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Malcolm Bruce
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Dear Malcolm Bruce,

Re: Regional Context Statement

At the City of Edmonton Council meeting on May 29, 2018, Council approved Edmonton's regional context statement. Both the approved motion and regional context statement are enclosed.

The regional context statement demonstrates how Edmonton's Municipal Development Plan complies with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan and highlights areas where Edmonton will move into compliance with the Growth Plan.

Yours truly,

Don Iveson
Mayor

Attachment(s):

Approved Motion: 6.13 - Regional Context Statement

City of Edmonton Regional Context Statement (Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Growth Plan)

At the City of Edmonton Council meeting on May 29, 2018, Council passed the following motion:

6.13 **Regional Context Statement**

Moved M. Walters - M. Nickel:

That the Regional Context Statement as set out in Attachment 1 of the May 25, 2018, Regional Economic and Development report CR_5674, be approved, and that Administration be authorized to refer it to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board for information.	Regional and Economic Dev.
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In Favour:

D. Iveson, M. Banga, T. Cartmell, T. Catenna, J. Dziadyk, B. Esslinger, S. Hamilton, B. Henderson, A. Knack, S. McKeen, M. Nickel, A. Paquette, M. Walters

Carried



City of Edmonton Regional Context Statement (Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Growth Plan)

Part 1: Metropolitan Regional Structure

Relevant Policy Tier Identify applicable structure components	Consistency Requirements Growth Plan policies in blue	MDP Response MDP Policies in pink	Action Required: Compliance required
<p>Table 1B: Metropolitan Area</p> <p>Table 1C: Metropolitan Core</p>	<p><i>Built-up urban areas</i></p> <p><i>Sub-regional centres, urban centres, rural centres, transit oriented development centres</i></p> <p><i>Depiction and recognition of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>major employment areas (Schedule 3A)</i> ● <i>local employment areas (Schedule 3B)</i> ● <i>resource-based areas (Schedule 3C)</i> 	<p><u>Land Development Concept</u></p> <p>Map 1: Land Development Concept</p> <p><u>Neighbourhoods</u></p> <p>Map 3-4: Established, Developing & Planned Neighbourhoods</p> <p><u>Employment/Mixed Use/LRT/Transit/Transportation</u></p> <p>Maps 5-16</p> <p><u>Ecological/Natural Areas, Facilities,</u></p> <p>Map 9-17</p> <p><u>Capital Region Board</u></p> <p>Map 13: Capital Region</p> <p>18: Areas Subject to Capital Region Board Review</p> <p><u>Intermunicipal Planning</u></p> <p>Maps 19-22: Intermunicipal Planning</p>	<p>➤ Update maps to show "Metropolitan Area" and "Metropolitan Core" -include: Maps 1, 3, 4 (under "Neighbourhoods in Column 9), Map 13: Capital Region, Map 18 Areas Subject to Capital Region Board Review</p> <p>These, other map updates, and changes in Part 2, to be completed, prior to October 26, 2020, as part of comprehensive MDP Update, <i>City Plan</i> project.</p> <p><i>City Plan</i> target Public Hearing: Q2 2020 3rd Reading and EMRB approval: Q3 2020.</p>

Part 2: Growth Plan Objectives and Policies

Growth Plan Objectives	Consistency Requirements* Growth Plan policies in blue	MDP Response - MDP Reference MDP Policies in pink	Action Required: Compliance required
#1: Economic Competitiveness and Employment			
1.1: Promote global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy See also 1.3, 5.1	1.1.1 "Global economic competitiveness and diversification in the Region will be promoted by...diversification...(and) regional economic initiatives.	8.0 Working Within Our Region promotes increased opportunities for value added, economic diversification, "industrial development that complements Alberta's Industrial Heartland."	No action required
1.2: Promote job growth and the competitiveness of the region's employment base See also: 1.4, 4.5, 4.6, 6.3	Increased employment density and maximizing mix of uses within Edmonton's downtown (1.2.3), ...in mixed use areas and centres (1.2.6)	Higher density residential and employment growth targeted at LR) stations and transit Centres (3.3). 6.1 Downtown Edmonton supported as premier employment centre. 8.1.5.5 "... (c) cooperate ..to attract economic activity to...Region"	No action required
1.3: Enhance competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region See also: 4.1,4,6,5,1,5,4	1.3.1 through 1.3.5 address planning to improve air, road and rail connectivity, including to Edmonton International Airport (EIA), Aerotropolis (1.3.4), as well as energy corridors (1.3.2)	9.3.1 Maintain the integrity of oil and gas pipelines and utility corridors.... 8.1.1.1 Work "with neighbouring municipalities and Alberta Transportation...(to) maintain a functional highway network in the Capital Region" (8.1.1.1).	No action required

