

What We Heard

Community Engagement for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan



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SECTION 1 | WHAT WE HEARD

As part of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) development process, Parkland County undertook multiple public engagement sessions using a variety of methods to seek feedback on future growth in the County. Through comments received from the public and stakeholders, a number of areas of community interest (community planning considerations) have been observed. The community planning considerations outlined below have, in part, helped the County prepare the draft ICSP. Planning considerations observed though public engagements include:



SECTION 2 | PUBLIC ACTION IDEAS

There were many great ideas and actions identified by the community during the County's visioning and engagement sessions that were not priorities for implementation. While they may not align with the County's current Strategic Plan or sustainability end state, these ideas are important to the community. To ensure they are not lost they have been identified as sustainability action ideas and may be drawn from as resources allow or included in updated versions of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

COMMUNITY



- More public access to and recreation on the North Saskatchewan River
- Support the City of Spruce Grove to enhance their recreation facility rather than developing our own
- Facilitate more interaction with Aboriginal neighbors education, health and sports
- Give attention to aging in place needs and opportunities consider future senior housing and care needs, as well as recreation facilities
- Look into collaboration with surrounding municipalities (i.e., Devon) for recreation facilities
- · Safety in community halls for seniors hardwood floors are easier for dancing and less slippery
- · Increase amenities, transportation assistance for seniors. In Tomahawk area as well
- Affordable housing policy
- · Increase transportation to and from hamlets
- · More lake access for children
- · Historical areas preserved and recognized

- · Programs to increase information on historical awareness with Indigenous involvement
- Mixed housing communities
- Historical/cultural asset map
- Develop programs to build relationships with homesteaders to identify heritage items and historical info, and build archives
- Enhance internet connectivity within the County
- Lack of recreational opportunities and amenities

LAND USE



- Food Cooperative (HUB)
- Sustainable Economic Development Zones
- Retain more agricultural land to balance out gravel pits/coal mining
- Provide grants to help young generation farmers stay farming
- The development of country estate type subdivisions should be clustered near existing urban centres, but not so close as to cripple natural growth of these centres
- Make smaller scale more eco-friendly farming and gardening a top priority

© PUBLIC ACTION IDEAS

- Protect the high grade farm land South of Spruce and Stony
- Address by-laws regarding tiny houses, allowing more sustainable and eco-friendly communities to grow
- Location of commercial development should be away from the major intersections and located along the arterial roadways with frontage onto the arterials
- New subdivision/residential planning should be focused away from traditional development and consist of more concentrated housing on smaller lots that preserve agricultural lands and open space at the same time
- Preserve prime agricultural lands or relocate good soils after development to subprime lands
- High density condos/apartments would be nice at edges of nature preserves and would attract commuters
- · Restrict the number of subdivisions in agricultural areas
- Have Indigenous groups involved in the land use process, designation and usage talks
- · Need OHV designated areas
- · Support hobby farms
- Stricter regulations on secondary suites
- Provide service from Acheson to Spruce Grove in the AM and back in the PM
- Bike path between Acheson area and Spruce Grove
- Improve developer accountability to planning document requirements (landscaping and roadways)
- Hire a development compliance officer (or two) to keep businesses in line (esp. home based)
- Sustainability grants for green housing/bus (Banff)

- · Feasibility for geo-thermal systems for hamlets or businesses
- Create policy that works with all the landscape of the county, so as not to be restrictive
- Allow for development on bogs
- · Expand subdivision notification area to 5 km
- Create the option for developers to contribute to parks, rec and culture above the required 10% and include trails in the transportation plan
- Develop an MR overlay with Parks, Rec and Culture to ensure larger parcels for future 'park' developments and linear park opportunities tie into trail/transportation plan
- "Cluster" small acreage developments people can downsize and retire
 to "rural" e.g. 1/2 acre or less lots where people can keep their dogs,
 park RV's and be able to stay in the County
- Enhance access to lakes (Jackfish)
- Partner with and support organizations that already work closely with farmers
- Consider Ag/Farm family transition subdivision areas to allow downsizing without going directly to an urban center at the beginning of their transition
- Provide meaningful and functional public spaces linked by an active transportation network
- Lack of protection for environmentally significant areas
- Make it possible for people to live sustainably on the land
- Limit day recreation use at Jackfish Lake
- Have the ability to "transfer" CR land designation to other parts of the County
- Control and screen RV storage areas
- Make rural businesses comply with business park standards

- No CR around Jackfish Lake only Lakeshore
- · Look at more lots (8) per quarter for farming families
- More parks and natural areas needed. Very little crown land available
- More railway overpasses to address larger and more frequent trains
- Responsible development around waterbodies

ECONOMY



- Green Investment Fund
- · Community Investment Bond
- Have more financially sustainable businesses in Acheson as the fiscal analysis recommends
- · Diversity of energy
- More green businesses
- Include the cottages in the summer farm tour
- Promote local alternative energy products and services
- · Work with Indigenous groups on tourism and culture plus business development
- Work with Indigenous groups on green energy, renewable resources, farming, agriculture and commercial development
- Use urban tourism to attract more people to rural tourism
- · Help farmers diversify what they produce or production to meet needs of today and stay alive
- Eco-friendly tourism options circle tours, nature walks
- Value added agriculture strategy
- · Value added asset map

- · Manage the density of traffic and its timing in relation to other users of the land
- Concentrate industrial development

ENVIRONMENT



- Integrated Waste Management Plan
- Source Water Protection Policy
- Consider the importance of groundwater resources
- Put in infrastructure to protect the environment
- · Pay attention to developing where it hurts the environment
- · Incorporate respectful interaction with nature as a common feature of everyone's life
- Wildlife corridor reserves
- Focus attention on preserving natural areas
- Discontinue allowing existing acreages to subdivide further (i.e., 20 acres into 10, 5, 4 acres)
- Maintain wetlands and focus attention on preserving natural and sensitive areas, water bodies and water quality
- Maintain natural water flow through development limit development in water recharge areas
- Work on water resources, clean energy, common goals with Indigenous communities
- · Rethink the amount of dust control
- Divert compost and recycling
- Higher service levels for waste collection or events where you collect all forms of waste

PUBLIC ACTION IDEAS

- Correlate landfill hours with commuting residents
- Move recycling or paper shredding days at different locations
- Capture all waste categories dog waste, agriculture waste
- · Provide options for residents to get compost from the facility (large quantities like truckloads)
- Understand and limit consequences of development on natural water flow when filling areas, building roads, etc.
- Identify less sensitive environmental areas for industrial and ATV use
- Tame down the amount of printing (i.e., email newsletters vs printing and mailing)
- Easier access to transfer stations (i.e., more frequent days and/or extended hours)
- Encourage micro-generation of power
- Do not charge for disposal at transfer station
- Assist new home owners to clean up contaminated sites properly
- Reduce greenhouse gas provision for existing power generation to convert from coal to gas
- Partner with environmental groups to further enhance/protect our ESAs
- All of Jackfish area should be in High Priority Landscape
- · Selective spraying for noxious weeds

GOVERNANCE



- Put in infrastructure to protect the environment not just let the public recreation take over and damage the environment
- Establish a land trust to protect agricultural land and develop when appropriate rather than continue to sprawl
- Develop a "Land Trust" for agricultural land
- Improve response times call back in a specific amount of time and not after the fifth voicemail or not at all
- Have a service/ticket system that provides residents a reference number that they can follow (online or on the phone)
- · Consult with indigenous communities
- Create laws/protocols and policies that address Indigenous members and common borders
- Brief info around specific issues to the public more readily and make info easily understandable
- · Collaborate and integrate with Indigenous communities and reserves with whom we share territory. Understand historic imbalance of power between communities that we bring to table
- · Closer connection with our Aboriginal neighbours, re: programs, services and development
- Public transportation collaboration with the Capital Region

SECTION 3 | PUBLIC COMMENTS

The table below outlines public comments heard throughout the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) development process from residents, stakeholders and committee members and which planning consideration (from Section 1) they align to. Where appropriate, comments were recorded in their unaltered format. The table below also outlines how comments were addressed / or not addressed in the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Municipal Development Plan.

