

**BY-LAW NO. 3125
OF THE
COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1**

A by-law of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of adopting an Intermunicipal Development Plan between the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 and Birch Hills County in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, R.S.A., 2000, and amendments thereto.

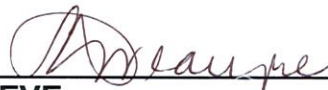
WHEREAS the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 has has the authority pursuant to the Provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M26, and amendments thereto to adopt an Intermunicipal Development Plan and;

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 has undertaken to prepare such a plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 duly assembled enacts as follows:

1. That the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 and Birch Hills County Intermunicipal Development Plan and its attachments, shown as Schedule "A" are hereby adopted as a by-law.
2. That the provisions of this By-Law apply to all lands and buildings within the area outlined on the Intermunicipal Development Plan Figure 1, Plan Area.
3. This By-Law comes into effect on the date of it finally being passed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 2019.



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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 4th DAY OF November, A.D. 2019.



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READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 4th DAY OF November, A.D. 2019.



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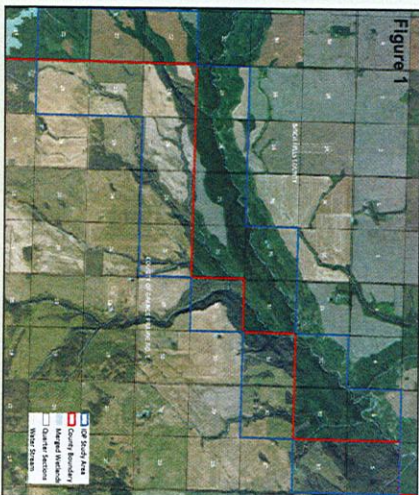


1. INTRODUCTION

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a statutory document that guides future development of a defined area, prepared by two or more municipalities that share a border. Recent amendments to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) have promoted intermunicipal cooperation by mandating IDP creation by neighbouring municipalities. An effective IDP is built on principles of communication and trust, by coordinating resources and planning efforts the IDP will continue to support the region's vibrancy through collaborative governance.

1.1 Plan Area

The Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) area is comprised of twenty-three (23) quarter sections of Crown lands & private lands located along the border between Birch Hills County & County of Grande Prairie No. 1 (Figure 1). The IDP boundary has been established by following an equal area of one quarter section out from the municipal boundary line given the limited growth that occurs within this area. Within the IDP area exists both Crown and private land holdings. The majority of lands within the IDP area boundary are designated for Agriculture Use (Figure 3). Highway 733 is the nearest provincial highway located to the west of IDP area, and the area can be accessed directly via Hwy 733 & Township Road 733A (Figure 4). The joint Plan Area covers approximately 4710 hectares (11658.6 acres) of land. For a detailed review of the Plan Area and land uses, refer to the Figure 3 – Land Use Map.



2. PURPOSE & GOALS

To create an IDP that enables Birch Hills County & County of Grande Prairie No. 1 to establish a collaborative framework that guides future planning and development, manages growth, facilitates environmental initiatives, and supports collaboration around infrastructure and vital community services.

To create a mechanism that promotes a collaborative approach to future planning and development.

To reduce the potential for future conflict by creating a mutual understanding.

To continue to promote Crown Lands as recreation and tourism opportunities.

To reduce environmental impact on surrounding sensitive areas by promoting compatible land uses.

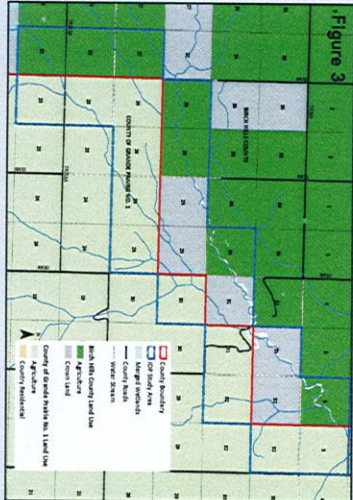
To work towards service delivery and infrastructure standards that meet the needs of both communities.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

3.1 Both municipalities shall continue to protect and promote Crown Lands to be publicly accessed for recreational purposes.

3.2 Environmentally significant areas shall be identified (e.g. wildlife and biodiversity zones, sand and gravel deposits, wetlands, etc.) for special management consideration within municipal documents such as the Municipal Development Plan, Area Structure Plans and the Land Use Bylaw.