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<p>1.4: Promote the livability and prosperity of the Region and plan for the needs of a changing population and workforce See also: 1.2,3,2, 3.3,4,1,4.5</p>	<p>1.4.1 Market affordable and non-market housing is promoted within close commuting distance to <i>major employment areas</i> 1.4.2 "(A) mix of jobs, services, amenities and diversity of housing" within downtown Edmonton, urban, sub-regional, TOD centres (per Table 1A-C).</p>	<p>3.3.1.1 "Promote medium and higher density residential and employment ...around LRT stations and transit centres..." "8.1.3 Meet increased regional demands for housing and employment..." and "8.1.3.4 Participate with other regional municipalities ...to meet regional affordable housing needs..."</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>#2: Natural Living Systems</p>			
<p>2.1: Conserve and restore natural living systems through an ecological network approach See also: 2.2, 2.4</p>	<p>2.1.2 through 2.1.3 address conservation and restoration of <i>natural living systems</i>. 2.1.3 implementation shall be as per the provincial Land-use Framework and North Saskatchewan Regional Plan.</p>	<p>Conservation tools are addressed in: 7.1 Natural Areas; 7.2 Wetlands; 7.3 North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System; 7.4 Parks and Open Space; 7.5 Water. Support regional planning for protection of the environment, North Saskatchewan Watershed (7.5.2.1) and River Valley (8.1.4.3)</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>2.2: Protect regional watershed health, water quality and quantity See also: 2.1, 2.4</p>	<p>2.2.1 "...Water for Life, Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability will "guide statutory plans, regional plans...infrastructure projects" 2.2.2 "...the Groundwater Management Framework, Water Management Framework for the North Saskatchewan Region...to "provide guidance to protect watershed..."</p>	<p>7.5.1 Mitigate impacts on Edmonton's water resources by: 7.5.1.1. "...best-practices ... that reduce stormwater runoff" 7.5.1.3 environmental reserve, 7.5.2 "Protect... enhance the water quality of the North Saskatchewan Watershed"</p>	<p>No action required</p>

<p>Growth Plan Objectives</p> <p>2.3: Plan development to promote clean air, land and water and address climate change impacts</p>	<p>Consistency Requirements* Growth Plan policies in blue</p> <p>2.3.1 - 2.3.4 Planning and design to include <i>low-impact development</i> and <i>green building</i> practices, energy conservation and recovery, and green energy 2.3.3 "Air Quality Management Framework for the North Saskatchewan Region" shall be adhered to, in accordance with the Alberta Land Stewardship Act".</p>	<p>MDP Response - MDP Reference MDP Policies in pink</p> <p>5.6 "buildings and public spaces to incorporate design ...that mitigate(s) impacts on .. natural ... environment." 5.6.1.6 "... City owned facilities: ... (shall) meet or exceed ... Green Building Rating system silver standard (Policy C532)</p>	<p>Action Required: Compliance required</p> <p>No action required</p>
<p>2.4: Minimize and mitigate the impacts of regional growth on natural living systems</p> <p>See also: 2.1, 2.2</p>	<p>2.4.1 Studies required for statutory, regional infrastructure plans include conservation buffers, flood plain & development setbacks, transition of land uses 2.4.3 Resource extraction areas are directed away from <i>natural living systems</i>.</p>	<p>9.1.1 Mitigate the negative impacts of resource extraction activities... 9.1.1.3 Use setbacks and other land use measures to mitigate any risk or nuisance factors...</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>#3: Communities and Housing</p>			
<p>3.1: Plan and develop complete communities within each policy tier to accommodate people's daily needs for living at all ages</p> <p>Minimum Greenfield Residential Density</p> <p>.....cont'd</p>	<p>3.1.4 "In the <i>metropolitan area</i>, <i>greenfield areas</i> will be planned and developed as complete communities that... c. provide a diversity of housing... d. ...achieve...<i>minimum greenfield density</i>... g. higher density... along...transit</p>	<p>3.1 Growth Coordination Strategy "Promote(s) residential and employment growth...along transit avenues..." (3.3.1.2), a diverse housing supply (4.4 housing Choices) and 4.5 Affordable Housing 8.1.7.1 references "priority growth areas..."to achieve the Capital Region</p>	<p>➤ 3.1 & 3.6 Developing and Planned Neighbourhoods add reference to minimum greenfield residential density (Schedule 6), as part of City Plan MDP update</p>

