

BYLAW NO. 1412/24

A BYLAW OF LACOMBE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND THE LACOMBE COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BYLAW NO. 1238/17 AS IT RELATES TO GENERAL REGULATIONS AND DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS notice was given of Council's intention to amend the Municipal Development Plan in the following local newspapers:

Lacombe County News	May 17, 2024
Sylvan Lake News	May 30 and June 6, 2024
Rimbey Review	May 28 and June 4, 2024
Bashaw Star	May 29 and June 5, 2024
Lacombe Express	May 30 and June 6, 2024
Chautauqua	June 7, 2024

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held on June 13, 2024 to allow the general public to comment on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Development Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Lacombe County under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26-1, as amended, enacts that the Municipal Development Plan be amended as follows:

PART I – OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

OUR VISION & GROWTH STRATEGY

Amend **2.4 GROWTH NODES/STRATEGIC GROWTH AREAS, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP** as follows:

Replace sentence 'Therefore the MDP will endeavor to develop a Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the County.' with 'Therefore, the MDP continues to promote the creation of park space and trail networks that connect the County's major recreational and natural landmarks.'

Amend **Policy V&GS 2.4.1 Long Range Planning Strategy** to remove:

- b) prepare area structure plans for Gull Lake and Buffalo Lake; and
- e) prepare a Parks and Open Space Master Plan;

PART II - IMPLEMENTATION

OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Amend **4.1 INTRODUCTION** as follows:

Replace sentence "To ensure that a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the planning of green infrastructure the development of a Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the whole County will be vital." with "To ensure a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the planning of open space and trails, the MDP sets forth several policies that enable the County to continue to enhance and improve its park space and trail network."

Amend **Policy ENV&REC 4.6.1 Reserve Management** as follows:

Environmental and municipal reserve lands shall be used and managed in accordance with the County's Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw and the Use and Management of County Reserve Lands policy.

Amend **Policy ENV&REC 4.6.7 Sale of Municipal Reserves** as follows:

Consideration may be given to the sale or lease of municipal reserve land, which serves no existing or potential open space purpose. Such sale or lease shall be undertaken in accordance with the County's Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw, the Use and Management of County Reserve Lands policy and the Municipal Government Act. Community consultation will take place with residents and landowners in the subdivision where a reserve is being considered for sale. Funds obtained from the sale or lease of such lands will be allocated to the Municipal

Reserve Trust Fund and be used in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

Amend Policy ENV&REC 4.6.10 Environmental Reserve Easement Requirement as follows:

Notwithstanding ENV&REC 4.6.9, the County may require at the time of subdivision that an environmental reserve easement be placed on lands not suitable for development and where public access is not required.

Remove Policy ENV&REC 4.7.1 Parks and Open Space Master Plan

OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Amend 5.1 INTRODUCTION as follows:

Agriculture is the largest economic sector for the County, however, diversification remains crucial to fostering sustainable economic and population expansion. It is imperative to align available services and employment opportunities with the evolving needs of this growth. Prospects continue to exist for value-added businesses that build on local strengths and resources. Areas for expanded business and industrial development are identified around Joffre, Prentiss and other strategic locations in the County. Development potential along the QEII Highway and the County's urban fringes will continue to be harnessed and supported under the ASPs for those areas. This section outlines policies to achieve continued economic growth and diversification.

Amend 5.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY as follows:

The economic development strategy for the last decade has been to protect the majority of land for agriculture while allowing for industrial and commercial growth along major transportation corridors. Proper management is essential to ensure the continued growth and strengthening of the County's economic base while protecting land for the continued success of the agricultural sector. In the spring of 2023, the County approved the first Lacombe County Economic Development Strategy. This strategy was created through multiple public engagement sessions and was initiated through a public engagement session. The strategy outlines different initiatives that capitalize on capacity building, investment readiness and pursuing opportunities which in return ensures that the County can maintain the guiding objectives. The strategy and this section will work together in hopes to build upon existing growth areas to continue strengthening the County's economy and supporting both progressive and sustainable economic drivers and employers.

Amend Policy ECON 5.3.4 Regional Partnerships for Economic Development as follows:

Lacombe County will continue to work with neighbouring municipalities independently and through the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), Alberta Economic Development and other stakeholders to promote economic development and tourism in the region.

Amend Policy ECON 5.4.4 House Required for a Business Location and Policy ECON 5.8.4 Subdivision to rename 'agricultural services facility' to 'agricultural support service'.

This Bylaw shall come into effect upon final passage thereof.

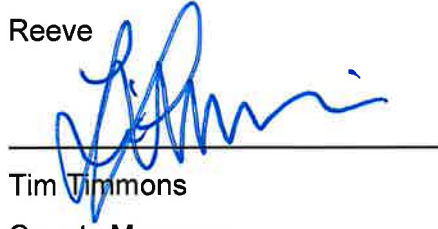
INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING this 9th day of May, 2024

GIVEN SECOND READING this 13th day of June, 2024

GIVEN THIRD AND FINAL READING this 13th day of June, 2024



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