PILLAR	COMMENT RECEIVED	COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSIDERATION	HOW FEEDBACK WAS RECEIVED	WAS COMMENT ADDRESSED IN MDP?	HOW WAS IT ADDRESSED IN MDP	WAS COMMENT ADDRESSED IN ICSP?	HOW WAS IT ADDRESSED IN ICSP
Governance	Collaborate and integrate with Indigenous communities and reserves with whom we share territory. Understand historic imbalance of power between communities that we bring to table.	Transparent governance Encourage collaborative partnerships	Open House	~	Draft MDP has a section on indigenous partnerships which says we will partner with indigenous neighbours on economic, community and planning projects (MDP Section 12.0).	~	Draft ICSP establishes the importance of working with Indigenous communities and engaging them in regional projects. (Governance goal 4)
Land Use	We feel 40 acre and under parcels should be allowed when subdividing. County should let neighbors [know] when industry is coming next door.	Diversify the rural and agricultural economy Transparent governance	Open House	~	 Draft MDP identifies areas for "small agricultural holdings" where smaller parcels of land are encouraged to support diverse types of farming (MDP Section 4.2.4). Draft MDP reiterates public engagement and communication for planning and development initiatives (MDP Section 12.0). Additionally, the Public Engagement Processes are addressed in Council Policy C-AD 51 (Public Engagement) which specifies notification requirements. 	~	 Land parcel area not addressed in Draft ICSP. Draft ICSP Governance Goal 1 supports responsible, balanced and transparent decision making. Draft ICSP Governance Goal 2 supports a partnership culture with community members.
Land Use	On good ag land allow only 3 x 2.47 ac.	Protect prime agricultural lands	Open House	~	Draft MDP identifies direction on future subdivision of agricultural lands (MDP Section 4.1).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy identifies priority areas and policy direction for agriculture.

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Natural Environment	Appreciate your focus on environmental sensitivity being of primary importance when planning growth of recreation and tourism.	 Protect sensitive areas Responsible recreation development and use 	Open House	~	Draft MDP policies support responsible recreation and tourism development that considers the environment when developments are considered (MDP Section 8.1).	~	Draft ICSP identifies the use of an ecological network approach to land use planning that protects valuable natural capital, critical wildlife habitat, and unique biodiversity Environment Strategy.
Economy	Like the opportunities that may arise from the agri-tourism initiatives. One caution is trying to manage the density of traffic and its timing in relation to others users of the land.	 Diversify the rural and agricultural economy Safe Infrastructure 	Open House	~	 Draft MDP policies support agri-tourism opportunities and rural economic diversification (MDP sections 5.0 and 8.1). Draft MDP policies support safe roadway infrastructure (MDP Section 9.2). 	~	Draft ICSP includes the development of strategic transportation and infrastructure and land use policies, programs and training to add value to agricultural activities (Economy Strategy 1 and 2).
Land Use	Make sure infrastructure (roadways) are developed with safety in mind.	Safe Infrastructure	Open House	~	Draft MDP policies support safe roadway infrastructure (MDP Section 9.2).	~	Draft ICSP strategy emphasizes the design of efficient and safe infrastructure (Land Use Strategy).
Land Use	Infrastructure – nothing is mentioned in regards to the maintenance of all existing infrastructure. The points below speak of new whereas the principle should also reflect maintaining. Growth is good but at what cost to the existing without a clear shared focus on both?	Safe Infrastructure	Open House	×	MDP policies typically address new infrastructure requirements. Maintenance of existing. Infrastructure is addressed at the departmental level through yearly work plans.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action supports the investment in infrastructure and community design upgrades to address lifecycle, energy use or community access benefits.
Land Use	Create policy that works with ALL the landscapes of the county so as not to be so restrictivewhat works in one area does not work in others. Allow for development on bogs.	Balanced approach to growth	Open House	~	The updated MDP includes policy overlays to recognize the unique characteristics of different areas of the county. These areas have subsequent policy directions (prime agricultural lands, prime recreation and tourism areas, high priority landscapes).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use strategy will support a diversity of agricultural land uses and identify policy direction for natural landscapes, agriculture, recreation and tourism.

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Land Use	Would like [subdivision] notification area expanded to 5km radius.	NONE	Open House	×	 Public engagement processes are addressed in Council Policy C-AD 51 (Public Engagement). There are no intentions to change referral periods at this time. 	×	Not addressed in Draft ICSP.
Environment	Concerned about the potential for "local employment areas" to lead to fragmented development with more barriers to wildlife connectivity of the landscape, i.e., by setting up a dispersed network of local nodes you create more transportation traffic that wildlife needs to negotiate.	Protect sensitive areas	Open House	~	 The Draft MDP addresses integration of developments with ecosystem complexes and wildlife corridors in the Natural Environment section of the new MDP (MDP Section 10). Draft MDP Section 9.2 also discusses how infrastructure shall consider sensitive areas in future design. 	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar identifies the importance of using an ecological network approach to land use planning that protects critical wildlife habitat, and includes assessing critical habitat and wildlife corridors to protect their integrity through updated design standards, stewardship and planning.
Land Use	Create the option for developers to contribute to parks, rec and culture above the required 10% AND include trails in the transportation plan.	NONE	Open House	×	Administration may review this idea at a future review of the MDP.	~	The draft ICSP Land Use section includes strategy and action to ensure developers have the option to incorporate networks of trails and natural areas through an established conservation by design guideline and process.
Land Use	Develop an MR overlay with Parks, Rec and Culture to ensure larger parcels for future 'park' developments and linear park opportunities to tie into trail/ transportation plan.	NONE	Open House	×	Administration may review this idea at a future review of the MDP. "Connected" MR / ER parcels are supported in Council Policy C-PD 15 and procedures.	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Action establishes standards for recreational networks, trail connections and facilities in residential developments and hamlets.

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Land Use / Community	"Cluster" small acreage developments, so that people who have lived most of lives in rural properties can downsize and retire to "rural" e.g., ½ acre (or less) lots where people can keep their dogs, park RV (and build a new community!) and be able to stay in the county.	 Innovative approach to community and housing Support a vibrant agricultural community 	Open House	~	 Draft MDP policies support innovative approaches to community development and new housing types. This will support a wider range of affordable housing designs and community design to support seniors (MDP Section 7.1). Draft MDP policies support "keeping the family on the farm" by promoting different housing types and uses on existing family farmsteads (MDP Section 4.1). 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use strategies include developing policy and regulation to accommodate a diversity of housing options. Draft ICSP Community section includes an action for the development of an Aging in Place Strategy.
Governance	Closer connections with our Aboriginal neighbours, re: programs, services and development (economic, residential, park, rec.).	Transparent governance Encourage collaborative partnerships	Open House	~	Draft MDP policies promote Indigenous relations by promoting partnerships in areas of economic, community and planning (MDP Section 12.0).	~	Draft ICSP Governance pillar establishes the importance of working with Indigenous communities and engaging them in regional projects.
Land Use /Natural Environment /Community	Enhanced access to lakes eg. Jackfish for day use. Make easier for tourism.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities Protect wetlands and water resources	Open House	~	Draft MDP polices support responsible lakefront development and controlled access to lakes (MDP Section 7.2, MDP Section 8.1, MDP Section 10.4).	~	 Draft ICSP Community Pillar includes implementing policies and recommendations that are outlined in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan. Draft ICSP Environment actions support the continued participation in lake management.
Land Use / Economy	If we want farmers to follow best practices Parkland County should partner and support organizations that already work with farmers closely. i.e. "support/partner with ag organizations to promote agricultural best practices, rural vitality and good land stewardship practices".	Support a vibrant agricultural community Encourage collaborative partnerships	Open House	~	 Draft MDP Section 4.0 supports a vibrant agricultural community. This is reinforced in MDP Section 5.0. Draft MDP Section 12 promotes collaborative community partnerships to support MDP implementation. 	~	 Draft Land Use ICSP action establishes a food cooperative in collaboration with local farmers, suppliers and retailers. Draft ICSP Economy action will develop strategies to connect local producers, good and services to regional and global markets. Draft ICSP Environment action supports stewardship of private agricultural land.