¹ Sustainable Building Policy - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver

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<p>.....<i>cont'd</i></p> <p>See also: 3.2</p>	<p>corridors...major transit stations.</p>	<p>density targets" 8.1.7.3 New ASPs, NSPs, required to meet CRB minimum density targets</p>	<p>8.1.7.1 & 8.1.7.3 add minimum greenfield residential density for new statutory plans, major plan amendments, as part of <i>City Plan</i> MDP update</p>
<p>3.2: Plan for and promote a range of housing options</p> <p>See also: 3.3</p>	<p>3.2.1 "Housing will be planned... that offers a diversity of types...levels of affordability... (3.2.2), including... <i>infill</i> and <i>compact</i> housing forms." 3.2.3 The greatest density and diversity... directed to centres and areas with...regional infrastructure, transit... amenities..."</p>	<p>4.4.1 "Ensure neighbourhoods ... (include) range of housing choice ... and higher densities and mixed uses "in proximity to LRT stations and transit centres..." (4.4.1.4). 4.5.1.2 "Encourage new development and infill...to incorporate affordable housing..."</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>3.3: Plan for and promote market affordable and non-market housing to address core housing need</p> <p>See also: 1.4, 3.2</p>	<p>3.3.1 and 3.3.2 address regional plans; regional, municipal and non-profit collaboration for funding; housing needs assessments, innovation; regulatory changes to increase supply of <i>Market affordable, non-market housing</i>. 3.3.3 "Priorities will be established ...for the location of <i>market affordable and non-market housing</i> within...(e.g.) <i>urban & TOD centres</i>...800 metres of major transit station"</p>	<p>4.5.1.1 Work proactively and in partnership with others to meet a wide range of affordable housing needs ...with a focus on LRT stations and transit centres..." and 4.5.1.3 "...to maintain, upgrade and expand the new and existing affordable rental housing..."</p>	<p>No action required</p>

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4: Integration of Land Use and Infrastructure			
<p>4.1 Establish a compact and contiguous development pattern to accommodate employment and population growth²</p> <p>See also: 1.4</p>	<p>4.1.1-4.1.4 "Employment and population growth will be planned in...a <i>contiguous</i> pattern" and "in a compact form" to accommodate the projections in Schedule 1"^{4.1.5}</p> <p>"Proposed non-residential development that is <i>contiguous</i> to <i>urban communities</i>...will require intermunicipal coordination."</p>	<p>3.1 Growth Coordination Strategy</p> <p>3.2.1.7 Preparation of Area Structure Plans requirements.</p> <p>8.1.6 Plan for growth and major infrastructure and service provision with our intermunicipal and regional planning partners.....</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>4.2: Enable growth within built-up urban areas to optimize existing infrastructure and minimize the expansion of the development footprint</p> <p>Aspirational</p> <p>Intensification Targets TOD Centres Targets</p> <p>See also: 1.4, 3.2, 4.5</p>	<p>4.2.1 through 4.2.3 promote residential and employment growth through intensification, as per the density targets in Schedule 6 (4.2.1), in downtown Edmonton; <i>urban, sub-regional, rural, TOD centres; transit corridors, and brownfield sites.</i></p> <p>4.2.4 "<i>Intensification</i> will optimize existing and planned infrastructure"</p>	<p>3.1 Growth Coordination Strategy</p> <p>3.1.1.1 Integrate higher density development with Light Rail Transit (LRT) stations and transit centres</p> <p>Aspirational Intensification Target is in 3.1.1.2: Encourage a minimum of 25 percent of city-wide housing unit growth ... in the Downtown and mature neighbourhoods ... (and) around LRT stations and transit centres...</p> <p>3.3 Integrated Transit and Land Use</p>	<p>>4.2.1 3.1 add TOD Centres targets, i.e. 140-160 people + jobs/gha (see 3.1) as part of City Plan MDP update</p>

² The provincial Land Use Framework Efficient Use of Land Implementation Tools Compendium will be used to plan and develop lands in an efficient manner to limit the expansion of the development footprint and preserve agricultural land.

