

**MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT
PLAN & LAND USE BYLAW**

2024 REVIEW

**ANNUAL REPORT &
MONITORING MATRIX**

INTRODUCTION

Policy MUNI 8.3.2 of the County's *Municipal Development Plan* requires an annual review and report to test the success or failure of the policies within the *Municipal Development Plan* (MDP) and *Land Use Bylaw* (LUB), and evaluate whether the policies are meeting the plan's objectives. This monitoring matrix ensures transparent and best practice decision making occurs while applying these policies and regulations. The following are the findings broken down by section, followed by recommendations for proposed changes.



OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Objective: Protect and encourage the County's strong agricultural community

The foundation and defining attribute of Lacombe County is its rural character. Agriculture was identified as being one of the most important aspects of the County for the community at all levels – economically, culturally and environmentally. While Lacombe County has a strong agricultural sector, it still faces many issues such as slow to stagnant population growth, fragmentation of land through premature or unnecessary subdivision and competing uses.

This section aims to ensure that the rural character of Lacombe County is protected by supporting its agricultural community, safeguarding agricultural lands through responsible subdivision and development practices necessary to enable the agricultural community to succeed, while ensuring agriculture continues to thrive in Lacombe County by conserving large tracts of agricultural lands for future generations. The main focus of the policies is on subdivision and preventing the fragmentation and land use change from primary agriculture, while also supporting specialized agricultural operations that need less land.

2024 Matrix Results:

The percentage of land zoned Agricultural 'A' District in the County is still extremely high at 98.6%. There was one rezoning this year, for the DOW Chemical railyard expansion. This rezoned 9.03 acres (3.65 hectares) from the Agricultural 'A' District to the Heavy Industrial 'I-HI' District.

In 2024, the County adopted the *QEII West Area Structure Plan*. Apart from lands originally identified for future development in 2012, no additional lands were included in the Plan update. As such, the total amount of land identified for non-agricultural uses in the County remains at 14,066 hectares (34,758 acres).

The total number of first parcel out subdivisions received was eighteen (18), and all except one (1) were approved. The average size of the applications approved was 1.63 hectares (4.03 acres). Whereas the default size of a first parcel out subdivision is 1.62 hectares (4 acres), the County has discretion to approve a maximum of 2.2 hectares (5.5 acres) subject to certain criteria. As such, the average size is well within the discretionary maximum. In 2024, only one (1) application was approved for a parcel size larger than the standard size of 1.62 hectares (4 acres).

One (1) first parcel out subdivision was refused by the Subdivision Authority, as it was determined that the proposed parcel did not contain a permanent habitable residence, as required by Policy AG 3.5.1 of the County's *Municipal Development Plan*. The proposed parcel contained a historic summer cottage that did not meet the County's definition of a dwelling. The refusal was appealed, as the applicant believed the summer cottage on the property constituted a permanent habitable residence, as it was historically used as a residence. The Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) did not decide on whether the requirements of a permanent habitable residence were met, but used its discretion to approve the application.

The total number of fragmented parcel subdivision applications received was five (5) and all were approved. The average parcel size of approved applications was 24.27 hectares (59.97 acres).

One (1) application was received for an agricultural parcel subdivision for a riding and boarding facility. This application was approved at 10.50 hectares (25.95 acres).

The total number of boundary adjustment subdivision applications received was seven (7), and all were approved. Four (4) applications resulted in no increase in parcel size and three (3) applications resulted in larger parcel sizes, but conformed with other subdivision policies in this section.

Overall, the County saw the lowest number of subdivision refusals or appeals since monitoring began in 2017.

The County responded to Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) referrals on one (1) new confined feeding operation and seven (7) expansions to existing operations.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

1. Reword all 'residence' references to 'dwelling' in both the *Municipal Development Plan* and *Land Use Bylaw*. The updated wording does not change the existing regulations, but rather provides for consistency in how it reads in both documents. Further, include a "dwelling" definition in the *Municipal Development Plan*. The definition is the same as the existing definition in the *Land Use Bylaw*.



Farming east of Gull Lake, 2024.



OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Objective: Demonstrate responsible stewardship of the County's natural environment and provide a variety of recreational opportunities

The aim of this section is to protect and enhance the County's natural capital and continue to provide for parks, recreation and other community services, building upon the County's green infrastructure that enhances the quality of life for County residents. A number of policies ensure that the County continues to protect its community from any potential hazards which may arise within a development or as result of a development. Ensuring the safe disposal of wastewater, safeguarding groundwater and the proper retention and filtration of stormwater are all fundamental to the responsible stewardship of the County's natural environment. The County has adopted several programs to inform the public and increase awareness and protection of the County's natural capital. Allowing the public to access natural recreational areas encourages environmental stewardship, and the County continues to accept donated lands to create passive recreation amenities that embrace natural areas

Municipal Reserve is an important tool for the provision of public amenities as it allows the County to ensure that a developer of a subdivision provides lands for public use, which also enhances the quality of a development by providing public space and buffer areas. Further, this tool is flexible in that the County is able to decide when and where to take the reserve/cash in lieu based on the overall value that it will add to the community. Cash-in-lieu of reserve land is typically required where it is determined that land is not required at present or in the future, and the money is placed in a bank account for future reserve lands or amenities. Reserves may also be deferred to the remainder lands to provide for a larger public amenity area in a future subdivision application.

One integral way of protecting the County's waterbodies and watercourses is through the incorporation of Environmental Reserve. As part of any second parcel subdivision, the County requires Environmental Reserve or Environmental Reserve easement, depending on the location or type of waterbody or watercourse. In developments where environmental reserve is required, municipal reserve is also required adjacent to it so that the County can incorporate trails along the water body or water feature.

2024 Matrix Results:

In 2024, three applications required a geotechnical study. The purpose of the study is to determine whether the site is safe and suitable for the proposed developments. These applications were the DOW Chemical expansion, a proposed dwelling near Chain Lakes, and a fragmented parcel subdivision along the Blindman River. The DOW Chemical expansion application also required the applicant to complete a biophysical study to determine important ecological features, environmental site assessment to determine environmental hazards, and historical impact assessment to determine potential for historical resources.

No subdivision approvals required dedication of Municipal Reserve lands; however, \$6,463.50 was taken as cash-in-lieu for Municipal Reserve requirements. No applications required Environmental Reserve and one (1) application required an Environmental Reserve Easement. The area of Environmental Reserve Easement required was 8.00 hectares (19.76 acres) along the Blindman River. No subdivision had their Environmental Reserve or Environmental Reserve Easement requirements relaxed by the County.

No Municipal Reserve was taken adjacent to Environmental Reserve, as there were no applications with a combination of both Municipal Reserve and Environmental Reserve dedications.

No lands were donated to the County in 2024. To date, the County has received a total of 206.1 hectares (509.03 acres) of donated lands. The previously donated lands contribute to publicly accessible natural recreational areas.

In the 2017 update of the *Municipal Development Plan*, the community identified public parks and open space as an important priority for the County to focus on. The results of the annual review demonstrate that the County's inventory of park space and public trails continues to steadily increase. In 2024, the County expanded park and open space related amenities. This included a 3.75 kilometers (2.33 miles) extension of the Sandy



Aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in Lacombe County, 2024.



Degraff's RV Resort, 2024.



Kuhnen Natural Area, 2024.

Point Regional Trail, which was paved by the developer, as required by the development agreement for Sandy Point. The County also added a Mobi-Mat and floating chair at the Sandy Point Beach, which allows individuals with mobility issues access to Gull Lake. The County replaced 12 information signs along the Trans-Canada Trail. Lacombe County also partnered with the Mirror Association of Ball Diamonds, Campground, and Skating Society to relocate and improve the ball diamond, making it more functional for community use.

There was one (1) municipal subdivision, for the Town of Blackfalds to accommodate a municipal stormwater management facility as required by the Town of Blackfalds' Northwest Area Master Stormwater Management Plan. This stormwater management facility will treat and filter stormwater prior to it entering Lacombe Lake.

The County continues to encourage the farming community to participate in conservation projects to ensure the protection of ecosystem services and the continued environmental stewardship of the farming community. While the County no longer administers the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program, ALUS is still active in our community and supported by Lacombe County. To date, 334.27 hectares (826 acres) of land has been enrolled within Lacombe County, in 136 projects with 23 participants.

To compliment the range of general conservation projects supported, Community Services continues to host educational events, intended to empower the community with knowledge regarding environmental stewardship. This year, the County hosted three (3) conservation workshops/educational events.

The County's *Environmental Action Plan* has a number of initiatives to promote the County as an environmental steward, as well as encourage the community to be responsible stewards of the environment. Lacombe County's Environmental Stewardship Award provides recognition to a resident practicing environmental stewardship. Nick Harper, the 2024 recipient, is a professional Restoration Ecologist with a background in land conservation. Nick has planted over 150 native trees, restored a small pond area with willow shrubs and protection, and implemented sustainable grazing practices on his parents' farm.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

There are no suggested actions for the 2024 annual review, as all policies have been identified as "on-track".



OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Objective: Diversify and support economic growth

The aim of this section is to facilitate an accessible, diverse and resilient economic climate in the County, taking advantage of our existing infrastructure and servicing, and providing for future endeavors large and small. A number of policies in this section ensure we continually grow and strengthen our economic base while protecting land for the continued success of the agricultural sector. The foundation of our commercial and industrial development strategy is that large scale industrial and commercial developments are located along major highways and urban fringe areas, while home based businesses can locate in the agricultural area to help support the agricultural community. A diverse rural economy can support traditional agriculture while also promoting economic synergies with tourism, supplemental farm business, and agricultural support services. Tourism is important to the economic development of the County, and plays a key role in harnessing and building upon the culture of the area.

An important component of the County's economic growth is the clustering of commercial and industrial developments to help create synergies. Not only does this clustering allow the County to achieve its development goal, but it also positively impacts various industries as they continue to co-locate for mutually beneficial reasons.

The Development Incentive Grant was piloted since 2018 in the Hamlet of Mirror to encourage small businesses to locate in the hamlet, and in 2019 staff implemented a communication strategy to promote the grant program. In 2020 Council decided to extend the program for five (5) more years.

