



Request for Decision

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| Title: | Municipal Development Plan (MDP): Second Reading |
| Date: | 7/9/2025 |
| Presented By: | Barry Kolenosky, Chief Administrative Officer & Molly Fyten, Director (Contractor), Strategic Projects & Initiatives |
| Attachments: | Updated Proposed Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Bylaw 2025-06: DRAFT-Redlined and Clean Copies Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Bylaw 2025-06: "Bylaw Cover Sheet" Current Municipal Development Plan, 2012-09 MDP/LUB Comment Tracker (Public Hearing Feedback and Discussion Items)- Updated following Council's strategic Session held June 26, 2025 Proposed Revisions Council Workbook (June 2025) – updated following public hearing (held June 10, 2025) |

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| Proposed Motion(s) | That Council moves to give second reading to the Municipal Development Plan, Bylaw 2025-06, as amended. |
| Administration's Recommendation(s) | As proposed. |

BACKGROUND:

Over the duration of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) alignment and amendment project, a number of public engagement/consultation opportunities and strategic sessions with Council have been held. The overall process has included the updating of definitions and content to ensure clarity, alignment with legislation, and overall alignment of all related MD documents, including the Animal Control Bylaw.

Public feedback has been received through various platforms provided by the MD throughout the entire consultation process, including online surveys, public open-houses, and other communication channels including email and phone. An extensive education and awareness campaign has been ongoing throughout the process, which continues

to put public engagement at the forefront.

To ensure continued public dialogue and adherence to legislative requirements, a public hearing was recently held on June 11, 2025 at the Northern Star Hotel in Slave Lake, Alberta. This provided an opportunity for any residents to attend to speak in favor of, or against, the proposed Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 2025-06, and the Land Use Bylaw 2025-07. An option to participate virtually or submit written feedback was also provided (all written submissions were verbally read during the hearing). As part of the hearing, background information was provided to the attendees, along with numerous informative handouts and hard copies of the proposed documents. All documents, in addition to other educational resources, were also provided online well in advance of the public hearing. 14 residents attended this public hearing, in addition to administration, Council, and planning experts.

Administration has since compiled and reviewed all of the feedback received during the public hearing, along with response comments or revisions incorporated into the documents, in addition to items requiring further discussion with Council (as presented in the MDP/LUB Comment Tracker). This information was presented to Council for further discussion and direction, during a strategic session held on June 26, 2025. All current revisions to-date have been reflected in the updated documents, as attached. The public workbook, as used as an ongoing educational and awareness tool, has also been updated following the public hearing to reflect some of the highlighted revisions (the full range of proposed revisions can be found in the tracker tool, which outlines any corresponding sections of the MDP or LUB that have been changed, for cross reference). The redlined version (showing tracked changes) and clean copy (inclusive of changes) of the bylaw has been provided, in addition to the "cover sheet" which will be included in the final document. The MDP document has received its first reading by Council (May 14, 2025), and is now being presented in its current, proposed state for Council's second reading at this time. It is anticipated that the document will be brought back, in its final state, for Council's third and final readings on August 13, 2025 (tentatively scheduled).

Administration has continued to review all bylaw documents, processes, and motions with legal, to ensure all final documents are reflective of their recommendations and legislative practices.

The draft MDP in its current state is primarily for content purposes, and will require additional graphic attention to evolve into its final state, prior to final reading. Following Council's final approval of the document, administration will continue to review and streamline current planning processes, and update internal administrative guidelines and tools as needed. As part of the final stage, communication expertise will be utilized to update all user-based platforms (ex: interactive forms and matrix flowcharts on the website). These documents will provide the guidelines and overall framework to assist staff and educate residents when it comes to planning and development related activities.

The MD plans to host a series of orientation workshops in the fall of 2025 to help residents, developers and other stakeholder groups understand, adopt, and begin putting the new legislation into practice.

The remaining steps for rolling out the new MDP and LUB framework are listed below. All dates indicated remain tentative, and are subject to change to accommodate scheduling conflicts, competing priorities, or the need for final refinements:

July 2025:

- Public release of draft documents, following second readings
- Enhanced education and communication activities including MD website updates

August 2025:

- Council's final readings of draft Animal Control Bylaw (ACB), MDP & LUB (tentatively August 13, 2025)

Fall of 2025:

- Schedule and host community workshops

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