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Land Use	Part of road traffic affects road safety eg. Left turns on 627 (west of 274, etc.).	Safe Infrastructure	Open House	~	 Highway 627 is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. The MDP encourages safe roadway networks be developed and encourages partnerships with Alberta Transportation (MDP Section 9.2). 	~	 Highway 627 is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. Draft ICSP Land Use strategy emphasizes the design of efficient and safe infrastructure.
Land Use	Farming. moving equipment on roads are challenging and create safety issues for farmers and other residents.	Support a vibrant agricultural community Safe infrastructure	Open House	~	 Draft MDP Section 4.0 reinforces "the right to farm" in rural agricultural areas. MDP section 9.2 supports the development of roadway systems that are safe. 	~	Draft ICSP Land Use strategy emphasizes the design of efficient and safe infrastructure.
Land Use / Community	Consider Ag/Farm family transition subdivision areas to allow downsizing without going directly to an urban center at the beginning of their transition.	Innovative approach to community and housing	Open House	~	The County recognizes many residents appreciate a rural lifestyle and would like to stay in their communities as they age. The new MDP supports ways to allow residents to stay in their communities as they age (MDP Section 4.1, MDP Section 7.1, MDP Section 11.3).	~	 Draft ICSP Community pillar establishes the importance of ensuring all community members are empowered, included and valued. The Land Use Pillar includes the development and implementation of a Housing Diversity Strategy that identifies and addresses barriers to affordable housing.
N/A	Someone needs to correct the errors in planning in the void between Stony and [Spruce] Grove and County of Parkland created by Stony Plain.	NONE	Open House	×	Lands between Stony Plain and Spruce Grove are outside the jurisdiction of Parkland County.	×	Lands between Stony Plain and Spruce Grove are outside the jurisdiction of Parkland County.
Land Use	Very poorly sized and placed STOP signs on roads intersecting with 627 (Bigger signs, closer to road).	Safe Infrastructure	Open House	~	 Highway 627 is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. The MDP encourages safe roadway networks be developed and encourages partnerships with Alberta Transportation (MDP Section 9.2). 	~	 Highway 627 is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. Draft ICSP Land Use strategy emphasizes the design of efficient and safe infrastructure.

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Land Use / Natural Environment / Community	Need a place for OHV's – designated area for kids/adults to have fun without ruining other people's property.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities	Open House	~	The Draft MDP promotes collaboration with OHV groups to explore the potential for future trails, staging areas, and parks (MDP Section 8.1).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use pillar emphasizes balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes.
Community	I am told that seniors are 15% of local population. I would like to see more social activities for them. Isolation is our enemy and we would like more out of home experiences! Bingo parks us, but does not circulate our body or blood. Doctor says we need to move. We love to dance – but on tile?	Encourage social and community connections	Open House	~	Draft MDP policies aim to assist the County's senior population to maintain high quality of life as they age (MDP Section 11.2, MDP Section 11.3).	~	Draft ICSP Community pillar emphasizes the importance of community empowerment, inclusion and value, and includes the Development of an Aging in Place Strategy.
Community / Land Use	[Increase] amenities, transportation assistance for seniors. Tomahawk area too.	Encourage multi- modal transportation	Open House	~	 Draft MDP policies aim to assist the County's seniors to maintain high quality of life as they age (MDP Section 11.2, and MDP Section 11.3). Additionally, the draft MDP supports community-led transit service programs (MDP Section 9.3). 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use pillar includes leading the development of a regional transit network for alternative transportation options. Draft ICSP Community pillar supports community organizations and maintains community spaces as hubs for social and cultural activities.
Land Use / Natural Environment	It's a good idea to redistrict land use on newly identified ESA's, it's a scary prospect but necessary.	Protect sensitive areas	Open House	~	Land use districts are determined through the County's Land Use Bylaw. The MDP has incorporated findings of the Environmental Conservation Master Plan through the mapping of High Priority Landscapes. Draft MDP Section 10.1 will help inform the Land Use Bylaw update.	~	The Draft ICSP supports implementing best practices from the Environmental Conservation Master Plan.
N/A	Use ABA newsletter to advertise Draft MDP when available for review.	NONE	Open House	×	The comment was made to assist Parkland County with advertising of the draft MDP.	~	Draft ICSP Governance pillar includes action to engage communities in ongoing County activity.

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N/A	Modernize farming practices to 21st Century consolidation.	NONE	Open House	X	• The County cannot regulate farming practices.	×	• The County cannot regulate farming practices.
Land Use	In the early 2000s, Parkland County was talking about paving Hwy 628 from Golden Spike Road to Hwy 60. Why was this plan never implemented? It is a very busy road and is very much needed for residents that live west of Hwy 60 and close to Hwy 628. The current road conditions are horrible! When is Parkland County going to pave and widen this much needed road?	Safe Infrastructure Collaborative partnerships	Online	~	 Highway 628 is a Provincial roadway. Upgrades, as well as maintenance fall back to the Province. The Draft MDP encourages safe roadways and continued collaboration with Alberta Transportation (MDP Section 9.2). 	~	 Highway 628 is a Provincial roadway. Upgrades, as well as maintenance fall back to the Province. The Draft ICSP encourages safe roadways under the Land Use pillar and continued collaboration with the Province of Alberta under the Governance pillar.
Land Use	Not sure about allowing subdivisions for families staying on to farm. Cannot control tenure - once subdivision created cannot take it back. How will this work to ensure that farmland is not chopped up?	Protect prime agricultural lands	Online	~	Draft MDP policies aim at protecting the County's prime agricultural lands for agriculture and agricultural purposes (MDP Section 4.1, MDP Section 4.2).	~	Draft ICSP Economy Goal emphasizes the importance of having a vibrant agricultural economy and identifying opportunities for clustering agricultural producers.
Land Use	Don't like the idea of commercial along highways as the highway from Edmonton through to Stony Plain is slow. Should keep highways intersection/access free. Also the aesthetics along the commercialized portion of the highways is unattractive (strip mall after strip mall, too much signage, unpleasant).	Safe infrastructure Attractive design practices	Online	~	 Draft MDP policies support the development of safe roadway networks (MDP Section 9.2). Draft MDP policies encourage development along major corridors to reduce any potential negative visual impacts (MDP Section 9.2). Draft MDP policies encourage attractive corridor development (MDP Section 5.0). 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use pillar includes the development of strategic transportation and infrastructure development. Draft ICSP Economy Action establishes dedicated industrial and commercial development zones through MDP policy.

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Community	lam involved as an opportunity to advocate for the importance of healthy community evolving from a sustainable built environment. That design would enable walkability, and a more dense social fabric by providing meaningful and functional public spaces linked by an active transportation network accessible to the majority of its inhabitants. This can be achieved over time using current urban design principles and the knowledge-base of public health that bridges the conventional health mandate with the infrastructure design of our urban centers. The health system offers "too little, too late", and despite more recent attention to preventative health in primary care we continue to fail to address the epidemic of illness resulting from lifestyle choices of our population. In many cases, that menu of choice is a contracted and an innately unhealthy set of options due to an automobile-centric system combined with a sparse and tenuous sense of community leading to obesity, mental health stressors, self-medicated with substances and calorie-dense substitutes for relationships and human connectedness. This critically important determinant of health has only recently been recognized and begun to be socialized. Community groups like ACTI are the "grassroots" stakeholders to advance this priority, and get the attention of political leadership at all levels of government to take note, and begin the process of change. We need to invest in this new urban design, and good public transit options rather than more and faster roads and suburban sprawl.	Promote healthy and connected communities Innovative approach to community development and housing Public and accessible recreation opportunities Encourage multi-modal transportation Encourage social and community connections	Online		 Draft MDP policies promote development of healthy communities (MDP Section 11.1). Draft MDP policies encourage developers to use innovative approaches to community design (MDP Section 7.1). Draft MDP policies support the development of public and accessible recreational opportunities (MDP Sections 8.1 and 8.2). Draft MDP policies support complete hamlets where multiple land uses and activities are supported (MDP Section 6.0). Draft MDP policies promote and encourage transit (MDP Section 9.3). Draft MDP policies promote the development of collaborative community partnerships to support MDP policies (MDP Section 12.0). 		 Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy promotes an investment in the design and implementation of infrastructure that addresses lifecycle, energy use and community access benefits. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy outlines the need for alternative transportation options in the form of a regional transit network. Draft ICSP Community Strategy emphasizes the importance of measuring, monitoring and reporting on the quality of life indicators for social attributes. Draft ICSP Community Pillar places an emphasis on quality of life for all residents, and includes providing the opportunities to access recreational and social services, programs and facilities.