The County continues to support and encourage the incorporation of crime prevention principles to help mitigate crime in our community. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) sets out easy to incorporate design principles, such as landscaping, fencing or lighting for your property, which can greatly reduce the chance of a crime occurring.

2024 Matrix Results:

2024 saw the continued expansion of the County's economic development program, carrying on the work that was initiated in 2023 with the adoption of the County's first *Economic Development Strategy*. In 2024, the County championed various economic development initiatives, such as:

- Background work to create a Lacombe County Business Directory, which is expected to be published in early 2025. The purpose of this Directory is to provide a list of businesses with contact information for investors and potential clients to reach out to;
- Initiation of the business retention and expansion study and the business attraction and investment study, which are expected to be completed in early 2025. Combined, these studies will provide strategic recommendations for how the County can support existing businesses, retain jobs, and strengthen the local economy, all while identifying opportunities to attract new businesses and investments to the County;
- The creation of 10 marketing videos that are intended to promote Lacombe County in five subject areas;
- The creation of a Lacombe County data portal on the County's website, which is an interactive platform displaying various economic development statistics, metrics, figures about the County to potential



QEII Highway facing south, 2024.

investors and businesses;

- A significant increase in business outreach and engagement, with the Economic Development Officer having conducted 126 business visitation trips to County businesses;
- The County adopted the updated *QEII West Area Structure Plan*, which includes a renewed emphasis on economic development and promoting commercial and business industrial development at strategic nodes along the QEII Highway, west of Lacombe and Blackfalds;
- A group of 30 international ambassadors from Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and New Zealand explored Lacombe County as part of a diplomatic economic mission to Alberta. Lacombe County was one of the few locations highlighted for their contributions to Alberta's economic and environmental goals, innovative agricultural practices, and sustainable industrial developments. The ambassadors' tour showcased the region's dynamic industries and commitment to sustainability, including environmental projects at NOVA Chemicals, carbon capture technology at Enhance Energy, and year-round agricultural production at Doef's Greenhouses. These selected sites underscored Lacombe County's support of industrial and agricultural innovation. The tour also offered a glimpse into a promising and sustainable future, with several ambassadors indicating how technology used in these large-scale projects would benefit future generations; and
- Continued collaboration with Invest Alberta as we continue to work on becoming more invest-ready and working with investors across the world.

All five (5) of the County's major commercial and industrial parks are located along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas. These include Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, and Iron Rail Business Park. To date, development approvals are in line with our location strategy. Within these commercial and business industrial developments,

the County received nine (9) development applications, which included seven (7) new businesses and two (2) renewals of existing businesses.

The County also approved a rezoning and subdivision to facilitate a proposed expansion of DOW Chemicals' railyard site in Prentiss. The Prentiss and Joffre areas are identified for heavy industrial growth in the County's *Municipal Development Plan*, which promotes the clustering of heavy industrial uses at the strategic location.

In our agricultural and residential areas, there were twelve (12) home based business applications, and three (3) minor business or trades applications this year.

Eleven (11) applications were received for businesses that support or facilitate tourism this year. The applications included three (3) tourist homes, three (3) outdoor recreation facilities, two (2) community facilities, one (1) riding and boarding facility, one (1) campground, and one (1) indoor recreation facility. This represents the highest number of tourism-related development applications since 2020.

Natural resources are an important part of the economy and play a fundamental part of not only the County's economy, but also the Province. There were four (4) existing gravel pits renewed with no changes this year, and five (5) existing pits renewed with expansions to their previous approval.

The County continues to support regional economic development and tourism initiatives, and is a member of the Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), Lacombe Regional Tourism, and the Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA).

Several initiatives are also ongoing where the County supports its tourist assets, including Policy RC(10) which provides operating support to historical, cultural, tourism and visitor information facilities, and services, and Policy RC(1) which provides funding for community facilities. This year, seven (7) *Policy RC(1)* applications were submitted, and Council approved funding to support community facilities totaling \$701,298.78. Eight (8) *Policy RC(10)* applications were also submitted, and Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totaling \$166,863.30.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

There are no suggested actions for the 2024 annual review, as all policies have been identified as "on-track".



Doef's Greenhouses, 2024



Joffre Solar Park, 2024



OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Objective: Ensure compatible and responsible development of the County's built environment

The aim of this section is to retain the County's population and attract new members to our community through the provision of a variety of residential options which are affordable, environmentally conscious and geographically strategic. The County's housing strategy firstly focuses developments into hamlets, secondly near existing multi-lot developments, and thirdly areas identified as being suitable for residential development. The strategy's aim is to protect agricultural land from subdivision and acreage pressure, and help strengthen and grow hamlet communities.

A large number of our current multi-lot residential developments were rezoned and subdivided prior to 2017, creating a large inventory of available residential lots. Since 2017, there have been fifteen (15) new dwellings in Hamlet residential districts, one hundred and eleven (111) new dwellings in the Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District, and seventy three (73) new dwellings in other multi-lot residential districts. The economic climate may be playing a part in the slower up-take of the County's current multi-lot developments, but we continue to see an increase in multi-lot development permits compared to previous years, which is positive.

2024 Matrix Results:

The majority of housing approved in the County continues to be within the Agricultural 'A' District. In 2024, the County approved thirty (30) applications for a first dwelling and eleven (11) applications for a second dwelling in the Agricultural 'A' District. Within the County's multi-lot residential districts, the County approved thirteen (13) applications for dwellings in the Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District, seven (7) applications in other country or lake residential subdivisions, and (1) application for a dwelling in a hamlet district (an infill project).

There is still a strong trend of agricultural land being the primary area for residential development. Since 2017, there has been three hundred and thirty two (332) new dwellings in the Agricultural 'A' District. During the public consultation to amend the *Municipal Development Plan* in 2017, we heard a desire from the community to allow more dwellings in the agricultural area. At that time, Council chose to take a gradual approach to expanding dwellings allowed in the agricultural area, and reduced the minimum parcel size for two dwellings from 32.36 hectares (80 acres) to 16.18 hectares (40 acres). The intent of the gradual approach was to reduce the minimum parcel size for two dwellings incrementally and monitor results. In 2024, Council chose to undertake specific community consultation regarding the minimum parcel size for two dwellings in the Agricultural 'A' District. After carefully considering the feedback of the community, Council decided to further reduce the minimum parcel size to have a second dwelling from 16.18 hectares (40 acres) to 4.05 hectares (10 acres).

As a result of the bylaw change, the County has approved two (2) applications for a second dwelling on Agricultural 'A' District parcels between 4.05 hectares (10 acres) and 16.18 hectares (40 acres) in size. Both of these applications could, or have previously been approved as a temporary family care residence, but are now permitted to remain as permanent dwellings.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

There are no suggested actions for the 2024 annual review, as all policies have been identified as "on-track".



OUR INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Objective: Support innovative and efficient infrastructure and technologies

The aim of this section is to ensure the continued strength and tradition of County infrastructure and service provision to County residents and businesses by building efficiency within our road system, ensuring the utilization of communal and/or regional water and wastewater systems, and maintaining a high standard for stormwater management.

The County's road infrastructure is integral to the economic success of the County and development can often place additional pressure on the existing road infrastructure; therefore, the *Municipal Development Plan* and *Land Use Bylaw* set out numerous policies and regulations to ensure the highest level of service for County residents.

Regional and communal water and wastewater are important considerations to the future protection of the environment and a consistent source of waste disposal and water provision for our industries. The County sets out policies to work with and cooperate with neighbouring municipalities to provide regional services. The County is also part of water and wastewater commissions, which provide regional servicing in the County. Where regional water and wastewater services are not available, all new multi-lot development is required to install communal systems.

The policies on stormwater management were increased as part of the adoption of the *Municipal Development Plan* and *Land Use Bylaw* in 2017. Developers are now required to provide constructed wetlands or use existing wetlands for the retention/detention of stormwater from developments. These systems allow for longer retention rates and more filtration and removal of particulates, which leads to cleaner water entering the natural system.

Lacombe County aspires to be at the forefront of policy initiatives that aims to encourage and support the use of alternative energy and green technologies which benefit our community and contribute to a healthier economic and environmental climate.

2024 Matrix Results:

One (1) application completed a traffic impact review this year to evaluate the potential impacts of traffic generated by a proposed development to the surrounding transportation system (DOW Chemical expansion). The rail yard expansion project will not have an impact on the traffic operations, nor the capacity of the adjacent road network.

In 2024, the County collaborated with the Town of Blackfalds on water reservoir upgrades and installation of larger wastewater line through Blackfalds for the North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks. The County worked with the Town to fund Broadway Reservoir and Pumps to service North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks.

One (1) application completed a stormwater management plan this year (DOW Chemical expansion). The existing drainage system at the site is adequate to handle the proposed rail yard expansion.

Demonstrating our support to alternative energy, Lacombe County installed 288 - 400 W solar panels on the roof of our Shop Building in 2021. In 2024, this solar system produced 122.77 MWh, equivalent to powering 17 Albertan homes for a year. Over the systems lifetime (June 2021-2024) the system has generated 372.93 MWh, equivalent to the energy required to power nearly 52 Albertan homes for a year. This has resulted in a reduction of over 146,000 kg of CO2 emissions and has a net benefit equivalent to the planting of 4,363 trees. In addition, the two remote shops produced a combined total of 24.23 MWh in 2024, capable of powering 3 Albertan homes for a year. The remote shop systems, originally installed in 2016, have produced over 160.54 MWh in their lifetime.

One (1) development permit application included solar components on the roof. It is important to note that personal alternative energy systems are not required to obtain a development permit.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

There are no suggested actions for the 2024 annual review, as all policies have been identified as "on-track".



Westside Country Estates, 2024



OUR MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP

Objective: Foster Strong Municipal Leadership

The aim of this section is to embody a set of values and best practices aimed at instilling trust and confidence in Lacombe County not only as a municipal leader and partner, but also as a role model in the community; accountability, transparency, communication, and continued education are all integral to building a foundation on which we can achieve this.

The policies in this section are to ensure that the County is transparent and accountable in terms of the implementation of its policies. The success of the *Municipal Development Plan* is also predicated on strong relationships with adjacent municipalities. The County has a long tradition of partnerships with its neighbours which it will continue and build on as economic success, environmental stewardship and vibrant communities have no borders, and are most successful when they work together.

