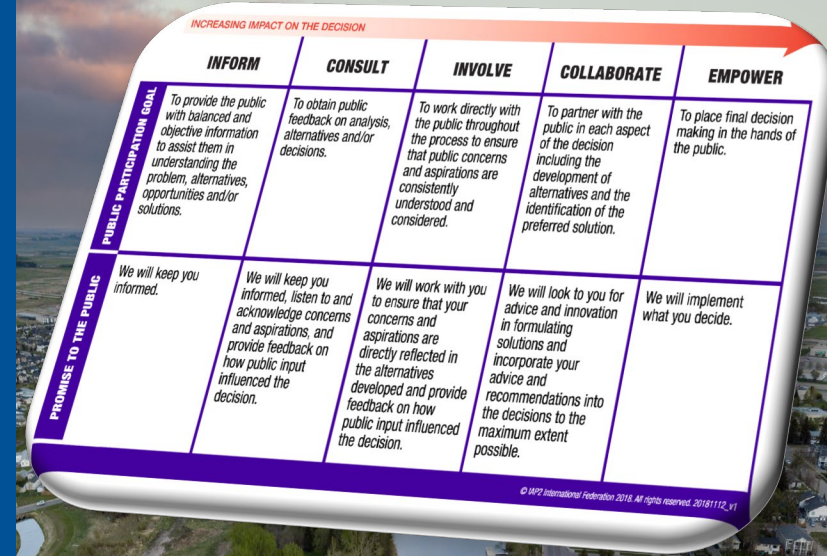
Project Highlights

- MDP 2024 upgrades MDP 2014 and will be responsive to strategic priorities and current land use planning matters;
- MDP 2024 built as a “living document” (ie. adaptive management approach) ensuring the Town is “out in front” when it comes to good land use planning;
- MDP 2024 as a guiding policy document, accessible and useful for all municipal departments, staff and public; and,
- Linkages to Town documents (eg. Economic Development Action Plan, Master Servicing Studies, Recreation and Culture Master Plan, Strategic Plan, Wetlands Conservation Plan, etc.).



Key Project Objectives

- Align MDP 2024 with provincial legislation for MDPs in the MGA and all related and applicable supporting regulations;
- Review & Align MDP 2024 with existing plans and studies that have been approved by Council since MDP 2014 was originally adopted;
- Engage in further meaningful public consultation with all stakeholders to help guide MDP 2024; and,
- Being the best planning administrators!



Strategic Priorities ➡ MDP Policies

Strategic Priority	Example(s)
Affordable Living	Improved Housing Mix (eg. accessory dwelling units, “missing middle” housing, supporting small business, etc.)
Climate Resiliency	Natural Infrastructure Systems (eg. conserved ecosystems, green roofs, xeriscaping, etc.)
Community Development	Area Structure Plans (eg. minimum densities? Requiring mixed use? etc.)
Community Wellness	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
Economic Development	Community Investment Readiness (eg. non-residential business attraction), Growth Management Strategies (eg. contiguous growth, future land use schedule, etc.)
Financial Sustainability	Infrastructure Planning (eg. aligning financial and land use decisions)



What Are We Doing Now?

- Working on and finalizing Draft MDP;
- Finalizing a Public Engagement Strategy;
- Receiving initial feedback from Council; and,
- Preparing for launch of “OTY” Project Portal Website.

What's Up Next?

- Release Draft MDP to Public;
- Launch & Complete Public Engagement; and,
- “What We Heard” (Interim Report).



MDP Project Team

- Chuck Procter, Manager of Development Services
- Glen Ferguson, Project Manager & Sr. Planner
- Kate Bakun, Planner
- Catherine Cortez, Administrative Assistant
- Also critical to the core-team:
 - Planning Consultant
 - TOS Agencies & Departments
 - External Agencies & Departments
 - Public & Project Stakeholders!



**Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?**



**We want
your ideas
too!**

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