



## AGENDA ITEM

# GULL LAKE INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

## PUBLIC HEARING

October 10, 2019

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### BACKGROUND

The draft Gull Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) was given First Reading of Bylaw 1302/19 by Lacombe County on August 8, 2019. A copy of the draft plan is attached as Schedule 'A' and a copy of the Bylaw is attached as Schedule 'B'.

The IDP is a collaborative document between the County, Ponoka County and the Summer Villages of Parkland Beach and Gull Lake, which is intended to guide land use and development around Gull Lake while ensuring that the ecological health, recreational capacity, and scenic qualities of the lake are respected and enhanced.

In April 2019, the steering committee re-assembled to review the Gull Lake IDP adopted in 2010. The steering committee revised the Plan based on the committee discussions and other identified needs. However, the majority of the amendments have been made in order to clarify the document and meet the new requirements as per Bill 21, the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* (MMGA). The overall intent of the plan has not changed.

A joint Public Hearing was held on September 3, 2019 at the Gull Lake Community Hall and there were approximately 35 people in attendance. A number of submissions and queries were made by the public at the meeting mainly around the definition for the old lakebottom; development and uses permitted within this area; the removal of the policy supporting pumping into the lake to maintain water levels; and the lack of clarity with the advertising. A full copy of the minutes from this meeting has been provided to Council.

There was a procedural error made organizing this initial Public Hearing which caused it to be deemed invalid and this second Hearing to be held. The input, however, from the initial hearing has been used to provide input into the plan and two (2) changes have been made based on the feedback from the public and the Steering Committee. These are:

- 1) Definition for lake bottom lands included in the policy box as follows: "Former lake bottom lands will be considered all lands excluded from private title at the time of any



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging the public through a variety of mediums and is committed to open, accountable and responsive decision making, including different levels of engagement with the public as outlined in the Policy AD (40): Public Participation Policy. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity should be selected on a project-to-project basis. The levels of engagement within the policy are as follows:

- *Inform*: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
- *Consult*: To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
- *Involve*: To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.
- *Collaborate*: To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
- *Empower*: To place final decision making in the hands of the public.

This Public Hearing allows members of the public to provide additional input into the proposed plan prior to it's adoption.

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