

December 10, 2019

Dear Lacombe County / Town of Blackfalds Council Members,

I am writing today to voice my opposition to proposed Blackfalds / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan. My concern with the proposed IDP is that it conflicts with the existing Highway 2A Urban Corridor Area Structure Plan, adopted by Lacombe County Council less than 2 years ago.

My specific area of concern is with the proposed Future Growth Area that has been modified to include the Blackstone and Greystone subdivisions as well as the acreages north of Greystone in the new Future Growth Area. In the previous IDP, these areas were not included as Future Growth Area and I feel that the proposed changes to the IDP fail to recognize the commitments of the Area Structure Plan – commitments that were made to ensure that existing County residents could continue to enjoy the existing character and environmental qualities of the area.

If the proposed IDP had properly consulted the Highway 2A Urban Corridor Area Structure plan, the Future Growth area proposed for the North side of the Town boundary would, at most, align with the Future Study Area outlined in the Area Structure plan (see Figure 1 of ASP). If you read the ASP's Growth Strategy and sub-sections on Guiding Principles, West of Hwy 2A, East of Hwy 2A and Phasing of Development, it becomes apparent that the County and, more importantly, the County Residents do not support the Town of Blackfalds growing North into the areas already identified for future Commercial, Industrial and Country Residential uses.

I would ask that Council NOT approve Second Reading of the Bylaw approving the new IDP, and refer the IDP back to committee with instructions to consult existing planning documents to ensure consistency.

Sincerely,

Dean Wigmore

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