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Land Use / Community	Depopulation of hamlets.	Vibrant hamlets	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	Draft MDP policies have a focus on hamlet revitalization: identifying key hamlets, supporting mixed- use developments, hamlet infill and introducing hamlet area redevelopment plans (MDP Section 6.0).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategysupports concentrated development, growth and local employment into hamlets through a Hamlet Reinvestment Strategy.
Natural Environment	Lack of protection for environmentally significant areas.	Protect sensitive areas	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	The County recently completed its Environmental Conservation Master Plan, the Wabamun Sub-Watershed Land Use Plan and Wetland Inventory and Historic Loss Assessment. Study findings were used to inform the MDP and ICSP update. Draft MDP policies support the protection of healthy ecosystems, biodiversity, and water resources (MDP Section 10.0).	~	The County recently completed its Environmental Conservation Master Plan, the Wabamun Sub-Watershed Land Use Plan and Wetland Inventory and Historic Loss Assessment. Study findings were used to inform the MDP and ICSP update. Draft ICSP Environment Strategy includes using an ecological network approach to land use planning that protects valuable natural capital, critical wildlife habitat and unique biodiversity.
Land Use / Economy / Community	Poor internet connection to many parts of the County.	Promote healthy and connected communities	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	The draft MDP policies support the SMART Parkland project and rural connectivity to high-speed internet (MDP Section 11.4).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use pillar Includes actions to ensure broadband connectivity for residents, producers and businesses.
Community	Lack of recreational opportunities and amenities.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities Promote healthy and connected communities	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	 The updated MDP includes a new section on Recreation and Tourism Development (MDP Section 8.0) to promote recreational opportunities in the County. The Draft MDP Community Infrastructure & Services Section (Section 11.0) also supports access to community services to ensure a high quality of life. 	~	 Draft ICSP Economy goal emphasizes a diverse and prosperous recreation and tourism market. Draft ICSP Community and Land Use pillars support a variety of lifestyle options, recreational amenities and facilities.

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Community / Land Use	Create trail systems in parks, and around rivers and lakes.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)		Draft MDP policies support opportunities for active transportation and recreation (MDP Section 6.0, Section 7.1, Section 8.2, Section 9.2, and Section 11.1).		Draft ICSP Land Use strategies include ensuring communities are designed using a network approach for development, ecosystems and
				•	The Draft MDP was also prepared in conjunction with the County's new Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan.	•	recreation opportunities.
Land Use / Economy	Concentrate industrial development.	Promote smart economic development	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	Draft MDP policies support "smart" economic development where uses are clustered to take advantage of existing infrastructure – and support continued light industrial and medium industrial development opportunities (MDP Section 5.0).	~	Draft ICSP Economy action establishes dedicated industrial and commercial development zones through MDP policy.
Economy / Natural Environment	Alternative energy sources.	Explore potential for alternative energy development	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	The County supports the diversification of energy generation to include renewable energy as part of a strategy to reduce emissions and diversify the County's economic base (MDP Section 10.5).	~	Draft ICSP Economy and Environment pillars include developing programs that support green businesses and the transition to local alternative energy production.
							 Draft ICSP Environment action explores practical applications and incentives for green technologies.
Land Use	Protect productive farmland.	Protect prime agricultural lands	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	Draft MDP policies encourage protection of the County's prime agricultural lands (MDP Section 4.1 and 4.2).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use strategy supports a diversity of agriculture land uses, while preserving priority landscapes Includes identifying policy direction for agriculture.
Natural Environment	Partner with environmental groups to further enhance/protect our ESAs.	Protect sensitive areas	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	Draft MDP policies support continued environmental stewardship and education programs, and collaborative partnerships (MDP Section 10.2, MDP Section 13.0).	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar includes working with the Provincial Government, FCM and other municipalities.

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Land Use / Governance	Public transportation collaboration with the Capital Region.	Encourage multi-modal transportation types	2014 Open House (SWOT Analysis)	~	The Draft MDP policies encourage the creation of a Regional Transit Plan (MDP Section 9.3).	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Action includes leading in the development of a regional transit network for alternative transportation options. Draft ICSP Governance Action emphasizes the continued establishment of regional authorities or joint use agreements.
Land Use / Natural Environment	Making it possible for people to live sustainably on the land and interacting with the resources at hand.	 Protect sensitive areas Protect wetlands and water resources Protect prime agricultural lands Support a vibrant agricultural community 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Draft MDP Section 10.0 identifies policies which promote sustainability and preserving natural capital. Draft MDP Section 4.0 supports agricultural pursuits. 	~	 Draft ICSP Environment pillar includes continued partnership in lake management and the promotion of environmental conservation and restoration through education, stewardship, and incentive programs. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses.
Natural Environment	The County's mission statement mentions quality of life, yet it continues to allow demolition of wetlands, unofficial private trailer parks on single-residential sites, and gravel pits that destroy peoples' lives, the environment, health and safety.	Protect wetlands and water resources Protect Sensitive Areas	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The Draft MDP Section 10.0 addresses policies pertaining to healthy ecosystems, wetlands and groundwater resources. The Draft MDP Section 5.0 addresses policies pertaining to responsible natural resource extraction. 	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar focuses on creating a natural environment with the capacity to support biological diversity, human health, and economic prosperity – this includes having functional natural ecosystems and quality water supplies.
Natural Environment / Economy	There is too much development on wetlands and too many gravel pits. The County is not focusing on the "park" in Parkland.	Protect wetlands and water resources Protect Sensitive Areas	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The Draft MDP Section 10.0 addresses policies pertaining to healthy ecosystems, wetlands and groundwater resources. The Draft MDP Section 5.0 addresses policies pertaining to responsible natural resource extraction. 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy includes minimizing the impact of development and resource extraction on natural areas and communities. Draft ICSP Environment Action quantifies ecosystem services production and economic value of natural capital.

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Natural Environment	Sharing the land with other creatures and plants absolutely the most important: ex wildlife corridors/peace and lack of pollution.	Protect sensitive areas	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Section 10.0 of the draft MDP highlights the importance of healthy ecosystems and identifies high priority landscapes within the County (e.g., known wildlife corridors). Section 10.5 of the draft MDP addresses the County's pursuit of alternative energy production as a strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 	~	 Draft ICSP Environment Strategy includes protecting critical wildlife habitat and unique biodiversity when land use planning. Draft ICSP Environment Action assesses critical habitat and wildlife corridors.
Natural Environment	Pay attention to developing where it hurts the environment. The north sask river is in parkland and parkland is in the west too. Just because the mines are west don't think oh well add more damage to the environment won't hurt now.	Protect sensitive areas	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP Section 10.0. Draft MDP Section 10.0 also introduces the concept of "High Priority Landscapes".	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Goal focuses on a balanced interest and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes.
Natural Environment	The County is failing to handle environmental issues, especially on lakes (e.g. Wabamun) and/ or is not working cooperatively with Alta Environment to ensure health and safety of lakes and communities around lakes.	 Protect sensitive areas Protect wetlands and water resources 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Draft MDP Section 10.4 addresses the protection of groundwater and surface water resources, as well and lake and watershed management. Draft MDP Section 10.2 highlights partnerships for integrated regional planning. 	~	Draft ICSP Environment Action includes continuing to participate in lake management and inter-municipal watershed planning activities.
N/A	Connectivity is especially important.	NONE	Metroquest Survey 2015	×	Context of comment is unknown.	X	Context of comment is unknown.
Land Use / Natural Environment	You need to consider groundwater resources and residential sustainability. This is not evident in any of your choices according to the summaries you provide.	Protect wetlands and water resources	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Protection of groundwater and surface water resources are addressed in Section 10.4 of the draft MDP. 	~	Draft ICSP Environment Strategy emphasizes land use and development that maintains groundwater and surface water supplies.

