



March 1, 2018

Neal Sarnecki, Manager Regional Projects
Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board
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10104 – 103 Ave.
Edmonton, AB T5J 0H8

Dear Mr. Sarnecki:

**Re: Leduc County/County of Wetaskiwin No.10 Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)
Regional Evaluation Framework Application**

Leduc County submits the proposed Leduc County/County of Wetaskiwin IDP as per Ministerial Order MSL:111/17, the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF), pursuant to Section 4.1 which states that a municipality must refer to the Board any proposed new statutory plan, unless they are exempted by sub-clauses of the REF. In this instance there are no such exemptions.

The bylaw to adopt the IDP received first reading from Leduc County on February 13, 2018 (Bylaw 05-18).

Bill 21: The Modernized Municipal Government Act has been adopted by the Province and it updates the Municipal Government Act (MGA). As a part of this update, municipalities are required to adopt Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) to cover shared service provision opportunities between adjacent municipalities. These ICFs, in turn, require that the municipalities involved develop an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) as outlined in the MGA under section 631.

While the provisions of Bill 21 with regards to ICFs do not come into force until April of 2018, the scope of this requirement, combined with the already known deadline of April 2020, mean that many Albertan municipalities are already undertaking some or all of the work required to get these frameworks into place. As a part of this undertaking, Wetaskiwin County has received a provincial grant to develop a template for ICFs and IDPs for smaller municipalities.

In early 2017, Wetaskiwin County hired Vicinia Planning and Engagement to develop these templates and, over the course of 2017, Leduc County provided assistance to Wetaskiwin County and their consultants through document reviews and detailed feedback and comment with regards to the ICF and IDP template. This template is the foundation of the proposed IDP being submitted today, which meets the requirements laid out in Section 631 of the MGA.

The proposed Leduc County/County of Wetaskiwin No 10 IDP is also consistent with the goals and policies of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan as it envisions continued rural uses within the plan area with development of the Pigeon and Wizard Lake areas to occur in accordance with Area Structure Plans.

Included with this referral are documents submitted in support of the IDP:

- i. Leduc County Bylaw to adopt the Intermunicipal Development Plan
- ii. Draft Leduc County/County of Wetaskiwin No 10 Intermunicipal Development Plan
- iii. Summary of how the IDP aligns with the EMRGP
- iv. Council Report

Leduc County requests that the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board consider and approve this application.

If you have any questions on this submission, please contact Benjamin Ansaldo at Benjamin@leduc-county.com or myself at the coordinates below.

Sincerely,



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