



OTCP ARP: Evaluation criteria for alignment with the EMRGP

REF Interpretive Guide 8 - EVALUATION CRITERIA TEMPLATE

The Evaluation Criteria Template is a tool to aid municipalities understanding of the REF evaluation criteria. It is intended to articulate EMRB Administration's expectations and outline how REF applications will be evaluated.

Principles and Objectives	Consistency	Consistency with Objectives and Guiding Principles Alignment and consistency is achieved by...
<p>Guiding Principle</p> <p>Promote global economic competitiveness and regional prosperity.</p>		
1.1: Promote global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy	Yes	Acknowledgement of driver industries, policy supporting establishment of local businesses
1.2: Promote job growth and the competitiveness of the Region's employment base	Yes	Acknowledgement of the importance of driver industries within the region and how they can frequent the Old Town Community Plan area
1.3: Enhance competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region	Yes	Policy supporting the creation of a connected transportation network to facilitate the movement of people, goods and services
1.4: Promote the livability and prosperity of the Region and plan for the needs of a changing population and workforce	Yes	Acknowledgement of population projections, policy supporting infrastructure required for an increase of residents, accounting for specific demographic groups
<p>Guiding Principle</p> <p>Protect natural living systems and environmental assets.</p>		
2.1: Conserve and restore natural living systems through an ecological network approach	Yes	Policy support for retaining tree stands and natural areas using effective conservation mechanisms
2.2: Protect regional watershed health, water quality and quantity	Yes	Policy ensuring development near watercourses will not interfere with riparian zones, allowing ecological processes in these areas to continue
2.3: Plan development to promote clean air, land and water and address climate change impacts	Yes	Policies supporting spaces be pollution free, the use of low impact development, retention of trees and vegetation to improve the local environment, and preservation of natural water bodies to allow ecological functions to continue.
2.4: Minimize and mitigate the impacts of regional growth on natural living systems	Yes	Policy retaining natural landscape features during the redevelopment of land



<p>Guiding Principle</p> <p>Recognize and celebrate the diversity of communities and promote an excellent quality of life across the Region.</p>		
3.1: Plan and develop complete communities within each policy tier to accommodate people's daily needs for living at all ages	Yes	High quality amenities and continued investment in existing facilities, including a wide variety of uses and designs that cater to all ages and abilities to contribute to public health and aging in place
3.2: Plan for and promote a range of housing options	Yes	Acknowledgement of Stony Plain's current housing stock, policy encouraging the development of a more diverse mix of housing types
3.3: Plan for and promote market affordable and non-market housing to address core housing need	Yes	Policy encouraging high density housing and a variety of housing types to accommodate the diverse needs of the community
<p>Guiding Principle</p> <p>Achieve compact growth that optimizes infrastructure investment.</p>		
4.1: Establish a compact and contiguous development pattern to accommodate employment and population growth	Yes	Policy encouraging infill development to be carefully integrated adjacent to existing development
4.2: Enable growth within built-up urban areas to optimize existing infrastructure and minimize the expansion of the development footprint	Yes	focus on redevelopment and infill to ensure development is remaining adjacent to existing development, limiting sprawl
4.3: Plan and develop greenfield areas in an orderly and phased manner to contribute to complete communities	Yes	Policy for increased density targets to ensure smart growth in greenfield areas
4.4: Plan for and accommodate rural growth in appropriate locations with sustainable levels of local servicing	Yes	Policy encouraging the redevelopment of rural lands to a more urban form, respecting municipal and environmental uses
4.5: Plan and develop mixed use and higher density centres as areas to concentrate growth of both people and jobs	Yes	Policy supporting an increase of density and a mix of uses in the town centre
4.6: Prioritize investment and funding of regional infrastructure to support planned growth	Yes	Information and suggested sources for obtaining financial support (grants, incentives, and development contributions) to implement and fulfill objectives of the plan
4.7: Ensure compatible land use patterns to minimize risks to public safety and health	Yes	Careful consideration and associated policies for identified Character Areas to ensure proposed land uses are compatible to existing development and uses



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	Yes	Policy supporting modes of active transportation, including a public transit system, to feed into the regional transportation network
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	Yes	Policy encouraging connection of major destinations via public transit, continued connectivity of the multi-use trail network, and the integration of active transportation amenities to support transportation hubs
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	Yes	Policy guiding the development of transportation facilities, corridors and hubs, to efficiently connect residents to goods and services
5.4: Support the Edmonton International Airport as northern Alberta's primary air gateway to the world	N/A	N/A
5.5: Ensure effective coordination and alignment of regional transportation policies and initiatives between all jurisdictions	Yes	Policy supporting the development of transportation hubs and transit facilities to address parking and integrate regional multi-modal transportation connections between pedestrians, drivers, and cyclists.
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	Yes	Policy supporting conserving prime agricultural lands until a time when the lands are required to accommodate urban growth
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	Yes	Support for industry related to agricultural systems and food production in the region