As the *Municipal Development Plan* and *Land Use Bylaw* are 'living documents', their effectiveness needs to be monitored and evaluated over time. The County carries out a full review each year and publishes the monitoring matrix to communicate how the overall community vision is being supported.

Recent years have highlighted the national effort towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples as a pressing issue. The findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have framed the reconciliation conversation nationally. Municipalities have an opportunity and responsibility to contribute to reconciliation, as their work connects land, people, and governance. Municipal practices involving Indigenous peoples must be built on relationships of mutual respect, trust, dialogue, and meaningful engagement. Recognition of the rights of Indigenous peoples is essential to reconciliation, and municipalities should champion collaborative approaches that respect those rights.

To practice municipal land-use planning in a way that honors reconciliation, it is imperative to:

- Demonstrate awareness and respect for Indigenous community values, cultural practices, local decision-making systems, and principles of self-determination;
- Seek to understand, value, and support Indigenous planning systems and processes;
- Understand that the harmful legacy of colonialism has continuing, intergenerational impacts on Indigenous peoples and communities;
- Practice with cultural safety and cultural humility through active listening, learning, and understanding to confront and eliminate biases.

2024 Matrix Results:

In 2024, Lacombe County received two provincial awards for our annual review process: (1) the Award of Planning Merit in Implementation Success, awarded by the Alberta Professional Planners Institute, and (2) the Award for Municipal Excellence in Red Tape Reduction, awarded by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. These awards recognize the County's dedication to strong municipal leadership by keeping our policies updated, fresh, and aligned with our community's vision.

The monitoring matrix will be presented to Council on February 13, 2025. Based on the matrix review, there is one (1) suggested action for *Municipal Development Plan* amendments and one (1) suggested action for *Land Use Bylaw* amendments. In addition there were three (3) public requests for changes. The details of the proposed amendments based on the matrix review are included under 'Suggested Actions based on the

Matrix Results' throughout this report.

In 2024, the Lieutenant Governor in Council made an Order to approve the Town of Bentley's application to annex 254 acres (103 hectares) from Lacombe County. The Town and County have been working collaboratively since 2021 to find ways to facilitate commercial and industrial development southeast of Bentley, to promote the diversification of the Town's assessment base. This annexation is in line with the *Town of Bentley / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan* and *Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan*.

In 2024, the County also completed the update of the *Village of Alix / Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan*, as requested by the Village.

Lacombe County continues to actively collaborate with our regional partners on important intermunicipal initiatives. In 2024, the County adopted four (4) new or updated agreements with our neighbouring municipalities: including (1) the Recreation Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Town of Sylvan Lake, (2) a new Fire Services Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds, (3) an updated Recreation Facilities Operational Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds, and (4) an updated Wastewater Trunk Line Funding Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds. The County continues to collaborate with the City of Lacombe and Town of Blackfalds with its Joint Economic Agreements. The total contribution by the County to our urban partners was \$6,019,723.40, which shows our continued dedication to municipal partnerships. Ten (10) development and five (5) subdivision applications were circulated for comment to ensure the County can consider the views and perspectives of our neighbouring municipalities.

In 2024, the County expanded its methods of communication to also use LinkedIn. The County's LinkedIn page is now used to actively promote the County's initiatives to a larger audience of professionals throughout Canada.

Lacombe County commemorated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this year through a special treat served at coffee time for all staff. Freshly made bannock from a Lacombe local (Elaine from Bannock Inc.) was served, paired with regional jams and jellies. Poster boards were also set up in our coffee rooms with Indigenous history about Treaties and Residential Schools. A selection of Indigenous books are now available in our staff library. A further commitment to learning this year was evident through the number of educational opportunities taken or books read by planning staff.

Suggested actions based on the 2024 Matrix Results:

There are no suggested actions for the 2024 annual review, as all policies have been identified as "on-track".

OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Objective: Protect and encourage the County's strong agricultural community

Policy	Related Supporting Statement(s)	How is success and/or implementation measured?	Findings (July 6 - Dec 31, 2017)	Findings (2018)	Findings (2019)	Findings (2020)	Findings (2021)	Findings (2022)	Findings (2023)	Findings (2024)	How are we doing?	
											Room for Improvement	On-track
3.3.1	1, 2	Percentage of land in Lacombe County zoned Agricultural 'A' District	98.68%	98.65%	98.65%	98.63%	98.63%	98.6%	98.6%	98.6%		✓
3.3.2	1, 2, 4	Amount of land removed from agricultural use for current year	43.57 hectares (107.66 acres)	127.75 hectares (315.68 acres)	53.69 hectares (132.67 acres)	84.21 hectares (208.09 acres)	60.17 hectares (148.68 acres)	91.19 hectares (225.34 acres)	29.43 hectares (72.72 acres)	61.77 hectares (152.64 acres)		✓
3.3.3	1	Staff will undertake annual review of MDP policies alongside Agricultural Guide	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings		✓				
3.3.4	1, 2, 3	How much land has been identified for non-agricultural uses vs. how much land has been rezoned (total existing at the time) Percentage of land identified for non-agricultural uses remaining to be rezoned Annual review of impacts and/or changes observed in areas around rezoned lands	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,713 hectares (9,175 acres) rezoned 73% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2017	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,791 hectares (9,370 acres) rezoned 73% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2018	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,802 hectares (9,396 acres) rezoned 73% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2019	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,863 hectares (9,545 acres) rezoned 72% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2020	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,863 hectares (9,545 acres) rezoned 72% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2021	13,806 hectares (34,115 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,925 hectares (9,698 acres) rezoned 72% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2022	14,066 hectares (34,758 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,925 hectares (9,699 acres) rezoned 72% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2023	14,066 hectares (34,758 acres) identified for non-agricultural uses vs. 3,928 hectares (9,707 acres) rezoned 72% identified lands remaining to be rezoned No changes for 2024		✓
3.3.5	1, 2, 3	Number of subdivisions approved which are larger than the maximum permitted parcel size for current year Annual number of development appeals in the Agricultural 'A' District for current year	0 applications 1 application	0 applications 2 applications (1 agricultural service facility and 1 cannabis production facility)	0 applications 3 applications (1 sand and gravel extraction and processing, 1 outdoor recreation facility, and 1 setback relaxation)	0 applications 1 application (community facility)	0 applications None	0 applications 1 application (major home based business - mobile butcher shop)	0 applications 4 applications (1 minor business or trade; 1 special event; 1 riding and boarding facility; 1 major home based business)	0 applications 2 application (1 outdoor recreation facility; 1 minor business or trade)		✓
3.4.1	3	Number of subdivision refusals by the Subdivision Authority vs. total number of applications, for current year Number of applicant appeals vs. total number of applications for subdivision, for current year	5 refused vs. 24 applications 3 appeals vs. 24 applications	2 refused vs. 43 applications 2 appeals vs. 43 applications	3 refused vs. 35 applications 1 appeal vs. 35 applications	2 refused vs. 28 applications 2 appeals vs. 28 applications	5 refused vs 50 applications 5 appeals vs 50 applications	2 refused vs 32 applications 3 appeals vs. 32 applications	2 refused vs 29 applications 2 appeals vs. 29 applications	1 refused vs. 35 applications 1 appeal vs. 35 applications		✓
3.5.1 3.5.2 3.5.3	3	Number of first parcel out subdivision applications approved vs. number refused, for current year Average size of an approved first parcel out subdivision for current year	9 approved vs. 0 refused 1.73 hectares (4.27 acres)	20 approved vs. 0 refused 1.69 hectares (4.18 acres)	17 approved vs. 0 refused 1.67 hectares (4.13 acres)	14 approved vs. 0 refused 1.72 hectares (4.25 acres)	21 approved vs 1 refused Reason for refusal: Proposed parcel did not contain a residence, as required under Policy AG 3.5.1(a).The refusal was appealed, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) upheld the decision to refuse. 1.64 hectares (4.05 acres)	16 approved vs. 0 refused 1.72 hectares (4.25 acres)	15 approved vs 0 refused 1.66 hectares (4.10 acres)	17 approved vs 1 refused Reason for refusal: Proposed parcel did not contain a permanent habitable residence, as required under Policy AG 3.5.1(a).The refusal was appealed, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) used their discretion to approve the application. The MDP policy can be improved by making the wording consistent with the existing 'dwelling' definition in the LUB. 1.63 hectares (4.03 acres)	✗	

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3.6.1	3	Number of fragmented parcel subdivisions approved vs. number refused, for current year Average size of an approved fragmented parcel subdivision for current year	4 approved vs. 3 refused Reasons for refusal: Applications were refused as they were not considered fragmented parcels. The refusals were appealed and the Municipal Government Board (MGB) upheld the Subdivision Authority's decision on 3 applications 12.43 hectares (30.72 acres)	7 approved vs. 2 refused Reasons for refusal: Applications were refused as they were not considered fragmented parcels. The refusal was appealed and the Municipal Government Board (MGB) upheld the Subdivision Authority's decision Note: There were 2 other applications (not reported in the numbers above) that had no decision made, as the applicants withdrew the application prior to a decision being made. The reasons for withdrawal were that under a strict interpretation of Policy AG 3.6.1 the applications were not eligible for fragmented parcel subdivision, as they would create more than three (3) titles on the quarter section, and the applicants preferred to withdraw the application prior to refusal. 12.42 hectares (30.69 acres)	8 approved vs. 2 refused Reasons for refusal: Applications were refused as they were not considered fragmented parcels 10.12 hectares (25 acres)	2 approved vs. 0 refused 8.29 hectares (20.49 acres)	8 approved vs 4 refused Reasons for refusal: Proposed parcels were not considered fragmented parcels. 3 refusals were appealed, and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) upheld the decision on 1 application to refuse, and granted the subdivision approval on 2 applications. It was noted the lack of a definition for an 'undeveloped right-of-way' led to one appeal board decision. 21.78 hectares (53.8 acres)	4 approved vs. 1 refused Reason for refusal: Proposed parcel was not considered a fragmented parcel. The refusal was appealed and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) upheld the Subdivision Authority's decision 27.96 hectares (69.09 acres)	2 approved vs. 2 refused Reason for refusal: One application was for a proposed subdivision of two parcels severed by a trail right-of-way. The application was refused as no policies allowed for such a subdivision. The refusal was appealed and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) granted the subdivision approval due to the unique circumstance. Another application for a fragmented parcel was refused as the parcel was not considered a fragmented parcel. 12.78 hectares (31.58 acres)	5 approved vs 0 refused 24.27 hectares (59.97 acres)		✓