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<p>4.3: Plan and develop greenfield areas in an orderly and phased manner to contribute to complete communities</p> <p>Minimum Greenfield Residential Density Agricultural Impact Assessment</p> <p>See also: 3.1, 6.2</p>	<p>4.3.1 "Greenfield areas shall be part of a new statutory plan ...developed...in a contiguous pattern to(a) achieve the <i>minimum greenfield density</i>, (Schedule 6):(b)...a mix of land uses...and (e)...mix of housing forms and housing options..."</p> <p>4.3.2 "Greenfield areas... (require) (d),(e) an <i>agricultural impact assessment</i> ...if... a new area structure plan (is located within) or adjacent to <i>prime agricultural lands</i> as identified on Schedule 11"</p>	<p>4.1 Developing and Planned Neighbourhoods</p> <p>4.1.1 Design new neighbourhoods to support the health and livability of our citizens, including mix of land uses, public amenity spaces, public parks and open spaces as directed by <i>Urban Parks Master Plan</i></p> <p>3.1 Growth Coordination Strategy</p> <p>3.6 Developing and Planned Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>> 3.1, Growth Coordination Strategy, 3.6, 8.1.7.3, add minimum greenfield residential density, as per Schedule 6 for statutory plans, major plan amendments(see 3.1)</p> <p>>4.3.2, d,e,3.6 & 3.6.1.7 agricultural impact assessment req'd for new area structure plans</p> <p>See 6.2.4 (3.0 and 10.0).</p> <p>Changes above as part of City Plan MDP update</p>
<p>4.5: Plan for and develop mixed use and higher density centres as areas to concentrate growth of people and jobs</p> <p>Aspirational TOD Centres Target</p>	<p>Policies under 4.5 prescribe form and intensity of employment and residential development within:</p> <p>4.5.1 Centres, 4.5.2 rural & sub-regional centres, 4.5.3 urban centres, 4.5.5 TOD centres - mixed uses in accordance with the centre density targets..." (Schedule 6) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Centres 4.5.3 (a) TOD Centres 4.5.5 (a) 	<p>3.3 Integrated Transit and Land Use</p> <p>3.3.1.1 - 3.3.1.4 "Promote medium and higher density residential and employment growth", including "commercial, entertainment, institutional" uses...around LRT stations and transit centres...and Transit Avenues</p> <p>8.1.2.3.. "Edmonton will encourage regional partnerships..." which support an integrated transit and land use approach</p>	<p>4.5.3 a, 4.5.5 a, 3.3.</p> <p>Add reference to Aspirational TOD Centres Density Target (Schedule 6) in metropolitan core and metropolitan area.</p>

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<p>4.6: Prioritize investment and funding of regional Infrastructure to support planned growth</p> <p>See also 1.2, 1.3</p>	<p>4.6.1 "Regional infrastructure priorities ...to target ... public investments to support employment and population in the Region..."</p> <p>4.6.2 Regional infrastructure and energy corridors planning ... will include</p> <p>a. identifying lands...for multi-use corridors ... (per Schedules 8A and 8B) ...</p> <p>c. coordinating and aligning regional infrastructure (including co-location)</p>	<p>8.1.6 "Plan ... with an integrated transit and land use approach."</p> <p>8.1.6.1 Support Capital Region Sewage Commission and various water services</p> <p>8.1.6.2...cooperation with intermunicipal and regional planning partners ... in order to provide infrastructure and shared services (8.1.6.3) that are cost effective and environmentally sustainable.</p> <p>8.1.6.4 Plan for regional corridors for transportation, utilities and pipelines... (see Map 16: Regional Transit Routes 2007)"</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>4.7: Ensure compatible land use patterns to minimize risks to public safety and health</p>	<p>4.7.1 requires "Safety and risk management" strategies...for "Future airport sites, petrochemical clusters, heavy industrial uses, refineries and ancillary facilities."</p> <p>This includes 4.7.2 a. "transition of land uses" ...within the regional buffer areas...(Schedule 9)". Eco-industrial approaches are to guide the design and development of heavy industrial uses (4.7.4). "Resource extraction areas...are to be protected" (4.7.3).</p>	<p>9.4 Risk Management plans include</p> <p>9.4.1.1 "...adequate separation distances and effective transition zones between ...incompatible uses..."</p> <p>9.4.1.2 Require a risk assessment as part of the approval process..."A 1.5 km distance between land planned or zoned for heavy industry or oil and gas facilities and residential and selected institutional uses...as a general guideline"</p>	<p>No action required</p>