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	This is perhaps the greatest responsibility we are charged with for how we handle this will ultimately be the legacy we pass to future generations. There can be no downplaying of our responsibility in this regard.	NONE	Metroquest Survey 2015	×	Context of comment is unknown.	×	Context of comment is unknown.
Land Use / Economy	We should maintain more real agricultural land to balance out with all the gravel pits and coal mining.	Protect prime agricultural lands	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP policies aim at protecting the County's prime agricultural lands for agriculture and agricultural purposes (MDP Section 4.1, MDP Section 4.2).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action identifies priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes, agriculture, and recreation and tourism in the MDP.
	Making smaller scale more eco- friendly farming and gardening a top priority - getting away from fossil fuel and petrochemical fertilizer driven 'technologies'. The high grade farm land south of Spruce and Stony needs to be protected, not developed more.	Support a vibrant agricultural community Diversify the rural and agricultural economy	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP policies in MDP Section 4.1 and 4.2 support diversification of rural and agricultural economies.	~	 Draft ICSP Environment Strategy promotes renewable energy production, including exploring practical applications and incentives for green technologies. Draft ICSP Economy Action involves supporting green businesses and the transition to local alternative energy production.
Land Use / Community / Economy	Maybe the county could provide special grants to help young generation farmers stay farming.	Diversify the rural and agricultural economy Support a vibrant agricultural community	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The MDP does not specifically address grants for young farmers; it does promote diversifying agricultural uses on agricultural lands and housing types that support multi-generational living (MDP Section 4.1).	~	Draft ICSP does not specifically address grants for young farmers, but it does support a diversity of agriculture land uses and will develop strategies to connect local producers, good, and services to regional and global markets.
Land Use / Economy	Gravel pit or agriculture? Gravel will not feed the future.	Protect sensitive areas Smart economic development	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP Policies (Section 5.0) provide guidance on how future gravel extraction should occur. Detailed regulations are found in the Land Use Bylaw.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Goal includes balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes.

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Land Use	With the cost of land being so high as to seriously affect the farmer's bottom line. It is imperative that the subdivision rules for previously unsubdivided AG/GENERAL lands remain as is so as to allow the operator to reduce his per acre land costs thus making it economically viable to farm these lands.	Support a vibrant agricultural community	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP still allows for three parcels to be subdivided out from an unsubdivided quarter section in agricultural areas (MDP Section 4.1).	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses and explores transfer of development credits.
Land Use / Economy	Preserving for posterity agricultural land is paramount.	 Protect prime agricultural lands Diversify the rural and agricultural economy 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP Section 4.0 promotes protection of prime agricultural lands while also promoting agricultural and rural diversification (MDP Section 4.1 and 4.2).	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses and the identification of priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes.
Natural Environment	The public is destroying the natural aspects of the county by driving over lakeshores and by dumping garbage around our communities when they visit. The County needs to put in the infrastructure to protect the environment not just let the public recreation take over and damage the environment.	 Protect wetlands and water resources Protect sensitive areas Responsible recreation development and use 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The draft MDP Section 10.0 emphasizes the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and identifies high priority landscapes. The draft MDP Section 8.0 identifies policies for recreation areas and responsible management of environmental resources. 	~	 The Draft ICSP Environment and Land Use Pillars supports the preservation of priority landscapes. Draft ICSP Environment pillar includes land use and development that maintains the natural environment.
Natural Environment	Incorporating respectful interaction with nature as a common feature of everyone's life. Nature in everyone's back yard.	Protect sensitive areas	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP Section 10.0 emphasizes the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and identifies high priority landscapes.	~	Draft ICSP Environment Action promotes environmental conservation and restoration through education, stewardship, and incentive programs.
Community	West of Hwy 770: Give these residents the same facility as the east. People want recreation on rivers not just lakes.	Balanced approach to growth	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The draft MDP Section 6.0 supports the revitalization of hamlets. The draft MDP Section 11.0 encourages community, social, and recreational opportunities in all parts of the County. 	~	Draft ICSP Community Goal emphasizes quality of life for all residents.

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Natural Environment	While the County is commissioning studies re: watershed and sustainability issues of lakes, it is not following the advice of experts and lake shores are being devastated. Over-saturation of watercraft and failure to monitor for licenses is putting great stress on lakes, waterfowl and wildlife.	 Protect sensitive areas Protect wetlands and water resources 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The draft MDP Section 8.1 supports managed, and responsible recreation development. The draft MDP section 10.0 highlights the importance of high priority landscapes. The County has no control over watercraft licensing. 	~	 Draft ICSP Environment Actions include working with the Provincial Government to develop and implement a Wetland Management Plan. Draft ICSP Environment Action focuses on continued participation in lake management and intermunicipal watershed planning activities.
Land Use	[Residential Development] We need the tax \$. Do it right.	Promote healthy and connected communities	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP section 7.0 outlines policy direction for Rural Communities and Housing.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action emphasizes developing and implementing a Housing Diversity Strategy that identifies and addresses barriers to affordable housing.
Land Use / Economy	The County's desire for more and more gravel pits is lowering property values in adjacent areas.	Protect sensitive areasSmart economic development	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP Policies (Section 5.0) provide guidance on how future gravel extraction should occur. Detailed regulations are found in the Land Use Bylaw.	~	Draft ICSP Economy Action establishes dedicated Industrial & Commercial development zones through MDP policy.
Land Use / Natural Environment	Residents in lake areas pay higher taxes to clean up after day users, deal with speeding, noise pollution and general disregard for the health of such areas. Dramatic increases in motorized recreational vehicles used year-round (quads, golf carts, skidoos) has transformed neighborhoods into noisy thoroughfares; operators rarely show consideration for private property owners.	 Responsible recreation development and use Public and accessible recreation opportunities 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The Draft MDP promotes collaboration with OHV groups to explore the potential for future trails, staging areas, and parks (MDP Section 8.1).	~	The Draft ICSP Land Use Actions include reviewing and updating County documents, standards and bylaws on an ongoing basis to include current best management practices and mitigation measures as well as monitoring and reporting on land use balance trends.

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Land Use	The development of country estate type subdivisions should be clustered near existing urban centers but not so close as to cripple natural growth of these centers.	 Innovative approach to community development and housing Promote healthy and connected communities 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP Section 7.0 outlines policy direction for Rural Communities and Housing, which includes promoting conservation design and innovative housing forms.	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Goals include developing complete communities and prosperous hamlets that support live, work and play. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy ensures communities are designed using a network approach for development, ecosystems and recreation opportunities.
Land Use	We need to address bylaws regarding Tiny Houses, allowing more sustainable and ecofriendly communities to grow.	 Vibrant hamlets Innovative approach to community development and housing 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	The draft MDP Section 6.0 and 7.0 promotes innovative housing forms to ensure the provision of a diversity of housing options and affordability levels to Parkland residents.	~	Draft ICSP Economy Action includes updating the Land Use Bylaw to enable small businesses and the cottage industry.
Community / Land Use	For years the TransAlta Utilities plants made all the money, put pollution in the west, and no money spent in the west. Amazing now all money still spent in the east.	Vibrant hamlets Public and accessible recreation opportunities	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 The County's draft MDP emphasizes revitalization of hamlets located in the County (draft MDP Section 6.0). The draft MDP Section 11.0 encourages community, social, and recreational opportunities in all parts of the County. 	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy focuses on concentrating development, growth and local employment into growing hamlets.
Community / Governance	Community driven planning and discussions of local livelihood.	Transparent governance Encourage collaborative partnerships	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Section 12.0 of the draft MDP addresses communication and engagement with County residents.	~	 Draft ICSP Governance Goal emphasizes responsible, balanced and transparent decision making. Draft ICSP Governance Goal includes creating a partnership culture with community members.
Land Use	Land planninghow can you change land- i.e. put a gravel pit next to a farm that has been there 100 years? How can you change someone's life or lower their property value with adding a gravel pit? Change how you do this.	Protect sensitive areas Smart economic development	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	Draft MDP Policies (Section 5.0) provide guidance on how future gravel extraction should occur. Detailed regulations are found in the Land Use Bylaw.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action identifies priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes, agriculture and recreation and tourism in the MDP.