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3.7.1	1, 3, 4	Number of agricultural parcel subdivisions approved vs. number refused, for current year Average size of an approved agricultural parcel subdivision, common types of operations, for current year	1 approved vs. 2 refused Reasons for refusal: Custom farming service application refused as it did not meet the definition of an agricultural operation. The refusal was appealed to the Municipal Government Board (MGB) and the Subdivision Authority's decision was upheld. Performance horse breeding application refused as it was deemed not to meet the 75% established criteria. The refusal was appealed and the Municipal Government Board (MGB) approved the subdivision since it was satisfied the business is established. 13 hectares (32.12 acres) for an existing sheep farm	2 approved vs. 0 refused 4 hectares (9.88 acres) for an existing hog farm and existing horse boarding operation	1 approved vs. 0 refused 16.18 hectares (40 acres) for an existing U-pick berry farm	3 approved vs. 0 refused 8.60 hectares (21.25 acres) for an existing tree farm, horse breeding operation, and a horse training operation	0 applications	4 approved vs. 0 refused 15.28 hectares (37.75 acres) for a greenhouse expansion, existing tree farm, existing lambing operation, and existing horse boarding facility 3 applications followed boundaries larger than the existing use or proposed expansion area	5 approved vs 0 refused 9.06 hectares (22.39 acres) for a poultry operation, tree farm, garlic farm, and horse ranch. One application for a berry u-pick farm did not meet the agricultural subdivision policies because the business had not been established. A reduced parcel size was approved as a first parcel out subdivision. The decision was appealed and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) upheld the decision. In the previous review, the County added a policy that requires agricultural subdivisions to follow the current or proposed expansion area of the agricultural operation	1 approved vs. 0 refused 10.50 hectares (25.95 acres) for horse riding and boarding facility		✓
3.8.1 3.8.2	1, 2, 3	Number of boundary adjustment subdivisions approved vs. number refused, for current year Number of boundary adjustment subdivisions approved that did not conform to other subdivision policies in this Section Number of boundary adjustment subdivisions approved that resulted in a net increase in size of either parcel	No review <i>(policy was inserted August 8, 2019)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted August 8, 2019)</i>	2 approved vs. 1 refused 0 applications 0 applications	4 approved vs. 0 refused 0 applications 1 application increased in size, however conformed to other subdivision policies in this section Inquiries to the County have indicated the policy as worded leads to confusion	5 approved vs 0 refused 2 applications resulted in no increase in either parcel size 3 applications increased in size, however conformed to other subdivision policies in this section (1 application conformed to fragmented parcel subdivision, 1 application conformed to agricultural parcel subdivision, and 1 application conformed to first parcel out subdivision)	2 approved vs. 0 refused 1 application resulted in no increase in either parcel size 1 application increased in size, however conformed to other subdivision policies in this section (fragmented parcel subdivision)	3 approved vs. 0 refused 2 applications resulted in no increase in either parcel size 1 application resulted in a decrease in size for the parcel to return land back to agricultural production and conformed to the first parcel out subdivision policy in this section	7 approved vs. 0 refused 4 applications resulted in no increase in either parcel size 3 applications resulted in an increased size; however conformed to other subdivision policies in this section (1 application conformed to agricultural parcel subdivision; 1 to sand and gravel pit subdivision; and 1 to first parcel out subdivision)		✓
3.9.1	1, 4	Number of NRCB referrals for new confined feeding operations for current year Number of NRCB referrals for expanded confined feeding operations for current year	0 referrals 7 referrals	6 referrals 18 referrals	2 referrals 10 referrals	2 referrals 6 referrals	5 referrals 6 referrals	3 referrals 4 referrals	1 referral 7 referrals	1 referral 7 referrals		✓

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4.3.1	1, 2	Number of subdivision applications conditionally approved with Environmental Reserve (ER) dedication required for current year Number of subdivision applications conditionally approved with Environmental Reserve Easement (ERE) dedication required for current year Most common waterbodies/courses where Environmental Reserve (ER) or Environmental Reserve Easement (ERE) taken for current year	2 applications 0 applications No applications on named waterbodies/watercourses	1 application 2 applications No applications on named waterbodies/watercourses	1 application 5 applications 1 tributary to Blindman River, 1 tributary to Whelp Brook, 1 on Whelp Brook, others on unnamed waterbodies/watercourses	1 application 1 application 1 on Haynes Creek, 1 on an unnamed waterbody	0 applications 4 applications 1 on Parlby Creek, 1 on Whelp Brook, 2 on unnamed watercourses	0 applications 2 applications 1 on Medicine River; 1 on unnamed watercourse	0 applications 1 application 1 on unnamed watercourse	0 applications 1 application 1 on Blindman River		✓
4.3.2	1, 2	Number of development permits affected or proximal to a waterbody/course Number of development permits which have had the minimum 30m setback relaxed	23 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	55 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	21 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	30 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	19 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	5 applications with environmentally sensitive features <i>Note: The County has adjusted the way it tallies this metric to only include developments that are influenced by nearby waterbodies and wetlands</i> 0 applications	10 applications with environmentally sensitive features 0 applications	12 applications with environmentally sensitive features 1 application (on Rainy Creek) <i>This application was originally approved with the applicant showing a site plan on a survey indicating the structures would be 30 m (98 ft) from the top of bank of Rainy Creek. The applicant proceeded with construction and the survey at footings stage revealed the structure to be located within the setback area. The County granted a setback relaxation as the structures were already constructed.</i>		✓
4.3.3	1, 2	Number of applications considered which required a geotechnical report/study for current year	4 applications (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch, The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club, Procor)	2 applications (Resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area, and North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1 and Phase 2)	2 applications (fragmented parcel subdivision and Transand Inc.)	1 application (resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area)	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	3 applications (DOW Chemical expansion, fragmented parcel subdivision, and dwelling near Chain Lakes)		✓
4.3.4	3, 4	Total amount of Environmental Reserve (ER) dedication included in conditionally approved applications for current year	1.52 hectares (3.7 acres)	6.52 hectares (16.1 acres)	6.07 hectares (15 acres)	3.84 hectares (9.5 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)		✓
4.3.5		Total amount of Municipal Reserve (MR) dedication adjacent to Environmental Reserve (ER), included in conditionally approved applications for current year	2.05 hectares (5.07 acres)	1.53 hectares (3.79 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	

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4.3.6	3, 4	Total dollar amount of public access levy received for current year Current lake access/improvements underway using these dollars	\$0 No new lake access projects underway	\$0 No new lake access projects underway	\$0 No new lake access projects underway	\$77,500 No new lake access projects underway	\$0 No new lake access projects underway	\$0 No new lake access projects underway	\$0 Funds from the lake access reserve were used for amenity improvements to the Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch	\$8,782.28 (funds-in-lieu) \$7,000 collected from municipal reserve licences for lake access reserve Sunbreaker Cove Boat Launch upgrades		✔
4.3.7 4.3.8	1, 2	Administrative review of alignment with provincial legislation	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings		✔
4.3.9	1, 2	Total number of naturalized stormwater management facilities included in conditionally approved applications for current year Compliance with County <i>Standards for Stormwater Management Facilities</i> Current projects or initiatives which support these policies	1 naturalized stormwater management facility (Burbank Heights) Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Improvement Grant, Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Take it Off Program on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces (Such as Kuhnen Park, Anderson Park, Mary & Cliff Soper Natural Area), OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members	1 naturalized stormwater management facility (North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1) Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Improvement Grant, Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Take it Off Program on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces, OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members	0 naturalized stormwater management facility (Transand Inc. stormwater system is proposed to be a dry pond because the footprint of the pond is less than what is recommended to sustain a wet pond). Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Improvement Grant, Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Take it Off Program on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces, OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members	No applications had stormwater management facilities Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Improvement Grant, Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Take it Off Program on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces, OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members	No applications had stormwater management facilities Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Action Plan Environmental Stewardship Award, Resident Environmental Sustainability Program (rain barrels), Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Take it Off education initiative on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces, OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members, Rain barrel	2 new naturalized stormwater management facilities (Alberta Views Golf + RV Resort campground, Sandy Point RV Resort campground expansion). The Palm Cove residential rezoning also required an updated stormwater management plan, however there was no change from the original stormwater concept. Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Action Plan Environmental Stewardship Award, Resident Environmental Sustainability Program (rain barrels), Take it Off education initiative on Gull Lake/ Buffalo Lake/ Sylvan Lake, Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS), Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, Dedicating donated lands to park spaces, OHV trails, Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members, Rain barrel, enforcement to address unauthorized encroachments on reserve land	No applications had stormwater management facilities Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's AD (32) Environmental Policy, Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Action Plan, AD (33) Environmental Community Engagement Policy, RC (8) Use and Management of County Reserve Lands, 1398/23 Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw, Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, dedicating donated lands to park spaces, designated OHV trails, and Environmental & Protective Services Department workshop opportunities for community members	1 application had stormwater management facilities (Town of Blackfalds northwest stormwater pond) Yes compliant Projects/Initiatives: County's AD (32) Environmental Policy, Environmental Management Plan, Environmental Action Plan, AD (33) Environmental Community Engagement Policy, RC (8) Use and Management of County Reserve Lands, 1398/23 Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw, 1408/24 Reserve Designation Bylaw, Crooker Aggregate Pit Wetland Creation, reclamation and restoration of County-owned reserves, dedicating donated lands to park spaces, designated OHV trails, and Community Services Department workshop opportunities for community members		✔

