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Joint Media Release

The City of Grande Prairie and County of Grande Prairie have created a proposed Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) to guide growth and development in the area over the next 30-50 years.

A series of open houses are scheduled from Nov. 24-26 for residents to provide input and ask questions.

The proposed plan has been developed through the work of a joint committee comprised of council and administration of both municipalities.

It outlines a short term and long term supply of land for the City. Issues such as future service delivery and taxation will be answered by the City at the upcoming open houses.

“This is an exciting initiative founded on strong inter-municipal co-operation,” says Mayor Dwight Logan. “Having room to grow is critical for the City, particularly for industrial and commercial activity, and I am thrilled we have arrived at this stage. This agreement places us as leaders in collaborations between neighbouring municipalities.”

“The joint committee has put a lot of work into developing a long term, sustainable growth strategy for both municipalities,” stated Reeve Everett McDonald. “The County is committed to providing for the long term growth needs of the region in a responsible manner which is demonstrated in this concept that accommodates the City’s request to expand. We encourage residents to attend the open houses, review these initial concepts and provide feedback about the proposed growth areas for the City.”

The IDP also paves the way for co-operation and co-ordination in key areas such as land use, environmental policy, transportation, recreation, roads, sewer and water while laying the groundwork for a framework for economic growth.

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