
REPORT NAME

2024/25 Alberta Community Partnerships Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the 2024/25 Alberta Community Partnerships Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant Application to undertake the Regional Infrastructure Servicing Strategy with the Town of Devon as a municipal partner.

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: To establish funding for the Regional Infrastructure Servicing Strategy.

Authority: (MGA section/bylaw/policy number):

Section 633 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* enacts that:

- (1) For the purpose of providing a framework for subsequent subdivision and development of an area of land, a council may by bylaw adopt an area structure plan.
- (2) An area structure plan
 - a. must describe the sequence of development proposed for the area, the land uses proposed for the area, either generally or with respect to specific parts of the area, the density of population proposed for the area either generally or with respect to specific parts of the area, and the general location of major transportation routes and public utilities.
 - b. may contain any other matters, including matters relating to reserves, as the council considers necessary.

Schedule 3B of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (EMRGP) identifies planned and local employment areas.

Policy 1.2.2 of the EMRGP states that Employment growth will be accommodated in: b. planned employment areas and smaller-scale local employment areas indicated on Schedule 3B.

Schedule B of the Regional Agricultural Master Plan (RAMP) identifies Policy Area 3, Agriculture in Future Transition Lands. The objectives of Policy Area 3 are to:

- Retain agriculture as a complementary use and minimize fragmentation so as not to constrain or restrict the designated priority use.
- Maximize the opportunities for the continued presence of agriculture and related agriculture activities as a complementary use for the long term.
- Ensure that agricultural lands and associated landscapes are managed through the application of best management practices specific to soil, water and environment.

Section 3.2.0.11 of the Municipal Development Plan (2024) states that the Planned Employment Area will be developed subject to the preparation of an Area Structure Plan.

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Section 3.4 of the Municipal Development Plan (2024) states that the Planned Employment Area was previously identified in the City of Leduc/Leduc County Intermunicipal Development Plan (repealed) and is outlined on Schedule 3B (Planned and Local Employment Areas) of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan. Development in the Planned Employment Area will be subject to the policies for the Major Employment Area.

Section 13.5 (m) of the Town of Devon/Leduc County Intermunicipal Development Plan says that the provision of municipal services into an area will be a logical extension of existing infrastructure, and will consider the cost implications of such extensions and broader servicing capacity needs.

Amount of funding required: \$200,000

Funding source: 2024/25 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant

BACKGROUND

Council approved the project charter for the West Lands Area Structure Plan (ASP) June 25, 2024. Part of the technical background work to develop the West Lands ASP is an infrastructure strategy with involvement of specific regional partners that explores the servicing of the plan area. Administration has been in contact with administration from the Town of Devon to participate in this program. Pending council approval, the Town of Devon will be named as a partner in the grant application. The regional collaboration involved in this strategy fits into the requirements for the Alberta Community Partnerships Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant (ACP-IC). To meet the application deadline, administration submitted the application on September 30, 2024. Municipal Affairs requires Council support for the grant application to be finalized. As such, administration is recommending that Council support the application to the ACP-IC program to undertake the Regional Infrastructure Servicing Strategy with the Town of Devon as a municipal partner.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Approved West Lands ASP Project Charter