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4.4.1 4.4.2 4.4.3 4.4.4 4.4.5 4.4.6	1, 2	<p>Number of applications considered which required a biophysical assessment for current year</p> <p>Notable findings and/or recommendations which influenced the development</p> <p>Description of the "net gain/loss" of any natural features present on notable sites</p>	<p>3 applications (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch, Procor)</p> <p>Burbank Heights: A majority of the wooded areas of the site has been dedicated as Municipal Reserve, while the pasture area and ephemeral wetland did not warrant conservation due to their low ecological value.</p> <p>Lincoln Ranch: The Plan Area is dominated by tame pasture and cropland. One seasonal wetland, three temporary wetlands, five ephemeral wetlands, and one ephemeral drainage feature were identified during the wetland assessment. Two wetlands have been proposed to be incorporated into the stormwater management system, and all remaining wetlands have been proposed for removal.</p> <p>Procor: Most of the proposed expansion will occur within the existing rail yard, or will extend slightly to the east into the cultivated field. Tree clearing is not planned; therefore, the shrubby riparian area in the southern portion of the project footprint will remain intact. Beaver activities as well as potential nesting, denning or breeding habitat for the sensitive species list in the FWMIS search will not be affected by the project; as a result, no further wildlife mitigation is required. If tree clearing is required, it should be done outside the migratory bird-breeding season (April to September). A number of recommendations for construction and operation were provided.</p>	<p>1 application completed a Wetland Assessment and Impact Report (North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1)</p> <p>North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1: A Wetland Assessment and Impact Report were completed for the three wetlands (Wetlands 1, 2 and 3). Preliminary site investigation suggests that the overall drainage of the quarter is to the northeast and west. Consequently, 1150319 Alberta Ltd. intends to design the three northeast wetlands (Wetlands 1, 2 and 3) to be utilized as a stormwater management facility when development of the rest of the quarter proceeds.</p> <p>A detailed Wetland Assessment and Impact Report, and a Biophysical Impact Report, will be required for North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 2.</p>	<p>1 application (Transand Inc.)</p> <p>Transand Inc.: Two Biophysical assessments were conducted by Maywood Environmental Ltd. in March and May of 2019. The on-site vegetation consists of heavily grazed tame pasture species with trembling aspen, balsam poplar, red osier dogwood, saskatoon, and prickly wild rose, wolf willow, buckbrush, sagebrush, buttercup, smooth brome, pasture sage, prairie sage and other species typically found in the central parkland natural sub-region. There were no visual occurrences of rare or listed plant species within the project footprint during the field visit. The grazing intensity and timing of the assessment indicates a low potential for rare plant occurrences to be within the project footprint. A Fisheries and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS) search highlighted the area as Sharp Tailed Grouse Habitat and Sensitive Raptor-Bald Eagle range, but none of the species identified in the search were observed at the time of the assessment. A number of wetlands were identified in the report; however, none of these are within the project footprint.</p>	0 applications	0 applications	<p>2 applications (Palm Cove rezoning and Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan)</p> <p>Palm Cove: An update to a previous biophysical assessment was completed, and there was no major changes from the original stormwater management plan.</p> <p>Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan: Lacombe County and the Town of Bentley completed a biophysical assessment to inform the creation of the <i>Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan</i>; however, this was a part of the County's Long Range Planning Program and not a result of an application.</p> <p>The assessment found that 96% of the Plan Area has been converted from its natural aspen parkland state. No sensitive or rare plant or animal species were identified in this area.</p> <p>Only a few remnant aspen/spruce forests exist, accounting for 3% of the Plan Area. The remaining 1% consists of largely temporary, Class III, graminoid marshes.</p>	0 applications	<p>1 application (DOW Chemical expansion)</p> <p>DOW Chemical: A biophysical assessment was conducted by WSP for the proposed railyard expansion, as required for rezoning. The study found that five land cover types exist at the study area: deciduous, modified grass, modified tree, wetland, and road.</p> <p>Implications from the study led to recommendations in development design and construction to prevent soil erosion and changes in hydrology.</p> <p>The study found that 0.16 ha (0.40 acres) of deciduous forest and 0.31 ha (0.77 acres) of wetland may be removed as a result of the project. Rare species were not observed at the site. <i>Water Act</i> approval is required for any alterations to the wetland area on the site.</p>		✓

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4.4.7	1, 2, 3, 4	Number of subdivision applications conditionally approved for municipal purposes Description of applications as they relate to protecting the rural landscape, protecting the natural environment, and supporting or providing recreational amenities	No review <i>(policy was inserted July 9, 2020)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted July 9, 2020)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted July 9, 2020)</i>	0 applications	3 applications	1 application	1 application	1 application		✓
4.4.8 4.4.9	1, 2	Number of applications considered which required flood mapping for current year	1 application (Burbank Heights)	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	1 application (Agricultural 'A' District acreage near Milton) Through the mapping, it was determined that the building site is not within a flood hazard area.	0 applications	0 applications		✓

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4.4.10	1, 2	<p>Number of applications considered which required Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) for current year</p> <p>Number of applications considered which required Phase 2 ESAs for current year</p> <p>Notable or common issues identified and rectified through the ESA recommendations/findings</p>	<p>2 applications (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch)</p> <p>1 application (Burbank Heights)</p> <p>Burbank Heights: The main concern with this report related to an abandoned crude oil well which has now been reclaimed. There are also three pipelines present on the site which will require utility easements to be registered on the impacted lots. The developer will be required to provide confirmation that the Ember Resources pipeline has been removed.</p> <p>Lincoln Ranch: The Phase 1 assessment considered the level of potential environmental risk associated with the Lincoln Ranch Plan Area to be moderate. This rating was based on the presence of abandoned wells and operational natural gas pipelines on the Property. The well site and access road passed all applicable criteria for reclamation of well sites. As a result of the Phase 2 ESA, a reclamation certificate was received for the well located in the northwest portion of the Plan Area.</p>	<p>1 application (North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1)</p> <p>0 applications</p> <p>North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1: The site was found to pose a low to moderate environmental risk. A Phase 2 ESA was warranted for Phase 2 of the development based on a Bonavista Energy Corporation gas well and above ground storage tank were located near the centre of the property.</p>	<p>0 applications</p> <p>0 applications</p>	<p>1 application (DOW Chemical expansion)</p> <p>0 applications</p> <p>DOW Chemical: The site was found to have some evidence of potential environmental concern, due to oil and gas pipelines, historic effluent lagoon, and the existing railway yard.</p>		✔				

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4.4.11	1, 2	Number of developments and total area of hazard lands identified for current year Most common types of hazards identified and mitigation measures employed	4 developments prepared geotechnical reports (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch, The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club, Procor) Burbank Heights: The main concern arising from the geotechnical report was in general, most of the property was not suitable for conventional treatment field systems due to relatively permeable sandy soil conditions. The more feasible option would be the use of treatment mounds on this site. The geotechnical report and findings will be registered on title via restrictive covenant, to notify landowners of development constraints.	2 developments prepared a geotechnical report (Resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area, and North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1 and Phase 2) Resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area: Suitable building site to be proven for second parcel being created. North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1 and Phase 2: No notable findings, site is suitable for proposed development.	2 developments prepared a geotechnical report (fragmented parcel subdivision and Transand Inc.) Fragmented Parcel Subdivision: Suitable building site exists on proposed parcel. Transand Inc.: Driven steel piles or screw piles have been recommended for the development of this site, based on the shallow water table.	1 development prepared a geotechnical report (resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area) Resubdivision of existing residential lot in Milton area: Suitable building site to be proven for second and third parcel being created.	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	2 developments prepared geotechnical reports (DOW Chemical expansion; dwelling near Chain Lakes) DOW Chemical: Demonstrated suitability of site for proposed expansion. Chain Lakes: Included structural recommendations due to steep slope and below grade stability concerns. A requirement for a geotechnical report was added as a condition of approval for a fragmented parcel subdivision application along the Blindman River to demonstrate a suitable building site. This report has not been completed yet.		✓
4.4.12	1, 5	Number of developments which have incorporated "Fire Smart" principles	2 developments (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch)	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments		✓
4.4.13	5	Number of developments which have incorporated "Dark Sky" principles	0 developments	2 developments (cannabis production facilities)	1 development (cannabis production facility)	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments	0 developments		✓
4.5.1	1	Number of applications which required Historical Resources Impact Assessment clearance Number of applications which required further Historical Resources Impact Assessments or study	1 application (Lincoln Ranch) 1 application (Burbank Heights)	1 application (North Aspelund Industrial Park - Phase 1)	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 developments	1 application (DOW Chemical expansion) 0 applications		✓

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4.6.1	2	Staff will ensure consistency between the MDP and the County's <i>Use and Management of County Reserve Lands</i> policy	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	Completed - no findings	In 2023, the County has updated the <i>Use and Management of County Reserve Lands Policy</i> and has adopted Bylaw 1398/23 - <i>Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw</i> The County has initiated community engagement to create a reserve management bylaw in Spring/Summer 2023 A review of the new policy and bylaw were completed and the documents are consistent with the <i>Municipal Development Plan</i> ; however, the <i>Municipal Development Plan</i> will be updated to refer to the new bylaw.	In the last review, the <i>Municipal Development Plan</i> was updated to reference the updated <i>Use and Management of County Reserve Lands Policy</i> and has adopted Bylaw 1398/23 - <i>Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw</i> A review of the new policy and bylaw were completed and the documents are consistent with the <i>Municipal Development Plan</i> .		✓	
4.6.2	2	Total amount of Municipal Reserve (MR) dedication included in conditional approved applications for current year (either cash-in-lieu and/or land totals)	2,185 hectares (5.40 acres) and \$1,520 cash-in-lieu	1.83 hectares (4.53 acres) and \$3,445 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$58,319.58 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$34,694.58 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$19,873.48 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$121,324.80 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$2,318.78 cash-in-lieu	0 hectares (0 acres) and \$6,463.50 cash-in-lieu		✓	
4.6.3		Number of conditionally approved applications where Municipal Reserve (MR) was deferred for current year	0 applications	2 applications	4 applications	2 applications	2 applications	1 application	1 application	1 application			
4.6.4		Number of conditionally approved applications where additional Municipal Reserve (MR) or open space was provided by developer or required by the Development Authority for current year	1 application (Burbank Heights)	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications		
4.6.5		Number of conditionally approved applications where additional Municipal Reserve (MR) or open space was provided by developer or required by the Development Authority for current year	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)		
4.6.6		Total amount of Municipal Reserve (MR) land sold (number of lots and total area) for current year	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications		
4.6.7		Number of conditionally approved applications where Municipal Reserve (MR) required along the lakeshore for current year	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)		
4.6.8		Total amount of Municipal Reserve (MR) dedication included in conditional approvals along lakeshore for current year	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)	0 hectares (0 acres)		

