



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Topic: Municipal Development Plan 2016 Update

Introduction:

This report provides information on how Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw No. 37-2007 will be updated. The report will also present the draft vision statement for the MDP update, and information on how the vision statement was developed.

Facts (Background Information):

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

November 5, 2013

- Council approved the original terms of reference and public engagement plan for the MDP Bylaw No. 37-2007 update.

March 3, 2014

- Draft MDP vision statement presented to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

December 2, 2014

- Project update to Committee of the Whole.

February 2, 2015

- Project update to Committee of the Whole.

PURPOSE

Administration will be completing the update to MDP Bylaw No. 37-2007 in 2016. To support the update, Administration requires an approved MDP project workplan and consultation plan, and approval of the MDP vision statement. The approval of the project workplan will also provide the direction to proceed with the completion of the Growth Study.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Administration has undertaken extensive community engagement in 2014 and 2015 to inform the update of MDP Bylaw No. 37-2007. Several of these engagements were intertwined with work on the Community Sustainability and Development Plan (CSDP) and will inform the completion of the MDP.

January 27, 28, 29, 2014

- Public engagement sessions were held to develop the MDP draft vision statement. Sessions were held at Woodbend, Entwistle, and Blueberry Halls.

March 10, 11, 12, 2014

- Public engagement sessions were used to present the draft vision statement to the public and to brainstorm future principles to be used in the MDP and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) update. Sessions were held at Graminia, Manley, and Tomahawk Halls.

September - December 11, 2015

- Administration hosted three meetings with the CSDP Advisory Committee to develop sustainability definitions (principles) for the CSDP project.

February 24, 2015

- The CSDP Advisory Committee met to confirm sustainability definitions (principles) for the CSDP project and to present draft growth scenarios.

June 16, 17, 18, and 22, 2015

- Public engagement sessions were held in the County to seek public feedback on growth scenarios. Sessions were held at Holborn, Carvel, Magnolia, and Woodbend Halls.

September – November 2015

- Administration attended several community events to seek feedback on the growth scenarios.

Administration also maintained a regular project e-mail list of the public and stakeholders interested in the MDP and CSDP project from 2013 to late 2015. The e-mail list was used to provide regular project updates.

Analysis:

In October 2015, Administration began to separate the MDP update from the ICSP update in order to ensure the integrity of both documents.

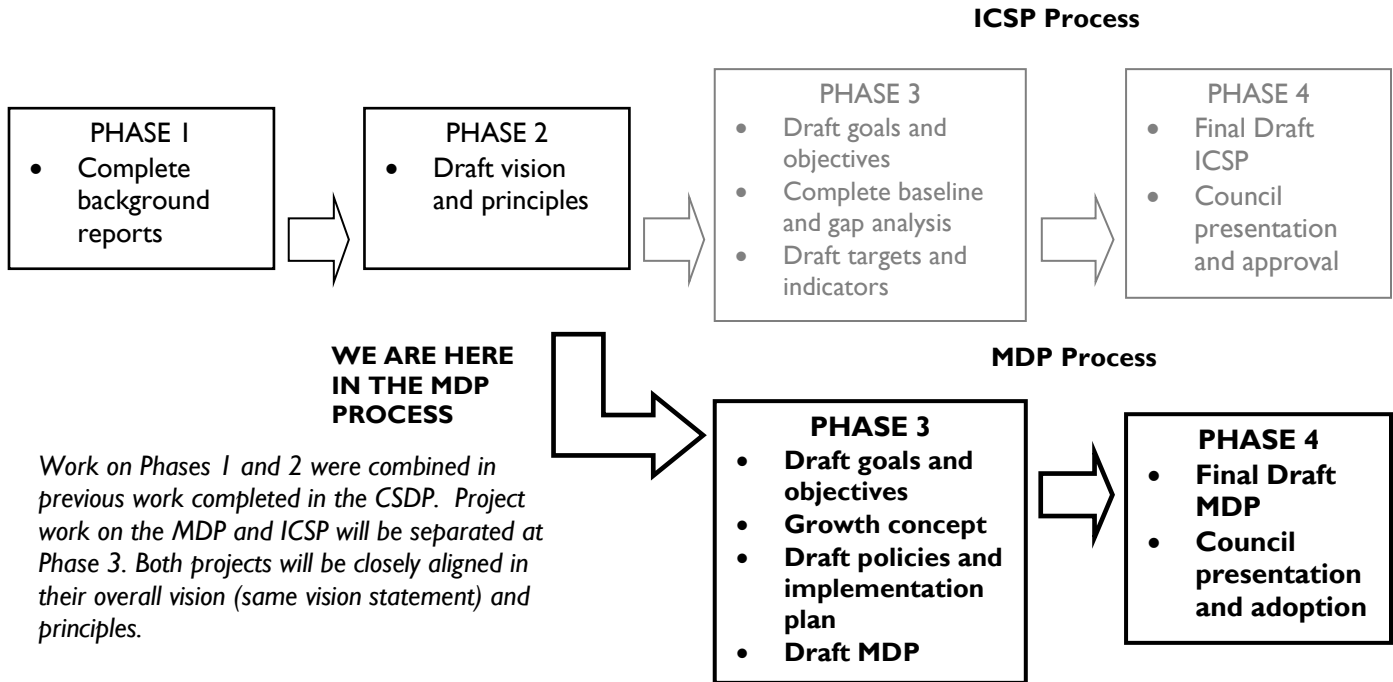
Work completed on the CSDP in 2014 and 2015 will help in the update of the MDP and ICSP. This includes the incorporation of the project vision statement, and the use of the sustainability definitions to develop the MDP guiding principles. Feedback received from all public engagement sessions (listed above) will also be used to inform the preparation of draft goals, objectives, and policies for the plan update.

