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Parkland County MDP Approved

Parkland County Council's recent approval of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) means changes to other land use and development processes can now begin.

The MDP is an overarching policy that lays out the policy framework for future planning and sustainable development within Parkland County and applies to all land within the municipality. Started almost two years ago, the document was developed with significant input from local residents, community organizations and neighbouring municipalities. After adjusting the final document to incorporate recommendations raised as a result of referrals to adjacent municipalities and provincial agencies and suggestions presented during the final public hearing, Council approved the plan at today's Council meeting.

"Now that Council has approved the plan we can begin reviewing our land use bylaw and bring forward amendments that support and are consistent with the policy directions outlined in the MDP.," said Bonnie McInnis, Parkland County Planning and Development Services Manager.

Provincial legislation requires that any proposed amendments to the land use bylaw must be advertised and brought before Council at a public hearing before they are adopted and put into effect. This means that although the policy has been approved by Council through the adoption of the MDP, time will be required before the supporting regulations can be implemented in the land use bylaw that will allow administration to process applications under the new rules.

"Adoption of the MDP provides the guidance and direction necessary to move forward, " said McInnis.

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