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N/A	Adherence to good planning practices, education of the various end users as to the importance of co-existence for mutual benefits will give the county the appearance of inclusion within a diversified overall land use policy thus making Parkland County appealing to a greater majority.	NONE	Metroquest Survey 2015	×	Comment was made with no particular issue identified.	×	Comment was made with no particular issue identified.
Economy	Acheson, as it exists, should be the focus of commercial, industrial development. Acheson does not need to be expanded, for there is years of future growth in zones 5,6,7,8. The County and Council need to get more financially sustainably businesses in Acheson as the fiscal analysis recommends. There are too many gravel lay down yards that could be professional buildings that generate more tax dollars. The next focus should be the 5th Meridian for water and sewer are near so fully serviced I/C is possible. HWY 43 should be a low priority and not encouraged because of lack of water sewer servicing nearby. Entwistle should also be a low priority because Drayton Valley and Edson can serve the area well, also over the past 20 years Entwistle's population growth has been stagnant.	Promote smart economic development Support a diversified economy	Metroquest Survey 2015	•	 The draft MDP identifies the Acheson Industrial area as a Major Employment Area (MDP Section 5.0). The draft MDP identifies the Fifth Meridian Business Park as a Major Employment Centre (MDP Section 5.0). The draft MDP Economic Competitiveness and Employment Section (Section 5.0) addresses future economic diversification opportunities within the County. 	~	 Draft ICSP Economy Goal identifies the importance of innovative and diversified industrial and commercial development. Draft ICSP Economy Action establishes dedicated Industrial & Commercial development zones through MDP Policy.

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Natural Environment / Land UseCont	Too many gravel pits, next to no access to the North Saskatchewan River.	Promote smart economic development Public and accessible recreation opportunities	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Draft MDP Policies (Section 5.0) provide guidance on how future gravel extraction should occur. Detailed regulations are found in the Land Use Bylaw. The draft MDP Section 8.2 recognizes recreation and tourism areas (i.e., Great Waters – which includes North Saskatchewan River Corridor). 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Action emphasizes investing in infrastructure and community design upgrades to address lifecycle, energy use or community access benefits. Draft ICSP Land Use Goal focuses on balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes.
Natural Environment / Land Use	The County is now known as Pitland County because of its love affair with gravel pits. Entire communities are affected and anyone against them is told not to even mention quality of life. Highway 16 to Entwistle resembles an industrial wasteland.	 Promote smart economic development Protect sensitive areas Attractive Design Practices 	Metroquest Survey 2015	~	 Draft MDP Policies (Section 5.0) provide guidance on how future gravel extraction should occur. Detailed regulations are found in the Land Use Bylaw. Draft MDP policies encourage development along major corridors to reduce any potential negative visual impacts (MDP Section 9.2). Draft MDP policies encourage attractive corridor development (MDP Section 5.0). 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Goal focuses on balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes. Draft ICSP Economy Action establishes dedicated industrial and commercial development zones through MDP Policy.
Land Use	(Draft Policy 9.2.4 (c)) Why must subdivisions be paved, if County roads are gravel?	Safe infrastructureTransparent Governance	2017 Open House	~	Paving requirements for external and internal roads are currently identified in MDP Bylaw 37-2007. Draft MDP Policy 9.2.4 (c) has been clarified to reinforce this current requirement.	×	 Not addressed in Draft ICSP. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports the design of efficient and safe infrastructure.

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Land Use / Community	(Draft Policy 11.1.4 (a) and 11.116(b)) It would be great if the County would work in a timely manner to request/create a public trail in park reserve. It is also expensive for the adjacent landowners to create and ensure a public trail on public land (Rich's Point subdivision).	 Responsible recreation development and use Public and accessible recreation opportunities 	2017 Open House	~	 The draft MDP identifies three Prime Recreation Areas. Public investment in trails, parks, and other recreation uses should be directed to these areas. The draft MDP encourages connected trail systems on existing Municipal Reserve and Environmental Reserve to enhance public access to natural and recreational areas. Level of investment attributed to trails is out of the scope of the MDP project. 	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Action establishes standards for recreational networks, trail connections and facilities in residential developments and hamlets. Draft ICSP Land Use Action emphasizes investing in infrastructure and community design upgrades to address lifecycle, energy use or community access benefits.
Land Use	Limit day recreation use at Jackfish Lake (JLMA).	 Protect sensitive areas Protect wetlands and water resources 	2017 Open House	×	Jackfish Lake Day Use Area is a formal County day use area. Draft MDP policies support careful and responsible land use activities around existing waterbodies.	×	Draft ICSP supports the continued participation in lake management.
Land Use	Ensure land uses from a discretionary perspective are carefully looked at. Long term "compatibility" should be key.	Balanced approach to growth	2017 Open House	×	 Permitted and discretionary uses are outlined by the County's Land Use Bylaw. The draft MDP policies are intended to ensure a balanced approach to growth within the County. 	~	Draft ICSP Land Use goal supports balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural, and working landscapes.
N/A	Speed up development of Township Road 628.	Safe infrastructure	2017 Open House	×	 Highway 628 (TWP RD 524) is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. The Draft MDP encourages safe roadway networks be developed and encourages partnerships with Alberta Transportation (MDP Section 9.2). 	~	 Highway 628 (TWP RD 524) is a provincial roadway under provincial jurisdiction. Draft ICSP Governance goal supports effective regional partnerships to improve efficiency of services to residents. Specifically one strategy is to work with the Province of Alberta.

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N/A	City of Spruce Grove are planning a land grab.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	The Draft MDP does not anticipate the growth of Spruce Grove beyond its current corporate boundaries.	×	The Draft ICSP does not anticipate the growth of Spruce Grove beyond its current corporate boundaries.
N/A	What is the City of Edmonton planning?	NONE	2017 Open House	×	 The City of Edmonton has the authority to plan within its boundaries. 	×	• The City of Edmonton has the authority to plan within its boundaries.
Land Use	Need to have the ability to "transfer" CR land designation to other parts of the County (i.e. around hamlets, Keephills, major intersections) etc.	Balanced approach to growth	2017 Open House	~	The Draft MDP directs the County to explore different programs to preserve prime agricultural lands and high priority landscapes such as transfer of development credits and transfer of subdivision density programs.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action explores the use of Transfer of Development Credits to guide future developments.
Land Use	Control and screen RV storage areas.	Attractive design practices	2017 Open House	~	 Development regulations for screening and fencing are regulated in the Land Use Bylaw. The draft MDP does speak to attractive corridor development and the need to enhance visual attractiveness through design features. 	×	Not addressed in Draft ICSP.
Land Use	Make rural businesses comply with business park standards (i.e., old vehicle dumps).	Attractive design practices	2017 Open House	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.
Land Use	No CR around Jackfish Lake – only Lakeshore (JLMA).	Protect sensitive areas	2017 Open House	×	Current MDP Bylaw 37-2007 identifies lands around Jackfish Lake as CR. The draft MDP does not anticipate changes at this time. CR lands around Jackfish Lake may be further reviewed as part of MDP implementation (i.e. inventorying of existing County CR lands).	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy emphasizes minimizing the impacts of development and resource extraction on natural areas and communities. Draft ICSP Environment Action supports continued participation in lake management.

