

TOWN OF DEVON – EVALUATION CRITERIA REPORT

Principles and Objectives	Consistency with Growth Plan Objectives and Guiding Principles	Amendments
Guiding Principle: Promote global economic competitiveness and regional prosperity		
1.1 Promote global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy	Section 6.1 <i>Economy and Finance: How We Generate Wealth (General)</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Objective of promoting global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy through policies relating to the diversification and growth of the energy and commercial sectors, protecting lands for future employment and policies to foster local entrepreneurship.	N/A
1.2 Promote job growth and the competitiveness of the Region’s employment base		N/A
1.3 Enhance competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region	Section 6.1 <i>Economy and Finance: How We Generate Wealth (General)</i> and Section 6.3 <i>Transportation: How We Get Around (General)</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Objective of enhancing competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region through goals and policies that support regional transportation infrastructure and the preparation of a future transportation master plan.	N/A
1.4 Promote the livability and prosperity of the Region and plan for the needs of a changing population and workforce	Section 4.0 <i>Historical Population Growth and Projections</i> , Section 6.2 <i>Land Use, Neighbourhoods and Homes: Where We Live and Work</i> , and Section 6.7 <i>Health and Well-being: How We Stay Healthy and Socially Active</i> of Devon’s MDP acknowledge the increase and the changing dynamic of the Town’s and Region’s population and are inclusive of a range of goals and policies to promote livability and maintain a high quality of life.	N/A

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Guiding Principle: Protect natural living systems and environmental assets		
2.1 Conserve and restore natural living systems through an ecological network approach	Section 6.5 <i>Natural Environment: What We Depend on to Survive and Thrive</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Natural Living Systems Objectives through a wide range of goals and policies including the protection of natural areas, conserving regional ecological and wildlife corridors, protecting water and land quality, and using environmental and conservation reserves as a tool to achieve these goals.	N/A
2.2 Protect regional watershed health, water quality and quantity		N/A
2.3 Plan development to promote clean air, land and water and address climate change impacts		N/A
2.4 Minimize and mitigate the impacts of regional growth on natural living systems		N/A
Guiding Principle: Recognize and celebrate the diversity of communities and promote an excellent quality of life across the Region		
3.1 Plan and develop complete communities within each policy tier to accommodate people’s daily needs for living at all ages	Section 6.2 <i>Land Use, Neighbourhoods and Homes: Where We Live and Work</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Communities and Housing Objectives through a collection of goals and policies regarding a diversity of housing (forms, affordability and density), and setting minimum greenfield density for future development. Section 6.7 <i>Health and Well-being: How We Stay Healthy and Socially Active</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Communities and Housing Objectives through goals and policies that address community issues and transportation needs for residents of all ages, abilities and incomes, making the Town inclusive for everyone.	N/A
3.2 Plan for and promote a range of housing options		Section 6.2 <i>Land Use, Neighbourhoods and Homes: Where We Live and Work</i> under the subheading <i>Range of Housing</i> the following was added: c. increase opportunities for row housing and low-rise apartments ; and d. innovative ways to deliver affordable and inclusionary housing
3.3: Plan for and promote market affordable and non-market housing to address core housing need		

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Guiding Principle:		
Achieve compact growth that optimizes infrastructure investment		
4.1 Establish a compact and contiguous development pattern to accommodate employment and population growth	<p>Section 6.2 <i>Land Use, Neighbourhoods and Homes: Where We Live and Work</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Objectives through specific goals and policies regarding intensification and redevelopment of Downtown (including a mix of land uses and residential densities), ensuring compatible land uses collocate and providing safe pedestrian access between residential to commercial areas.</p> <p>Section 6.9 <i>Partnerships and Capacity: How We Deliver on the Other Focus Areas and Goals (Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board)</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Objectives through Devon’s continued participation in EMRB initiatives regarding integration of land use, infrastructure and responsible growth and regional collaboration.</p>	N/A
4.2 Enable growth within built-up urban areas to optimize existing infrastructure and minimize the expansion of the development footprint		N/A
4.3 Plan and develop greenfield areas in an orderly and phased manner to contribute to complete communities		N/A
4.4 Plan for and accommodate rural growth in appropriate locations with sustainable levels of local servicing		N/A
4.5 Plan and develop mixed use and higher density centres as areas to concentrate growth of both people and jobs		N/A
4.6 Prioritize investment and funding of regional infrastructure to support planned growth		N/A
4.7 Ensure compatible land use patterns to minimize risks to public safety and health		N/A
Guiding Principle:		
Ensure effective regional mobility		
5.1 Develop a regional transportation system to support the growth of the Region and enhance its regional and global connectivity	<p>Section 6.3 <i>Transportation: How We Get Around</i> and Section 6.9 <i>Partnerships and Capacity: How We Deliver on the Other Focus Areas and Goals (Edmonton Metropolitan Region</i></p>	N/A

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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	Board) of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Transportation Systems Objectives with a wide variety of goals and policies related to exploring future transit, increasing accessibility to active transportation, development of a transportation utility corridor, efficient movement of goods and exploring regional transportation partnerships.	N/A
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		N/A
5.4 Support the Edmonton International Airport as northern Alberta’s primary air gateway to the world		N/A
5.5 Ensure effective coordination and alignment of regional transportation policies and initiatives between all jurisdictions		N/A
Guiding Principle: Ensure the wise management of prime agricultural resources.		
6.1 Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural lands to provide a secure local source of food security for future generations	Section 6.7 <i>Health and Well-being: How We Stay Healthy and Socially Active (Urban Agriculture)</i> of Devon’s MDP addresses the Growth Plan Agriculture Objectives through policies regarding urban agriculture and edible landscapes. There is an action required.	Section 6.7 Health and Well-being: How We Stay Healthy and Socially Active (Urban Agriculture) was amended to include the following: 4. Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production through urban agriculture and edible landscapes in public open spaces and gathering places to increase the community’s capacity to grow food locally. 5. Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of agricultural lands for non-agricultural uses until there is demand for development. 6. Recognize the value of agriculture within Town of Devon, as well as adjacent lands.
6.2 Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses		
6.3 Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food system		

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Metropolitan Region Structure	
Consistency with Growth Plan Objectives and Guiding Principles	Amendments
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify relevant policy tier 2. Identify applicable structure components 	<p>Section 2.1 under <i>Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan</i> now includes the following:</p> <p><i>“As noted in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, the Town of Devon falls within the Rural Policy Tier. Thus, the Town shall conform with the levels of service and growth directions outlined under this tier.”</i></p>