³ Refer to Capital Region Energy Corridor Master Plan, February 2016

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<p>#5: Transportation Systems</p> <p>5.1: Develop a regional transportation system to support and enhance the growth of the Region and regional and global connectivity</p> <p>See also: 1.3, 4.6, 5.2, 5.5</p>	<p>5.1.1 "The regional transportation system ...(Schedules 10A-10C) will be planned and developed to:" (a) deliver viable multi-modal transportation choices (b) ensure... connections to major employment areas, (c) provide efficient regional truck routes and over dimensional corridors, and (d) ensure access and support the economic activities. 5.1.2 "Traffic congestion will be managed by..." (a) improving infrastructure, (b) alternative travel choices, (c) tolls, (d) car sharing, (e) traffic management</p>	<p>8.1.1 "Plan for growth in the Capital Region based on an integrated and effective transportation system and an integrated approach to land use planning." 8.1.1.1 Work with neighbouring municipalities and Alberta Transportation to undertake ... planning...including Anthony Henday Drive, its penetrators and major connectors.</p>	<p>No action required</p>
<p>5.2: Encourage a mode shift to transit, high occupancy vehicles and active transportation modes as viable and attractive alternatives to private automobile travel, appropriate to the scale of the community</p>	<p>5.2.1 "An integrated regional transit system (approach) ..to encourage a mode shift away from private automobiles" through: (a) Integrating transit with other transportation modes, (c) improving transit services, (d) regional transit fare system and (e) cost sharing for regional transit. 5.2.2 "...provide competitive alternatives to single occupant automobile transportation..." 5.2.3 "Active transportation networks and facilities will be integrated into</p>	<p>"Integrated Transit and Land Use" is addressed under 3.3 and 5.3. 5.3.1.1 Connect the development area with existing trails, bikeways, roads, transit routes and parks. 4.6.2.3 Ensure active transportation opportunities are included in plans and development proposals. 8.2.3.1 Continue to work cooperatively...to achieve...an integrated regional transportation system."</p>	<p>No action required</p>

	transportation and land use planning"		
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5.3: Coordinate and integrate land use and transportation facilities and services to support the efficient and safe movement of people, goods and services in both urban and rural areas	5.3.1 Residential commercial, industrial and institutional land uses to be located and developed "to optimize the use of transportation infrastructure" 5.3.2 Built form and related parking regulations are "to foster a modal shift towards transit and active transportation modes." 5.3.4 The locations of goods movement routes... to minimize barriers to effective movement of goods...	4.6.2.3 "Ensure active transportation opportunities are included in plans and development proposals." 5.3.1.1 "Focus on design elements that ...manage parking and transportation demand." 8.1.1.3 "Support efficient goods movement with compatible land use planning along major transportation routes"	No action required
5.4: Support the Edmonton International Airport as northern Alberta's primary air gateway to the world See also: 1.3: ...efficient movement of people, goods and services...	5.4.1 Access to the Edmonton International Airport (EIA) will be improved by: a. ...higher order transit service... b. ...an effective network of roadways and access ...to the QE2 Highway; and c. ...include transit preferential features... 5.4.2 ...land use plans shall comply with Airport Vicinity Protection Area Regulation (AVPA).	8.1.5.2 Support improvements at the Edmonton International Airport by participating with regional partners in an integrated land use and transportation planning approach ...for the future extension of transit service to the airport. 8.1.5.3 Participate in a coordinated regional planning approach to address issues affecting the Edmonton International Airport, including noise management, land use development and access.	No action required
5.5: Ensure effective coordination of regional transportation policies and initiatives between all jurisdictions	5.5.1 ...transportation improvements ...will reflect... this Growth Plan. 5.5.2 Achieving the...objectives of this Plan will be pursued by: a. ...high level of integration and coordination amongst the individual	8.1.1.1 "...working with neighbouring municipalities and Alberta Transportation to plan for compatible uses adjacent to the highway network, maintenance of a functional highway network..."	No action required