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Land Use	Policies on subdivision need to be stronger - "should" isn't strong enough [1 other resident agreed with the comment].	Transparent governance	2017 Open House	×	The Draft MDP uses "should" in several agriculture policies in Section 4.1 to allow flexibility to accommodate for different site conditions/situations. The County may, at Council direction revise policies at a later date.	×	Draft ICSP does not address subdivision-specific policies. The Governance pillar does however recommend establishing processes and timelines for their coordinated review.
Land Use / Community	Look at more lots (8) per quarter for farming families.	Support a vibrant agricultural community	2017 Open House	×	 The Prime Agriculture Area – Small Holdings allows for greater flexibility in parcel number and size to support specialty agricultural use. The draft MDP supports innovative and diverse housing forms on agricultural parcels (as regulated by the County's Land Use Bylaw) to support keeping the family on the farm. 	×	 Not addressed in Draft ICSP. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses.
Lake Use / Natural Environment	Need a key draft MDP policy for lake management plans and ASP. (JLMA).	Protect wetlands and water resources	2017 Open House	~	Draft Policy 10.4.1(b) states that the County may move to preparing Lake Management Plans for several lakes including Jackfish Lake.	~	Draft ICSP Environment Actions emphasize implementing lake management, best practices from Environmental Conservation Master Plan and Wetland Management.
Land Use	Agriculture is sustainable on 40 acres not just 80. Not just around Stony and Grove.	Support a vibrant agricultural community	2017 Open House	×	Findings from the Future of Agriculture Study indicated the need to preserve.	×	Findings from the Future of Agriculture Study indicated the need to preserve.
Land Use	Improve food system for larger capacity trucks serving the farms.	 Support a vibrant agricultural community Diversify the rural and agricultural economy 	2017 Open House	~	Section 9.0 of the draft MDP provides policy direction surrounding the provision of safe and efficient transportation infrastructure.	~	Draft ICSP Economy Goal supports a vibrant agricultural economy.

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Land Use / Economy	Acheson will be lost to Edmonton in the future. Concentrate on farming and forestry. If coal is lost too you will be forced to be a have not County. Accept it / plan for it.	Support a diversified economy	2017 Open House	~	The Draft MDP effectively plans for more diversification of the economy by placing a heavy emphasis on the diversification of agricultural areas and economic diversification in major and local employment areas, as well as an increased emphasis on economic development in hamlet and local service areas.	~	 Draft ICSP Economy pillar supports innovative and diversified industrial and commercial development. Draft ICSP Economy Strategy supports the development of programs that support green business and the transition to local alternative energy production.
Economy / Natural Environment	Natural Resource at 25° / tonne CAP which is under review by province – How is that a benefit to Parkland vs. quality of life – preserve environment.	Balanced land use	2017 Open House	×	Comment was made with no particular recommendation or direction provided to Administration.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use pillar supports minimizing the impacts of resource extraction on natural areas and the community through best management practices.
Land Use / Community	Entwistle is identified as a high or prime agricultural area. How does that go with it being a priority growth hamlet? What is interaction(?) long term?	Vibrant hamlets	2017 Open House	~	The Draft MDP identifies the Hamlet of Entiwiste as a Priority Growth Hamlet. Lands outside of the Hamlet are considered part of the prime agricultural area.	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports the concentrated development, growth and local employment into growth hamlets. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses, while preserving priority landscapes.
Governance / Land Use	What is the expected level of investment? [NOTE – comment was placed on the hamlet open house board].	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Draft MDP polices (MDP Section 6.0) identifies the type of development expected in Entwistle. Determining specific "level of investment" is outside the scope of the MDP document.	~	The Draft ICSP Land Use pillar includes a reinvestment strategy to concentrate development, growth, and local employment into growth hamlets.

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Land Use / Community	Why Entwistle? They cost more than we will ever make & we appear to be changing bylaws, making improvements to support particular developers. No one will move here.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Entwislte has been preliminarily identified by Council as the County's Priority Growth Hamlet due to factors including existing infrastructure and services, proximity to employment areas and potential for future growth. Level of investment to be directed to Entwislte is outside the scope of the MDP document.	×	The Draft ICSP Land Use pillar includes a reinvestment strategy to concentrate development, growth, and local employment into growth hamlets.
Land Use	Support lakefront residential objective (JLMA).	NONE	2017 Open House	~	 Comment was made in support of Lakefront Residential policy objective. 	~	 Comment was made in support of Lakefront Residential policy objective.
Land Use	Stop subdividing quality farmland.	Protect prime agricultural lands	2017 Open House	~	The draft MDP includes policy direction aimed at the Conservation of High Capability Farm Land. Additionally, Prime Agricultural Areas – South east and West have been identified with the intent of preserving large tracts of land.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports a diversity of agricultural land uses, while preserving priority landscapes.
N/A	Compatibility key.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Comment was made with no particular issue identified.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use goal supports balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural, and working landscapes.
Land Use / Community	Recreational activities need to be clearly defined. Make sure is it non-profit or a business which needs to adhere to different regulations.	 Public and accessible recreation opportunities Responsible recreation development and use 	2017 Open House	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.
Land Use / Community / Natural Environment	Use the Reserve land for access to Hubbles Lake and create parking & public area for the public so they don't walk on resident's property.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities	2017 Open House	×	Not addressed in MDP.	~	Addressed in Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan whose implementation is supported through the Community pillar.

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Land Use / Natural Environment	More parks and natural areas needed. Very little crown land available.	 Public and accessible recreation opportunities Protect sensitive areas 	2017 Open House	~	Section 10 of the draft MDP addresses the provision of parks, open spaces and recreation facilities. Additionally, it provides policy direction regarding the dedication of municipal reserve and encourages connected trail systems.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action identifies priority areas and policy direction for natural landscape, agriculture and recreation and tourism in the MDP.
Land Use / Community	Gun clubs are needed and wanted. They bring in thousands of members who spend their dollars in local businesses. It is a local draw that should be something to be proud of and support rather than divest.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities	2017 Open House	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.	×	Development regulations and standards are outlined in the County's Land Use Bylaw.
Land Use / Community	Make Wabamun a second Sylvan Lake.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Lands within the Village of Wabumun are outside the jurisdiction of Parkland County.	×	Lands within the Village of Wabumun are outside the jurisdiction of Parkland County.
Land Use	There is no control over outdoor advertising i.e. highway trailer billboards. A very bad image for Alberta. If needed tax them.	Attractive design practices	2017 Open House	~	 Draft MDP policies encourage development along major corridors to reduce any potential negative visual impacts (MDP Section 9.2). Comment's reference to 	×	Not addressed in the Draft ICSP.
Land Use / Natural Environment	Rumour has it Jackfish will be closed soon to anyone not on the lake. Is this controlled access a benefit to residents at large or like an Entwistle.	Public and accessible recreation opportunities	2017 Open House	×	 Entwistle is unclear. The draft Municipal Development Plan promotes responsible lake access management. It does not specify the closure of access to Jackfish Lake. Comment's reference to Entwistle is unclear. 	~	Closure of Jackfish Lake access is not specified in the ICSP. The ICSP promotes strategies for responsible recreational use of natural assets such as lakes and participation in lake management efforts
Natural Environment	Why is the NSR always left out by Jackfish & Mayatan? Prime? Who lives there? (NOTE – comment was placed on the Prime Recreation & Tourism open house board).	NONE	2017 Open House	~	 The North Saskatchewan River corridor has been identified in the proposed Great Waters Prime Recreation and Tourism Area. Comment's intent was unclear. 	~	 The North Saskatchewan River corridor has been identified in the proposed Great Waters Prime Recreation and Tourism Area. Comment's intent was unclear.

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Land Use	More railway overpasses to address larger and more frequent trains. CNR charges \$ 200.00/min for delayed freight trains. Road users cannot do the reverse.	Safe infrastructure	2017 Open House	~	The MDP promotes working with Alberta Transportation to develop grade-separated crossings at strategic areas (MDP section 9.4).	×	 Not addressed in the Draft ICSP. Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports the design of efficient and safe infrastructure.
Natural Environment	Natural Environment without reducing to allow living things to live well. Once more – gravel pits in 100 year flood [plain].	Protect sensitive areas	2017 Open House	~	Draft MDP Section 5.0 promotes the responsible development of resource extraction operations. Draft MDP Section 10.4 establishes policies to protect water resources.	~	 Draft ICSP Land Use Goal supports balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural and working landscapes. Draft ICSP Land Use Action establishes an Integrated Land Use Management System to identify cumulative effects and guide decision making.
Natural Environment	How does carving end pit lakes in flood zones = responsibility? How does this fit with natural environment? How are hazard swamps responsible? Stay out of the 100 year flood [plain].	Protect sensitive areas	2017 Open House	~	Draft MDP Section 5.0 promotes the responsible development of resource extraction operations. Draft MDP Section 10.4 establishes policies to protect water resources.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action identifies priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes, agriculture, and recreation and tourism in the MDP.
Natural Environment	Biodiversity – Natural Environment. Don't accept reports from contractors – Independent Reports by Outside Science. Industry Bends Results.	Protect sensitive areas	2017 Open House	~	The technical reports and studies undertaken in support of development proposals are required by the County, to be completed by a qualified professional.	~	The technical reports and studies undertaken in support of development proposals are required, by the County, to be completed by a qualified professional.
Natural Environment	All of Jackfish area should be in High Priority Landscape (referring to High Priority Landscapes open house board and map). (JLMA)	Protect wetlands and water resources	2017 Open House	~	Figure 13 – High Priority Landscapes identifies Jackfish Lake as a high priority landscape.	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar promotes protecting valuable natural capital.