5. FUTURE LAND USE POLICIES



5.1 Both municipalities shall acknowledge the lands within the IDP area retain their current designations. Any changes to land use districts within the IDP area must be referred to the other municipality.

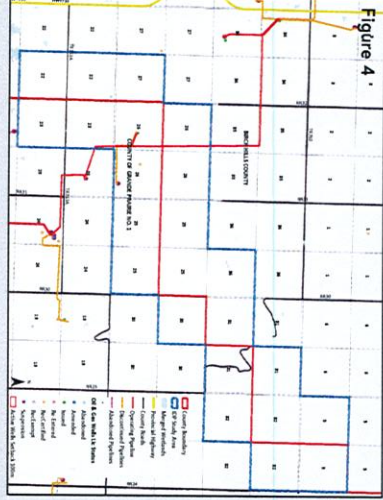
5.2 Future land use development requiring redistricting within the IDP area should be discouraged to promote continued compatible land uses between the existing Agricultural and Crown Lands. Existing designations have been established to adhere to each County's MDP Objectives.

6. TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

6.1 Both municipalities should jointly review their municipal operations program (e.g. snow removal, road grading, etc.) to identify opportunities for cost savings and to avoid inefficiency, particularly as they affect the IDP area, so that transportation networks and connections are consistent across municipal boundaries.

6.2 Both municipalities should jointly review their municipal engineering standards for roadway design and work together to harmonize those standards to obtain consistency in roadway design when crossing boundaries.

6.3 Both municipalities shall notify the other when Transportation & Infrastructure projects are being tendered within the IDP area, to enable the opportunity of cost savings for a joint tender(s).



7. INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION

7.1 Councils shall meet when one Council requests a joint meeting.

7.2 A minimum of three (3) Council members from either municipality shall be present at each Joint Council Meeting to create a quorum.

8. IMPLEMENTATION & ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Adoption: The IDP shall be adopted (via Bylaw) by both Birch Hills County and County of Grande Prairie No. 1 in accordance with the MGA.

8.2 Plan Review and Amendments

a. A full review of the IDP shall be completed every five (5) years, or when a statutory document is implemented or amended that regulates the IDP area, to ensure policies within the IDP remain consistent and effective.

b. If the IDP requires amendments or if there is an objection to the framework by either municipality, an Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee (IDPC) shall be established to review and discuss changes to the IDP.

c. An IDPC shall be comprised of eight (8) members. The IDPC shall have an even number of members from each municipality. Two (2) members of council, two (2) CAO's and four (4) members of Administration.

d. An IDP shall only be repealed if it is being replaced by a new IDP or the Minister of Municipal Affairs has granted an exemption in accordance with the MGA.

9. REFERRAL (S)

9.1 Within the IDP area, the two municipalities shall refer the following to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the respective municipality:

- Municipal Development Plans, Area Structure Plans, and any amendments thereto.
- Outline Plans and Conceptual Schemes
- Land Use Bylaw amendments including redesignation/redistricting
- Applications for discretionary uses and variances

10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 In the event that a dispute is identified, written notice shall be given to the adjacent municipality.

10.2 Dispute Resolution Process:

Stage 1 Administrative Review – The Chief Administrative Officers of both municipalities will meet in an attempt to resolve the issue first. Failing resolution, the dispute will then be referred to the Intermunicipal Committee. In the event that a resolution is not achieved by the 30th day following the first meeting of the Chief Administrative Officer of both Municipalities, either municipality may refer the dispute to the Intermunicipal Committee.

Stage 2 Intermunicipal Committee Review – The Committee will convene to consider and attempt to resolve the dispute. In the event that a resolution is not achieved by the 30th day following the first meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee, either municipality may refer the dispute to mediation.

Stage 3 Mediation – The services of an independent mediator will be retained, with the mediator to present a written recommendation to both Councils. The costs of mediation shall be shared equally between the Municipalities.

Stage 4 Municipal Government Board – In the event that the mediation process does not resolve the dispute, the Municipality may proceed to adopt the Bylaw and, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, the other municipality will have the right to appeal to the Municipal Government Board.



November 4, 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby appoint **Deputy Reeve Peter Harris** as Acting Reeve for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 in my absence from November 4 – November 11, 2019.

4h day of November, A.D. 2019.

Leanne Beaupre
Reeve