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4.6.9 4.6.10 4.6.11	2	Total amount of Environmental Reserve (ER) dedication included in conditional approvals for current year Total amount of Environmental Reserve Easement (ERE) dedication included in conditional approvals for current year Number of subdivision applications adjacent to or affected by watercourse/body for current year Number of subdivision applications where Environmental Reserve (ER) and/or Environmental Reserve Easement (ERE) requirements have been relaxed	1.52 hectares (3.76 acres) 4.09 hectares (10.1 acres) 6 applications 0 applications	6.52 hectares (16.1 acres) 9.09 hectares (22.46 acres) 7 applications 0 applications	6.07 hectares (15 acres) 29.82 hectares (73.69 acres) 6 applications 0 applications	3.84 hectares (9.5 acres) 2.54 hectares (6.3 acres) 7 applications 0 applications	0 hectares (0 acres) 19.59 hectares (48.41 acres) 13 applications 0 applications	0 hectares (0 acres) 10.28 hectares (25.4 acres) 9 applications 0 applications	0 hectares (0 acres) 7.06 hectares (17.45 acres) 5 applications 0 applications	0 hectares (0 acres) 8.00 hectares (19.76 acres) 5 applications 0 applications		✓
4.6.12	2	Total amount of Conservation Reserve (CR) dedication included in conditional approvals for current year Total dollar amount spent to compensate the landowner(s) in an amount equal to the market value of the land required for a Conservation Reserve (CR)	No review <i>(policy was inserted March 8, 2018)</i>	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0	0 hectares (0 acres) \$0		✓
4.6.13	3	Total dollar amount of Municipal Reserve (MR) provided to urban municipalities for schools	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		✓
4.6.14	5	Number of inquiries into conservation easement opportunities	0 inquiries	0 inquiries	2 inquiries	3 inquiries	3 inquiries	1 inquiry	0 inquiries	0 inquiries		✓
4.6.15	4, 5	Total amount of land donated to the County for current year, as well as to date What is the common use(s) of donated lands	36.8 hectares (91 acres) donated in 2017 (Mary & Cliff Soper Natural Area) 172 hectares (425 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	26.4 hectares (65 acres) donated in 2018 (Kuhnen Natural Area) 198.4 hectares (490 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	0 hectares (0 acres) donated in 2019 198.4 hectares (490 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	0 hectares (0 acres) donated in 2020 198.4 hectares (490 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	0 hectares (0 acres) donated in 2021 198.4 hectares (490 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	7.7 hectares (19.03 acres) donated in 2022 (Burns Nature Park) 206.1 hectares (509.03 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	0 hectares (0 acres) donated in 2023 206.1 hectares (509.03 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space	0 hectares (0 acres) donated in 2024 206.1 hectares (509.03 acres) total donated to date Common Use(s): Public recreation, naturalized park space		✓

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4.6.16	5	Land amount and/or number of features protected through or in tandem with the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program Number of community groups/participants in the program Other notable conservation projects	39.25 hectares (97 acres) enrolled in the project, a total of 5 projects 4 ALUS participants	33.59 hectares (83 acres) enrolled in the project in 2018, for a total of 55.8 hectares (138 acres) in 8 projects 6 ALUS participants	66 hectares (163 acres) enrolled in the project in 2019, for a total of 122 hectares (301 acres) in 11 projects 9 ALUS participants	While ALUS is still active in our community and supported by Lacombe County, the County no longer administers the program, and does not have access to participation numbers Policy 4.6.15 will require update to support general conservation projects, instead of naming the ALUS program directly	ALUS: Lacombe County continues to support and encourage landowners to seek the ALUS program, which is continuing to be facilitated within our County. 95.95 hectares (237.10 acres) enrolled within Lacombe County to date 31 ALUS projects 12 ALUS participants	ALUS: Lacombe County continues to support and encourage landowners to seek the ALUS program, which is continuing to be facilitated within our County. 130.76 hectares (323.11 acres) enrolled within Lacombe County to date 68 ALUS projects 17 ALUS participants	ALUS: Lacombe County continues to support and encourage landowners to seek the ALUS program, which is continuing to be facilitated within our County. 285.54 hectares (705.58 acres) enrolled within Lacombe County to date 93 ALUS projects 19 ALUS participants	ALUS: Lacombe County continues to support and encourage landowners to seek the ALUS program, which is continuing to be facilitated within our County. 334.27 hectares (826 acres) enrolled within Lacombe County to date 136 ALUS projects 23 ALUS participants		✓
							Wild About Bees Initiative (webinar)	Conservation Tillage: A Tool in Central Alberta (webinar) Shelterbelt Workshop (webinar) Growing Native Plans Workshop (webinar) Wildlife Corridor Workshop (webinar)	Agricultural Excellence: Securing Your Farm Future (workshop) Environmental Farm Plan (workshop) Wonderful World of Wetlands (youth engagement)	RDAR on the Road - soil research (workshop) AG Farm & ALUS Tour Spring Tune Up (environmental presentations)		
4.7.1	3, 4	Total existing kilometres of trails and how many of those introduced for current year	33.94 kilometres (21 miles) of existing trails 1.5 kilometres (0.93 miles) of new trails	35.44 kilometers (22 miles) of existing trails 2 kilometers (1.24 miles) of new trails (Mary & Cliff Soper Natural Area)	37.44 kilometers (23 miles) of existing trails	37.44 kilometers (23 miles) of existing trails	37.44 kilometers (23 miles) of existing trails 0.5 km (0.3 miles) of new trails (Burbank Heights)	37.44 kilometers (23 miles) of existing trails	42.14 kilometers (26.33 miles) of existing trails 1.5 kilometers (0.93 miles) of new natural trails (Burns Nature Park) and 3.2 kilometers (1.99 miles) of new paved trail (Sandy Point Regional Trail)	45.89 kilometers (28.51 miles) of existing trails 3.75 kilometers (2.33 miles) of new paved trail (Sandy Point Regional Trail)		✓
4.7.2	3, 4	Total number of parks and amenities for current year	2 new parks with amenities (Anderson Park, Cliff and Mary Soper Natural Area) 1 replacement amenity in existing park (new playground in Mirror)	1 new park (Kuhnen Natural Area) 1 new additional amenity to existing park (playground at Anderson Park)	0 new parks 1 new additional amenity to existing park (playground at Sandy Point beach)	0 new parks 1 new replacement amenity to existing park (washroom at the Mirror ball diamonds) Lacombe County partnered with the Mirror Community Network and the Living Truth Christian School to provide fencing for the Mirror Dog Park	1 new park with amenities (Burbank Heights), 1 new green space (Burbank Campground)	1 new park (Burns Nature Park)	0 new parks 1 new additional amenity (Burns Nature Park benches and garbage receptacles) 1 replacement amenity (Sunbreaker Cove bathroom)	0 new parks 1 new park amenity (Mobi-Mat and floating chair at Sandy Point Beach) 1 updated park amenity (partnered with the Mirror Association of Ball Diamonds, Campground, and Skating Society to relocate and improve the ball diamond)		✓

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4.7.3	5	What community groups are involved with the management of local park and community facilities Number of parks and amenities which are being wholly or partially managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)	New Saratoga and Birch Bay communities mow the open space. The Haynes, Mirror and Gilby Community Halls are operated by community groups, but owned by the County. Other property County owns but is managed by others – Joffre Rink, Tees Rodeo Ground, Wilson's Beach Campground, Mirror Campground, Haunted Lakes Campground, Mirror Rink, Mirror Jolly Seniors, Burbank Park 10 parks and amenities managed by a community group(s)		✓	
4.7.4	3	Number of subdivision applications conditionally approved for community uses Description of applications as they relate to protecting the rural landscape, protecting the natural environment, and supporting or providing recreational amenities	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	0 applications		✓							
4.7.5 4.7.6	1, 4, 5	Notable green infrastructure projects and/or initiatives for current year	None	None (0 new multi-lot developments)	None (0 new multi-lot developments)		✓						
4.8.1	5	Name and number of specific communication mediums utilized for publications, public meetings, notifications, etc.	9 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, MDP/LUB Facebook, MDP/LUB website, County News, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	8 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County News, Sylvan Lake IDP website, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	8 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County News, Sylvan Lake IDP website, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	8 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County News, Sylvan Lake IDP website, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	9 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County Instagram, County News, Sylvan Lake IDP website, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	8 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County Instagram, County News, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	8 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County Twitter, County Instagram, County News, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)	9 communication methods (County website, County Facebook, County X, County Instagram, County News, County LinkedIn, local newspapers, mail-outs, radio)		✓	
4.8.2	5	Total number of educational signs, and the number of educational signs installed for current year Notable features and/or site elements that the signage pertains to	21 total signs 8 new signs Local wildlife and pollinators	21 total signs Local wildlife and pollinators	28 total signs 7 new signs Local wildlife, pollinators, species of interest, or geological features	28 total signs Local wildlife, pollinators, species of interest, or geological features	30 total signs 2 new signs Local wildlife and wetlands	30 total signs Local wildlife, pollinators, species of interest, or geological features	36 total signs 6 new signs Local wildlife, pollinators, species of interest, geological features, local history, land acknowledgement	36 total signs 12 signs were replaced on the Trans-Canada Trail Local wildlife, pollinators, species of interest, geological features, local history, land acknowledgement		✓	