MDP project workplan and consultation plan

The MDP project workplan outlines:

- resources needed to update the MDP, key deliverables, and an estimated project schedule
- items not be undertaken in the MDP update (items out of scope)
- public consultation activities for 2016 (MDP consultation plan)
- an overview of the Growth Study Terms of Reference (the Growth Study is needed to support the completion of the MDP)

Administration is reviewing and re-writing the goals, objectives and policies of the MDP. This phase builds on the work completed for Phase 1 and 2 of the CSDP, and includes final policy development and the identification of a growth concept for the County. The overall process for both the MDP update and ICSP update are outlined below:



Work on the MDP update and ICSP update will closely align. Administration intends to have a draft MDP completed by the end of 2016. Council presentation of the final draft MDP will occur in early 2017.

The MDP consultation plan is included as part of the MDP project workplan.

Growth Study

A major component of the MDP update will be the completion of a growth study to identify growth options for the County. Recommended growth options in the Growth Study will help guide the creation of the final growth concept used in the MDP. Completion of the Growth Study has been identified in the MDP project workplan. Administration will complete the Growth Study as part of the MDP project update. **An overview of the Growth Study Terms of Reference is included at the end of the MDP project workplan.**

MDP vision statement

Public engagements in January 2014 helped in preparing the draft vision statement. The vision statement has also been reviewed and revised by Council in 2014. The statement reads as:

Parkland County will steward our natural environment and foster a sustainable and diverse economy while maintaining our rural character. We will be innovative and creative in growing a healthy community that provides equitable opportunities for all, and we will celebrate our heritage and culture.

Administration requires an “adopted” vision statement for the MDP. The vision statement will provide the overall guidance and direction to assist Administration in preparing the draft MDP goals, objectives, and policies.

The MDP vision statement will also be used as the vision for the updated ICSP.

MDP “content” outline

The MDP “content” outline document provides a general outline of how the MDP will be updated by “laying out” the various sections that will be reviewed and rewritten in the MDP. Administration will use the “content outline” as a guide when structuring and preparing the various sections in the draft MDP. The “content” outline is being provided to Council for information purposes.

Next steps

Administration will next present the MDP guiding principles to Council for review and final approval in late March 2016. Administration will provide Council with regular project updates as identified in the MDP project workplan.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration recommends the adoption of the MDP project workplan and MDP vision statement as presented.

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