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Land Use / Natural Environment	Make Jackfish Lake ASP a high priority. (JLMA)	Protect wetlands and water resources	2017 Open House	×	Section 13 – Implementation directs the County to prioritize Area Structure Plan (ASP) reviews and update ASPs as needed.	×	Not addressed directly in Draft ICSP. Draft ICSP Land Use Action identifies priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes, agriculture, and recreation and tourism in the MDP.
Natural Environment	[The County] should do selective spraying for noxious weeds.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Recommendation is outside the scope of the MDP. Comment will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for consideration.	×	Recommendation is outside the scope of the ICSP. Comment will be forwarded to the Agriculture Department for consideration.
Natural Environment / Land Use	Like to see responsible development around waterbodies.	Protect wetlands and water resources	2017 Open House	~	Comment was made in support of Lakefront Residential policies.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Action supports the development and adoption of an Integrated Land Use Management System to identify cumulative effects of land use or development decisions on all five pillars and to guide decision making.
N/A	Expand hours of operation [re: Transfer Stations].	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Recommendation is outside the scope of the MDP. Comment will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for consideration.	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar recommends assessing services levels offered for waste diversion.
Land Use	Consider water supply line from Wabamun to Jackfish / Mayatan Lake (JLMA).	Safe Infrastructure	2017 Open House	×	Comment is outside the scope of the MDP.	~	Draft ICSP Environment Action supports assessing various sustainable options for municipally-run wastewater systems.
Land Use	Don't develop before Roads are ready.	Safe infrastructure	2017 Open House	~	The draft MDP identifies policy direction for subdivision and development requirements for sites with roadways, which includes standards for roadway development.	~	Draft ICSP Land Use Strategy supports the design of efficient and safe infrastructure that supports concentrated employment hubs and services complete communities.
Land Use / Natural Environment	Accept agricultural waste for no fee for agricultural land owners.	Support a vibrant agricultural community	2017 Open House	×	Recommendation is outside the scope of the MDP. Comment will be forward to the Public Works and Agriculture departments for consideration.	~	Draft ICSP Environment pillar recommends exploring sustainable options for joint municipally-run organics waste processing facility.

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Land Use	5km radius [for subdivision notification] seems excessive in some circumstances "up to 5km".	NONE	2017 Open House	×	 Public engagement processes are addressed in Council Policy C-AD 51 (Public Engagement). There are no intentions to change referral distances at this time. 	~	Engaging communities in county activities is addressed in the Governance pillar.
Governance	I am impressed with the kind and considerate staff that answered all my questions. I am convinced that they are on track for our future.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Not addressed in the MDP.	~	Supported in the Governance pillar through implementation of the One Parkland Customer Service Project.
Governance	[MDP] should not be finalized by existing Council. This is something that should not have their hands tied to make changes if necessary.	NONE	2017 Open House	×	Comment is outside the scope of the MDP.	×	Comment is outside the scope of the ICSP.

SECTION 4 | COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES' PRIORITIES

JOINT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEETING

Parkland County hosted a joint meeting with members from three public Council advisory committees on May 26, 2017. These included the:

- Agricultural Service Board
- · Community Sustainability Committee
- Economic Diversification Committee

THE ACTIVITY

The purpose of the meeting was to prioritize key planning considerations to be aware of in completing the final Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). Committee members were presented with 20 different planning considerations (from Section 1) that were used when preparing the final plans. From that list, each committee prioritized their "top three" considerations and shared these considerations with the other groups.

THE FINDINGS

Agricultural Service Board

- Protect prime agricultural lands
- Protect wetlands and water resources
- Responsible recreation development and use

Community Sustainability Committee

- Smart development (including recreation)
- · Protect sensitive areas and protect wetland/water
- · Public access to recreation and healthy, connected communities

Economic Diversification Committee

- Support a diversified economy
- Support a vibrant agricultural community
- Balanced approach to growth

THE PRIORITIES

Together the committees then prioritized their top three planning considerations which were:

- Protect prime agricultural lands and support a vibrant agricultural community
- Protect wetlands, water resources, and sensitive areas
- · Balanced approach to growth

The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and Municipal Development Plan were reviewed to ensure the top three considerations were adequately captured.

COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES' PRIORITIES



COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSIDERATION	WAS IT ADDRESSED IN THE MDP?	HOW WAS IT ADDRESSED IN THE MDP?	WAS IT ADDRESSED IN THE ICSP?	HOW WAS IT ADDRESSED IN THE ICSP?
Protect prime agricultural lands and support a vibrant agricultural community	*	Administration reviewed the appropriate Draft MDP Section 4.0 – Agriculture, to ensure the overall policies would protect agricultural lands from incompatible uses. Administration also reviewed MDP Section 4.0 to ensure that MDP policies would support the development of a more vibrant agriculture community. No substantive		 Protection of prime agricultural lands is supported in the Draft ICSP Land Use Goal – Balanced interests and reduced conflict between developed, natural, and working landscapes. Further, Land Use Action emphasizes the identification of priority areas and policy direction for agriculture in the MDP.
		policy changes were made at this time.		Economic Goal – A vibrant agricultural economy – is included in the Draft ICSP which includes:
				 Develop and implement a Value-added Agriculture Action Plan.
				 Develop strategies to connect local producers, good, and services to regional and global markets.
				 Identify opportunities for clustering agriculture producers, and industry to establish a circular economy.
Protect wetlands, water resources, and sensitive areas		Administration reviewed the Draft MDP Section 10 – Natural Environment and made several improvements: Use Driving for decrease identified in MDP Signary 12 and 12 an	~	Wetlands, water resource and sensitive area protection is a vital part of the Draft ICSP, outlined in the following strategies:
		 High Priority landscapes identified in MDP Figure 13 was slightly expanded to include lands around Jadkfish Lake, and to connect areas along from the North Sask River to Wabamun Creek. 		 Environment – An ecological network approach to land use planning that protects valuable natural capital, critical wildlife habitat, and unique biodiversity.
		 Administration revised several policies to include reference to conservation of high-value wetlands when dedicating reserve lands. 		 Environment – Land use and development that maintains groundwater and surface water supplies; minimizes loss of wetland and riparian areas; and
		 Administration added policies around preserving "system diversity" under Draft MDP Section 10.3 – Biodiversity. 		supports aquatic ecosystems. • Land Use Strategy further supports this consideration
		 Administration clarified policy direction around preparing for Climate change and adaption. 		through the identification of priority areas and policy direction for natural landscapes in the MDP.
Balanced approach to growth	*	Draft MDP policies have been prepared to "balance" growth opportunities in both west and east parts of the County. In particular, the draft MDP policies provide significant policy direction around agriculture, while also providing policy direction around the development of hamlets and country residential areas.	*	 The Draft ICSP Land Use Goal supports the development of complete communities and prosperous hamlets, including the development of a Hamlet Reinvestment Strategy. The Draft ICSP Economy Goals focus on the development of a diverse, innovative and wide-spread economy.
		Draft MDP policies also attempt to "balance" environmental conservation and protection of water resources with responsible economic development and residential and recreational development.		The development of an Integrated Land Use Management System ensures the cumulative effects of land use or development decisions on all five pillars are identified and used to guide decision making.



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