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5.3.1	1, 2	<p>Number of commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>Number of commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>New or expanded development located within Joffre/Prentiss area</p> <p>Number of Home Based Businesses and Minor Business or Trades in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>1 development near Joffre/Prentiss (rail expansion and portable)</p> <p>1 Minor Home Based Business application (interior design)</p> <p>6 Major Home Based Business applications (line locating business, souvenir/clothing distribution, metal fabrication, oilfield service)</p> <p>5 Minor Business or Trades applications (pressure services, directional drilling, auction business)</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>0 developments near Joffre/Prentiss</p> <p>1 Minor Home Based Business application (coffee importing)</p> <p>14 Major Home Based Business applications (automotive repair, welding and repair, RV/boat storage, equipment repair, oilfield business)</p> <p>8 Minor Business or Trades applications (mechanic, piling services, reclamation services, oilfield services, welding business)</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>2 developments near Joffre/Prentiss (Home Based Business & a field office for Pembina)</p> <p>12 Major Home Based Business applications in the Agricultural 'A' District</p> <p>10 Minor Business or Trade Applications in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>1 setback relaxation for the Prentiss Site</p> <p>8 Major Home Based Businesses in the Agricultural 'A' District</p> <p>3 Minor Business or Trade applications in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>1 development near Joffre/Prentiss (Joffre Solar Park approved, directly adjacent to the Joffre petrochemical complex)</p> <p>12 Major Home Based Businesses in the Agricultural 'A' District</p> <p>2 Minor Business or Trade applications in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments NOT along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas</p> <p>0 new development near Joffre/Prentiss, however the Joffre Solar Park groundbreaking took place October 24th and work is underway (development permit issued in 2021)</p> <p>11 Major Home Based Businesses in the Agricultural 'A' District (6 new, 4 renewals, 1 expansion)</p> <p>2 Minor Business or Trade applications in the Agricultural 'A' District (1 renewal, 1 expansion)</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Aspelund Industrial Parks, North and South, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park, and Wild Rose Commercial Park). Within these commercial and industrial developments there were 11 applications received; 8 new businesses, 1 expansion of existing business, and 2 renewal of existing businesses.</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot development NOT along the County's main highway corridors and urban fringe areas;</p> <p>1 ongoing application for expanded development located within Joffre/Prentiss area (DOW Chemical expansion);</p> <p>13 Major Home-Based Businesses (9 new and 4 renewals)</p> <p>7 Minor Businesses or Trade applications (2 new and 5 renewal) in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>	<p>5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Aspelund Industrial Parks, North and South, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park, and Wild Rose Commercial Park). Within these commercial and industrial developments there were 9 applications received; 7 new businesses, 2 expansions of existing businesses and 2 renewals of existing businesses.</p> <p>0 commercial and industrial multi-lot development NOT along the County's main highway corridors and urban fringe areas;</p> <p>1 application for expanded development located within Joffre/Prentiss area (DOW Chemical expansion);</p> <p>12 Major Home-Based Businesses (4 new and 8 renewals)</p> <p>3 Minor Businesses or Trade applications (2 renewal and 1 expansion) in the Agricultural 'A' District</p>		

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5.3.2	2, 4	Number of tourism, supplemental farm business activities, agricultural support services and/or Indigenous enterprise developments/endeavors	2 applications (intermediate campsite and a wedding venue)	7 applications (wedding venue, intermediate campground, 2 outdoor recreation facilities, major campground, wedding venue, and indoor recreation facility)	7 applications (1 minor special event, 1 bed & breakfast, 1 campground, 2 community facilities, 2 outdoor recreation facilities) in the Agricultural 'A' District	8 applications (3 ag service facilities, 5 community facilities) in the Agricultural 'A' District	8 applications (3 outdoor recreation, 2 community facilities, 1 marina & boat rental, 1 bed and breakfast, and 1 campground intermediate)	13 applications 9 new (2 major campground, 2 special events, 1 eating and drinking establishment, 1 bed and breakfast, 1 tourist home, 1 agri-commercial, 1 major home based business) 2 renewals (2 agricultural service facilities) 2 expansions (1 minor retail, 1 machinery, equipment and sales)	14 applications 8 new (2 agricultural service facilities, 1 community facility, 1 eating and drinking establishment, 1 institutional camp, 1 recreation facility outdoor, 1 marina and boat rental, 1 special event, ,minor) 3 renewals (2 recreation facility outdoor, 1 eating and drinking establishment) 3 expansions (2 community facilities, 1 eating and drinking establishment)	12 applications 6 new (3 tourist homes, 1 campground, 1 riding and boarding facility, 1 community facility) 4 renewals (2 outdoor recreation facilities, 1 outdoor storage, 1 community facility) 2 expansions (1 outdoor recreation facility and 1 agri-tourism facility)		✓

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5.3.3	1	Types of programs and/or initiatives are in place or being developed to support a business friendly climate	Development Incentive Grant (Hamlet of Mirror) Central Alberta Business Incubator (County participated in preliminary meetings) Central Alberta Economic Partnership Ltd. (CAEP) initiatives	Development Incentive Grant program for the Hamlet of Mirror Lacombe Regional Tourism Member of Central Alberta Economic Partnership	3 Development Incentive Grant applications received and approved in the Hamlet of Mirror Lacombe Regional Tourism Member of Central Alberta Economic Partnership Undertook Community Economic Profile (McSweeney)	Development Incentive Grant program in the Hamlet of Mirror was extended for another 5 years Lacombe Regional Tourism Member of Central Alberta Economic Partnership Developed the Business Development Guide	No new Development Incentive Grant applications in the Hamlet of Mirror Hiring of a permanent, full-time Economic Development Officer. Budget commitment of \$60,000 toward Economic Development in 2022 Lacombe Regional Tourism Member of Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)	No new Development Incentive Grant applications in the Hamlet of Mirror Initiated the Economic Development Strategy by selecting a consultant for the project Budget commitment of \$30,000 toward economic development activities in 2023 Cooperation with Lacombe Regional Tourism Participating Member of CAEP	Refreshed advertising on the Development Incentive Grant in 2023 by launching new social media and newspaper advertising with a redesigned information package. No new applications in 2023 Completed the Economic Development Strategy Collaborated with Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA) on the creation of the Central Alberta Agritourism Development Strategy Secured \$30,000 of the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Grant funding to support Lacombe County businesses by conducting a Business Retention and Expansion Study and a Business Investment and Attraction Study (which will be carried through in 2024) Successfully obtained Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Micro-Grant Funding, \$10,000, to create 10 short films to advertise Lacombe County to different selected audiences around the region, the province, the country, and the world. Maintaining an active member status in CAEP Working collaboratively with Lacombe Regional Tourism to promote tourism businesses within Lacombe County Business Spotlight: each month, a business and an agricultural business are featured in the County News.	No new Development Incentive Grant applications in the Hamlet of Mirror Initiated the creation of a full Lacombe County Business Directory. Engaged with the business sector to work towards completing the Business Retention and Expansion Study and the Business Investment and Attraction Study (to be presented to Council in 2025) Created 10 new marketing videos for Lacombe County. EDO conducted 126 business visitation trips. Meeting businesses and learning what they do, where they are located and what Lacombe County can do for them. Created the Lacombe County Business Recognition Program, passed the policy and will launch in 2025. Developed initiatives to enhance Lacombe County's investment readiness, including the implementation of a Lacombe County Investment Data Hub on the website. Hosted 30 international ambassadors as part of a diplomatic economic mission to Alberta Maintaining an active member status in CAEP Working collaboratively with Lacombe Regional Tourism to promote tourism businesses within Lacombe County. Business Spotlight: each month, a business and an agricultural business are featured in the County News.	✓	

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5.3.4	3	Current partnership opportunities and projects completed and/or underway Data contained within the community profile published by the Central Alberta Economic Partnership Ltd.	Water/Wastewater Study (Lacombe IDP) Lacombe Regional Tourism Joint Economic Agreements with Lacombe & Blackfalds CAEP report published (available at https://caepalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Community-Overview-Lacombe-County-2017-FINAL.pdf)	Sylvan Lake IDP (underway) IDPs updated to meet revised MGA (Town of Bentley, Town of Eckville, Village of Alix, Village of Clive) (completed) Council approved funding to support community facilities in neighbouring municipalities (i.e. Gary Moe Sportsplex, Clive Arena) Draft 2019 Community Overview has been sent to County The community profile show the number of businesses increased from 243 to 283, and vehicle registrations increased from 1686 to 1737)	Sylvan Lake IDP and Ponoka County IDP (underway) Community Economic Profile completed (McSweeney) The community profile shows a small decrease in the number of businesses to 196, with vehicle registrations remaining the same at 1737	Ponoka County IDP and Blackfalds IDP (complete) Sylvan Lake IDP and Buffalo Lake IDP (underway) Completed the Regional Vacant Industrial Land Inventory through CAEP The community profile shows a small increase in the number of businesses to 205, with vehicle registrations also increased to 2251	Sylvan Lake IDP and Buffalo Lake IDP (complete) Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP) is updating our community profile in Q1 this year, based on 2021 numbers	Southeast Bentley ASP (underway) EDO is a current committee member with Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA) for the purpose of a regional agri-tourism study EDO is a current steering committee member with Travel Alberta for the purpose of developing a plan for the Tourism Development Zone (TDZ) for Olds to Lacombe Participating Member of CAEP The community profile shows a small decrease in the number of businesses to 179, with vehicle registrations increased to 2543	Southeast Bentley ASP (complete) QEII West ASP update (underway) EDO is currently a committee member with the Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA) for the purpose of the Central Alberta Regional Economic Impact Assessment of Tourism, which will conclude in Q3 of 2024. Travel Alberta released the Tourism Development Zones (TDZ) in late 2023. Lacombe County falls in the Olds-Lacombe TDZ; the EDO will continue collaborating with the TDZ group to follow through with the initiative set out in the TDZ strategy. Data contained within the community profile published by the CAEP Participating in CAEP as an active member and with Council representation.	Bentley annexation (complete) QEII West ASP update (complete) Actively participating in CAEP with Council representation, contributing to two working committees: The Advanced Manufacturing and Natural Resources working group and the Transportation & Logistics working group. EDO is serving as a committee member of the Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA) to support the Central Alberta Regional Economic Impact Assessment of Tourism. Continuing progress in the Olds to Lacombe Tourism Development Zone (TDZ), which continues to make gradual headway towards alignment with Travel Alberta objectives. Continued collaboration with Invest Alberta to become more invest-ready to investors across the world. Initiated the Labour Market and Workforce collaboration project for Lacombe County and region in 2024, with implementation beginning in 2025. This initiative involves Lacombe County, City of Lacombe, Town of Blackfalds, Town of Eckville, Town of Bentley, Village of Alix and Village of Clive.		✓
5.4.1 5.4.2 5.4.3 5.4.4	2	Number of home based business applications approved Number of minor business or trades applications approved Types of complaints pursuant to any home based business or minor business in the Agricultural 'A' District	3 major home based business applications 5 minor business or trades applications Complaints to be tracked in 2018; typically regarding hours of operation or unauthorized business activity	11 major home based business applications 8 minor business or trades applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following business description	14 major home based business applications and 1 minor home based business application 10 minor business or trades applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following business description	12 major home based business applications and 4 minor home based business applications 3 minor business or trade applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following business description	14 major home based business applications and 4 minor home based business applications 2 minor business or trade applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following business description	15 home based business applications 2 minor business or trade applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following permitted business description.	17 home based business applications 7 minor business or trade applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following permitted business description	9 home based business applications 4 minor business or trade applications Complaints are typically regarding unauthorized businesses or businesses not following permitted business description		✓

