

The MDP amendment proposes consistency with the Growth Plan, and minor housekeeping changes.

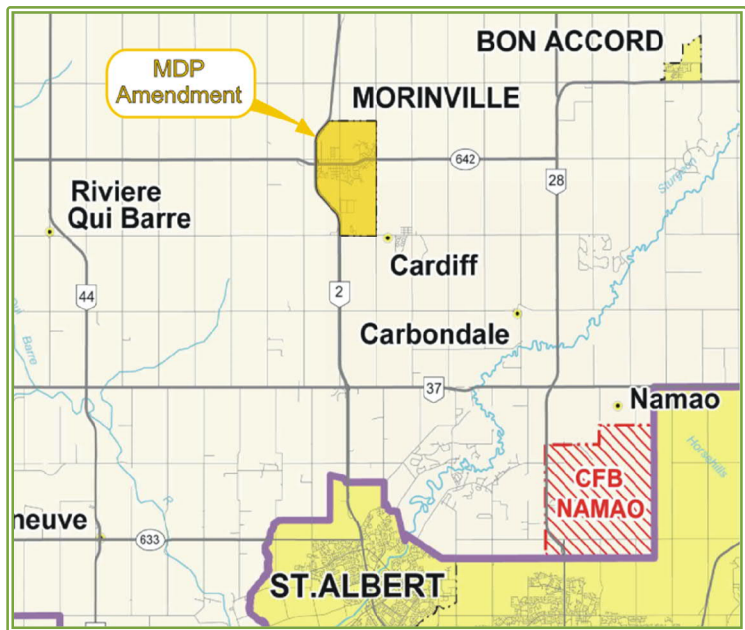


Board Reference:  
REF #2021-005

Municipal Bylaw:  
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## Introduction

The Province has adopted the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board’s review of statutory plans. The Town of Morinville has referred an amendment to its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) pursuant to the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) Section 4.3 a) being: a Municipal Development Plan amendment to conform to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (EMRGP).



## Purpose

The purpose of the amendment is to recognize EMRGP implementation Policy 5.1.3 requiring all member municipalities to update existing Municipal Development Plans to be consistent with the EMRGP. Specifically the amendment:

- identifies the Town’s location within the EMRGP’s Rural Area policy tier;
- adds policies and a map to define built-up areas;
- establishes Coeur de Morinville’s role as a Sub-regional Centre; and,
- replaces references to Capital Region Board with EMRB.

## Conclusion

That the EMRB **APPROVE** the proposed Municipal Development Plan amendment.

## Summary

The proposed MDP amendment allows for the implementation of the Town’s Regional Context Statement approved by Town Council in October of 2018. Updating the MDP to ensure conformance with the EMRGP provides the opportunity to address the structural components outlined in Schedule 2 of the EMRGP as well as some housekeeping changes.

The proposed amendment includes text amendments to the current MDP which was approved prior to the adoption of the EMRGP.

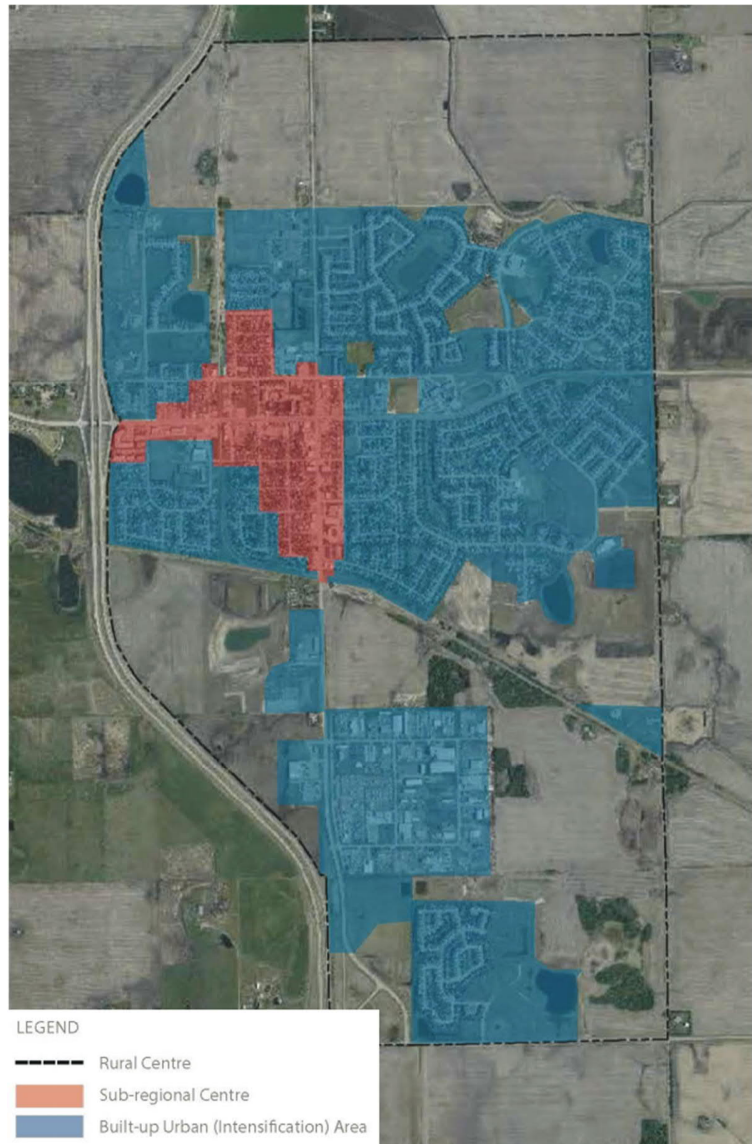
Text amendments are as follow:

- Morinville is identified as being within the Rural Area Policy Tier as per Section 3.2 of the EMRGP;
- Coeur de Morinville (downtown area) is shown as a Sub-regional Centre as per Schedule 2 of the EMRGP;
- The 75 dwelling units/net residential hectare (du/nrha) Sub-regional Centres Density Target is recognized as per Schedule 6 of the EMRGP;
- The EMRGP 10 percent aspirational intensification target for the Built-up Urban Area is also recognized as per Schedule 6 of the EMRGP.

