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Public input sought for second phase of Land Use Bylaw Review.

PARKLAND COUNTY, AB. With Phase I of the review complete, Parkland County residents are asked to attend open houses to review the issues and discuss proposed strategies for updating the County's Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

"Public participation is very important in these reviews," said Pat Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer. "The Land Use Bylaw is used daily by our staff. It guides decisions on land use and development, which makes it imperative that stakeholders – residents and landowners - provide input into this very important document."

Phase I of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) review included round table discussions that focused on identifying issues with the existing bylaw. Phase II includes the planning consultant, Armin A. Preiksaitis & Associates Ltd., sharing the issues identified in the round table discussions and presenting potential strategies for updating the LUB. Two open houses have been scheduled for public input:

Garden Valley Community Centre
Corner of Hwy 627 and RR 274
Wednesday, June 18
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Jackpine Corner Hall
1 mile south of Seba Beach on RR 60
Thursday, June 19
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Feedback received at the open houses will be considered by the Administration and consulting team before drafting a new LUB in Phase III.

"During Phase I, we focused on identifying issues and opportunities – in both content and formatting - with the current Land Use Bylaw," said Sue Armstrong-Buttrey, Senior Planner. "We had 108 people attend the four roundtable meetings in April. We also held workshops with the project Steering Committee, Development Officers and Council. Before we can begin drafting the new Land Use Bylaw, we need to ensure that we have accurately represented the issues in the bylaw and that the strategies will properly address those issues. Phase II is just as – or even more – critical than Phase I and we hope we get the same excellent response from the public as we did in the first phase. "

“Phase II input sought”

A Framework for a New Parkland County LUB Discussion Paper will be available for viewing June 18 on the County website at www.parklandcounty.com under ‘County Living’ – ‘What’s New’.

Information from the Phase I and II meetings will be incorporated into the new draft Land Use Bylaw, which will be presented at public meetings in September.

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Parkland County is a rural municipality located immediately west of Edmonton. Covering an area of 242,595 hectares (599,500 acres), it is one of the largest in size and one of the highest populated of all rural municipalities in Alberta. Parkland County has grown to a community of over 30,000 people and has seen generations of families continue to enjoy country living.

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