



Recommendation to County Council

REPORT NAME

Leduc County/ Town of Thorsby Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)– First Reading

RECOMMENDATION

That Leduc County Council give first reading to Bylaw____-19 to adopt the IDP.

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: To introduce the Bylaw to establish the IDP.

Authority (MGA/Bylaw/Policy):

- Section 631(1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) stipulates that two or more councils of municipalities that have common boundaries must by each passing a bylaw adopt an IDP to include those areas of land lying within the boundaries of the municipalities as they consider necessary.

Funding Required n/a

Funding Source: n/a

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires all municipalities that have common boundaries, that are not members of a growth board, to prepare an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). An ICF is not complete unless the councils of the municipalities that are parties to the ICF have also established an IDP.

The draft IDP was prepared by Stantec with oversight from both Councils and administrations. Public engagement occurred throughout the development of the draft IDP. The feedback received during the public engagement process combined with the recommendations of the research shaped the draft IDP.

This IDP provides high level policy direction that ensures development and growth are undertaken in a sustainable and responsible manner for the lands adjacent to the boundary of the Town within the County. This plan will provide the Town and the County with a comprehensive, mutually beneficial land use plan for long term growth and development while reducing the potential for conflict between the two municipalities. Growth projections for the Town of Thorsby identify that there is enough land within the Town boundaries for all growth projected beyond 2038.

At the public open house on March 14, 2019 approximately 30 residents attended to review and comment on the draft IDP policies.

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First Reading

The first step in advancing the draft IDP is introduce the Bylaw to establish the IDP. Therefore, administration recommends Council give first reading to Bylaw ____-19 to adopt the IDP.

Next Steps

1. Hold the joint public hearing and allow public input into the proposed Bylaw for the consideration of both councils. The joint public hearing has been scheduled for May 2, 2019.
2. The Regional Evaluation Framework requires the draft IDP be referred to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) for approval after first reading of the bylaw proposing to adopt the draft IDP. Administration will forward the draft IDP to the EMRB for approval after the public hearing.

Attachments:

- Bylaw ____-19 including Schedule A, Leduc County/ Town of Thorsby Intermunicipal Development Plan