Proposed MDP Map 10: EMRGP Metropolitan Structure identifies Morinville as a Rural Centre containing a Sub-regional Centre. The proposed MDP amendment is consistent with the EMRGP in this regard.

Map 10 also shows the Built-up Urban (Intensification) Area surrounding the Sub-regional Centre. This is not

consistent with amendment text which includes the Coeur de Morinville within the Built-up Urban Area. *Collectively, the Coeur de Morinville, Mature Neighbourhoods, and Developing Neighbourhoods are referred to as the "Built-up Urban Area" for purposes of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (Map 10 – EMRGP Metropolitan Structure).* However, the Map 10 legend indicates the Sub-regional Centre is separate (Pink) from the Built-up Urban Area (Blue). A note to indicate the Sub-regional Centre is included within the Built-up Urban Area would assist in clarifying the inconsistency.



## Evaluation Criteria



When evaluating a statutory plan or statutory plan amendment, the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board must consider whether approval and full implementation of the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment would result in development that is consistent with the EMRGP.



## Metropolitan Regional Structure

Metropolitan Regional Structure		Comments on Consistency
✓	Identify Relevant Policy Tier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed amendment identifies Morinville as being within the Rural Area Policy Tier of the Growth Plan as per EMRGP Schedule 2.</li> </ul>
✓	Identify applicable structure components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Built-up urban area</li> <li>Sub-Regional Centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text amendments establish built-up urban areas and include an aspirational intensification target of 10 percent dwellings to Built-up Urban Areas.</li> <li>MDP Policy 8.2 designates the Coeur de Morinville area as the Sub-Regional Centre assigning an aspirational density target of 75 du/nrha.</li> </ul>

## Regional Policy Areas

Principles and Objectives		Comments on Consistency
 Guiding Principle <b>Promote global economic competitiveness and regional prosperity.</b>		
—	1.1 Promote global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>
—	1.2: Promote job growth and the competitiveness of the region's employment base.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>
—	1.3: Enhance competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>
—	1.4: Promote the livability and prosperity of the Region and plan for the needs of a changing population and workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>
 Guiding Principle <b>Protect natural living systems and environmental assets.</b>		
—	2.1: Conserve and restore natural living systems through an ecological network approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>
—	2.2: Protect regional watershed health, water quality and quantity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not relevant.</li> </ul>

Principles and Objectives		Comments on Consistency
—	2.3: Plan development to promote clean air, land and water and address climate change impacts.	• Not relevant.
—	2.4: Minimize and mitigate the impacts of regional growth on natural living systems.	• Not relevant.
 <b>Guiding Principle</b> <b>Recognize and celebrate the diversity of communities and promote an excellent quality of life across the Region.</b>		
✓	3.1: Plan and develop complete communities within each policy tier to accommodate people's daily needs for living at all ages.	• The proposed amendment regulates residential densities infill and Sub-regional Centre developments consistent with the Growth Plan.
—	3.2: Plan for and promote a range of housing options.	• Not relevant.
—	3.3: Plan for and promote market affordable and non-market housing to address core housing need.	• Not. Relevant.
 <b>Guiding Principle</b> <b>Achieve compact growth that optimizes infrastructure investment.</b>		
✓	4.1: Establish a compact and contiguous development pattern to accommodate employment and population growth.	• Amendments to bring the MDP into compliance with the EMRGP will assist in developing compact communities.
✓	4.2: Enable growth within built-up urban areas to optimize existing infrastructure and minimize the expansion of the development footprint.	• Built-up areas are defined as mature and planned neighbourhoods, and the Coeur de Morinville. An aspirational intensification target is proposed.
—	4.3: Plan and develop greenfield areas in an orderly and phased manner to contribute to complete communities.	• Not relevant.
—	4.4: Plan for and accommodate rural growth in appropriate locations with sustainable levels of local servicing.	• Not relevant.
✓	4.5: Plan and develop mixed use and higher density centres as areas to concentrate growth of both people and jobs.	• The proposed amendment pursues an aspirational residential density target of 75 du/nrha for the Coeur de Morinville (Sub-regional Centre).

Principles and Objectives		Comments on Consistency
—	4.6: Prioritize investment and funding of regional infrastructure to support planned growth.	• Not relevant.
— ✓	4.7: Ensure compatible land use patterns to minimize risks to public safety and health	• Not relevant.
 <b>Guiding Principle</b> <b>Ensure effective regional mobility.</b>		
—	5.1: Develop a regional transportation system to support the growth of the Region and enhance its regional and global connectivity	• Not relevant.
—	5.2: Encourage a mode shift to transit, high occupancy vehicles and active transportation modes as viable alternatives to private automobile travel, appropriate to the scale of the community	• Not relevant.
—	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	• Not relevant.
—	5.4: Support the Edmonton International Airport as northern Alberta's primary air gateway to the world	• Not relevant.
—	5.5: Ensure effective coordination and alignment of regional transportation policies and initiatives between all jurisdictions	• Not relevant.
 <b>Guiding Principle</b> <b>Ensure the wise management of prime agricultural resources.</b>		
—	6.1: Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural lands to provide a secure local source of food security for future generations	• Not relevant.
—	6.2: Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses	• Not relevant.

Principles and Objectives		Comments on Consistency
—	6.3: Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not relevant.</li> </ul>