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Lacombe / Blackfalds area residents invited to public open house on draft Area Structure Plan

(Lacombe, Alberta) – Lacombe County is hosting a public open house on Tuesday, November 6 to present a draft Area Structure Plan (ASP) for the lands to the south and east of the Town of Blackfalds, and the south of the Town of Lacombe.

The ASP identifies where agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial development may be considered, while providing Lacombe County an opportunity to identify a framework for road and utility infrastructure.

When: Tuesday, November 6, 2007
7 - 9 p.m. (presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.)

Where: Blackfalds Community Centre
4810 Womacks Road

“Stemming from the recent adoption of our new Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, we have initiated work on the plans needed to consider how potential development areas might be developed,” explained Lacombe County Planner/Development Officer Dale Freitag. “The area surrounding the Town of Blackfalds, excluding the Highway 2 corridor, was identified as a development area in 2003. However, we delayed the development of this ASP to allow for the completion of other studies on transportation and urban growth concerns around Highway 2A.”

These studies included the Highway 2A (Lacombe to Blackfalds) Functional Planning Study and the Highway 2A Urban Corridor ASP. As a result of the ongoing work on the Highway 2A Urban ASP, the Lacombe / Blackfalds ASP boundary was modified to exclude areas identified in the previous study.

At the first public open house on Tuesday, August 28, consultants from Armin Preiksaitis and Associates Ltd. presented modified Area Structure Plan (ASP) boundaries, a project overview and sought input from attendees. Based on the feedback received at this open house, a draft Area Structure Plan has been developed which identifies where multi-lot residential developments and other industrial / business uses may be considered.

“Area residents are encouraged to attend this next open house and tell us what you think of the draft ASP, as this document will shape future land use in this area,” added Freitag.

Complete copies of the draft ASP will be available by Friday, November 2. The document will be available in the Planning and Development section of the County web site, or can be picked up at the County office.

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