...cont'd	transportation plans and related	8.2.3 Facilitate an effective, rational and	
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See also: 5.1 "...regional transportation system..."	...cont'd actions; and b. advocating jointly for policies, funding and actions by other levels of government	coordinated approach to intermunicipal land use, transportation and infrastructure planning and development	
#6: Agriculture			
6.1: Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural lands to provide a secure local source of food security for future generations	6.1.1 "Prime agricultural lands shall be assessed..." through (a) Regional Agriculture Master Plan (RAMF), (in) support the regional food system, (b) the land evaluation and site assessment tool and (c) "use Schedule 11 to identify prime agricultural lands, until the land evaluation and site assessment tool is completed." 6.1.3 "In the metropolitan area, prime agricultural lands identified through the land evaluation and site assessment tool shall be conserved ...for as long as possible, recognizing that these lands will urbanize over time..."	10.1.1 Increase access to local food through regional, city-wide and neighbourhood-level approaches... 10.1.1.3 Work with the Region to develop a Regional Food Policy Council and Regional Food Charter. 10.1.1.4 Collaborate... to develop and implement a City-Wide Food and Agriculture Strategy...to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An examination of the agricultural potential of peri-urban agricultural lands in the northeast, southeast and southwest Urban Growth Areas... Guidelines to protect agricultural operations... Coordination with regional plans/strategies 	No action required Possible update reference to 6.1.3 land evaluation and site assessment tool to assess prime agricultural lands If tool is available prior to the City Plan MDP update, reference to be added in 10.0 Food and Agriculture and/or 3.1 Growth Coordination Strategy, as part of that update. To be used in conjunction with the agricultural impact assessment (see Section 4.3 above, addressed in 3.1 Growth

			Coordination (Strategy)
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6.2: Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands for nonagricultural Uses	6.2.1 "The fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands shall be minimized...for... multi-use corridors..."(6.2.1) and "...for non agricultural uses will only be considered when ... d. an agricultural impact assessment has been completed ...; and e. mitigation measures ... are incorporated (6.2.4) 6.2.5 "An agricultural impact assessment ... will be required when a new area structure plan ...in a greenfield area...contains prime agricultural land..." (Schedule 11)	3.2.1.6 Prevent premature fragmentation of agricultural lands ... 3.2.1.8 ...Area Structure Plans ...shall include:...A peri-urban agricultural section in support of the City-wide Food and Agriculture Strategy:..." 3.2.1.9 Any Area Structure Plan prepared for the Northeast Urban Growth Area shall recognize the value of its agricultural characteristics...to contribute to sustainable food and agriculture systems..." 10.1.1.4 "Collaborate with the Government of Alberta...other stakeholders to develop...a City-Wide Food and Agriculture Strategy..."	>3.2.1.8 Area Structure Plans ...shall include the following: "...agricultural impact assessment", where development proposed within, or adjacent to, identified prime agricultural lands." Change to be completed as part of City Plan MDP update
6.3: Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food system	6.3.1 Value-added agriculture production and the diversification...will be pursued by: a. advancing food production, processing and distribution...; c. promoting diversification... 6.3.2 Supportive infrastructure for the agricultural sector, by a. maintaining and improving transportation access and facilities; and b. providing drainage and irrigation infrastructure.	10.1.1 Increase access to local food through regional, city-wide and neighbourhood-level approaches ... 10.1.1.3 Work with the Region to develop a Regional Food Policy Council and Regional Food Charter. 10.1.1.4 ... develop and implement a City-Wide Food and Agriculture Strategy. "8.1.5.5 Cooperate with the Region's municipalities to build local economic capacity in the region including agriculture and agri-food industries."	No action required



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