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5.5.1 5.5.2 5.5.3	3	Number of tourism related permit applications Policies or initiatives are formally supported by the County to protect tourist assets	2 applications (intermediate campsite and a wedding venue) NSF-40 requirement around lakes/communal system requirements 32 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$2.463 million 8 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$151,377.51	4 applications (2 wedding venues, major campground, and a retail store for a campground) 24 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$345,420.89 7 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$129,745.00	9 applications (1 minor special event, 1 major special event, 1 bed & breakfast, 1 campground, 3 community facilities, 1 indoor recreation facility, 2 outdoor recreation facilities) 12 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$199,909.84 8 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$151,534.50	11 applications (8 community facilities, 3 campgrounds) 17 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$1,802,538.00 7 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$137,803.55	8 applications (3 outdoor recreation, 2 community facilities, 1 marina & boat rental, 1 bed and breakfast, and 1 campground intermediate) 17 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$1.786 million 7 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$136,082.55	7 applications (2 major campground, 1 special event, 1 eating and drinking establishment, 1 bed and breakfast, 1 tourist home, 1 minor retail) 9 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totalling \$146,167.80 7 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totalling \$153,175.00 Council approved a budget amount of \$25,000 for payment of 25% of a master plan for Medicine Lodge Ski Hill.	4 applications (3 eating and drinking establishments and 1 special event) 9 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totaling \$259,640.52; this includes a contribution of \$25,000 representing 50% of the Medicine Lodge Ski Hill Master Plan. 7 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totaling \$171,825.43.	11 applications (3 tourist homes, 3 outdoor recreation facilities, 2 community facilities, 1 riding and boarding facility, 1 minor campground, 1 indoor recreation facility) 7 <i>Policy RC(1)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support community facilities totaling \$701,298.78 8 <i>Policy RC(10)</i> applications, Council approved funding to support historical and cultural tourism services and groups totaling \$166,863.30		✓
5.6.1 5.6.2 5.6.3 5.6.4	1, 2, 3	Annual monitoring of commercial and industrial nodes for potential conflicts Annual identification of complementary businesses and/or uses within the commercial and industrial nodes Number of commercial and industrial parks located along the County's main highway corridors and urban fringe areas	Ongoing Oilfield with Oilfield/Heavy Machinery Servicing Construction/Contracting Companies with Raw Materials Processing and Fabrication Oilfield Service/Storage with Oilfield Contracting Companies 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing Service and repair for oilfield vehicles and equipment Material construction/fabrication for other industrial buildings and infrastructure 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing Diversification of an existing business to include additional sales and rentals Material construction/fabrication for other industrial buildings and infrastructure 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing Value added Agri-business Expansion of material construction/fabrication for other industrial buildings and infrastructure 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing Joffre Solar Park adjacent to Joffre petrochemical complex Expansion of material construction/fabrication for other industrial buildings and infrastructure 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing 1 Agri-industrial - trucking company filling a supply chain gap by manufacturing their own product. 1 Agri-commercial - company that builds farm structures located in a business park with other supplemental farm services. 1 Heavy equipment sales and rental, oilfield-related services 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing 1 Agri-Industrial - North Aspelund Industrial Park (Dairy Lane Systems) providing equipment to local dairies. 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	Ongoing 1 Agri-Industrial – South Aspelund Industrial Park (Dairy Innovation West) providing a state-of-the-art milk concentration plant to the region. 5 commercial and industrial multi-lot developments along the County's main Highway corridors and urban fringe areas (Wild Rose Commercial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, Burbank Industrial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)		✓

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5.6.5	2	Number of development applications for commercial and/or industrial uses within or adjacent to a hamlet, and proposed uses	2 applications (outdoor storage, small café)	1 application (renewed home based-business - auto repair)	1 major development (redesignation process started for Frac Sand Terminal adjacent to Hamlet of Mirror) 4 applications (Dog Grooming, Auction service, Antiques, Auto service)	3 applications (auto service, community facility, security/operator suite)	2 applications (dog daycare, community facility)	2 applications (special event, and eating and drinking establishment)	2 applications (2 eating and drinking establishments - 1 new, 1 renewal)	3 applications (1 outdoor storage, 1 campground, and 1 indoor recreation facility) - 1 new and 2 renewals		✓
5.6.6	1	Annual review and confirmation of no exceptions to requirement to enter a deferred services agreement and/or building requirement where typically required	Review completed - no exceptions		✓							
5.6.7 5.6.8	1	Number of existing residences within 0.4 kilometres (0.25 miles) of lands zoned Heavy Industrial, and number of new residences within 0.4 kilometres (0.25 miles) of lands zoned Heavy Industrial	6 existing residences 0 new residences this year		✓							
5.7.1 5.7.2	1	What are some existing common types and/or features of development design that incorporate the ideals of a healthy workplace environment	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)	Landscaping as per the Development Agreements Naturalized wetlands Site designs which connect to public spaces (paths around wetlands in Aspelund)		✓
5.7.3	1	Total number of site development guidelines that have been required to date	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)	6 site development guidelines (Aspelund Industrial Park, North Aspelund Industrial Park, South Aspelund Industrial Park, McLevin Industrial Park, Wild Rose Commercial Park, Iron Rail Business Park)		✓

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5.7.4 5.7.5 5.7.6	1	Annual analysis of current and proposed trail amenities and natural corridors in terms of connectivity Annual desktop analysis of commercial and industrial park buffers, identification of any areas which may need attention Number of developments in which Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has been incorporated into the development Number of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments completed	Outside connections required for developments TransCanada Trail (facilitating the continuation of this project) Sandy Point trail to Bentley from the resort Agricultural buffers around most of the parks Highways (QEII Highway, Highway 12, Highway 597) Green Space around Burbank No areas need further attention 1 development incorporated CPTED (Lincoln Ranch)	Addition of trail from the current North Aspelund Industrial Park and expanded, also the fen for the North Aspelund Industrial Park expansion Kuhnen family donated 65 acres of land (SE 01-39-23-W4M) to County for public recreation along the Red Deer River. The grand opening of the Kuhnen Natural Area is set for 2019 Industrial/commercial parks are bordered by highways and/or major county roads Typically adjacent to agricultural and green space Based off of 2017 Google Earth images, no areas need further attention at this time 0 developments incorporated CPTED	Done on a piecemeal basis with the expectation that future development will incorporate existing fragmented sections of trail. Mary & Cliff Soper Natural Area trails may eventually connect to the Town of Blackfalds east stormwater project trail system depending on future development in this area. A portion of the Burbank Industrial buffer was removed from the <i>Blackfalds Intermunicipal Development Plan</i> , and the parcel was redesignated to facilitate expansion of an existing business in the industrial park 1 development incorporated CPTED 9 CPTED assessments completed	Burbank Heights trail completed, Silverwood Estates trails in progress. Neither of these connect to anything at the moment but there is the possibility to do so in the future Boskers subdivision provided ER around unnamed lake north of Lacombe Transand Inc. will look at internal buffers at development permit stage. Railyard on east side and Parlby Creek channel on west side, Highway 50 on South all provide good buffering to residential uses. North Property line will need attention. 0 new developments incorporated CPTED 0 CPTED assessments completed due to COVID-19	Application for Federal grant to complete to construct and pave a walking/biking path that will connect Sandy Point and Hwy 12A 0 new developments incorporated CPTED 0 CPTED assessments completed due to COVID-19	Application for grant funding to complete to construct and pave a walking/biking path that will connect Sandy Point and Hwy 12A trail 0 new developments incorporated CPTED 0 CPTED assessments completed	Construction of a new parking lot and natural trails at Burns Nature Park and paving of Sandy Point Regional Trail; establishment of Mirror Walking Trail 0 new developments incorporated CPTED 0 CPTED assessments completed	Collaboration with Eagle Builders to construct a new parking lot to assess trails in North Aspelund; paving the Sandy Point Regional Trail extension 0 new developments incorporated CPTED 0 CPTED assessments completed		✓
5.8.1 5.8.2 5.8.3	2	Number of new permits for sand and gravel extraction, number of permits for expansions to existing sand and gravel extraction	3 renewal applications (no changes) 2 renewal applications (including expansion)	1 new application 5 renewal applications (no changes) 4 renewal applications (including expansion)	1 renewal application (no changes) 5 renewal applications (including expansion)	1 renewal application (no changes) 5 renewal applications (including expansion)	2 renewal application (no changes) 3 renewal applications (including expansion)	3 renewal application (no changes) 3 renewal applications (including expansion)	3 renewal application (no changes) 3 renewal applications (including expansion)	4 renewal applications (no changes) 5 renewal applications (including expansion)		✓
5.8.4	2	Total number of subdivisions for the purpose of accommodating oil and gas facilities, sand and gravel extraction and processing, or an agricultural services operation	0 applications	0 applications	1 application (for sand and gravel extraction and processing)	2 applications (1 for sand and gravel extraction and processing, 1 for oil and gas)	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	1 application (boundary adjustment for sand and gravel extraction and processing)		✓

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6.3.1 6.3.2	3, 4	Number of new multi-lot residential developments within or adjacent to priority settlement areas (proposed and existing)	2 multi-lot residential developments (Burbank Heights rezoning/ subdivision and Lincoln Ranch rezoning)	0 multi-lot residential developments	0 multi-lot residential developments	1 multi-lot residential development (Silverwood Estates subdivision)	0 multi-lot residential developments	0 multi-lot residential developments	0 multi-lot residential developments	0 multi-lot residential developments		✓
6.3.3	3	Number of new permits for each type of residential dwelling for current year	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling – 25 2nd Dwelling – 5 3rd Dwelling – 1 Recreation Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling – 5 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings – 2 Hamlet Dwelling - 1	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling – 30 2nd Dwelling – 9 3rd Dwelling - 0 Recreation Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling – 11 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings – 8 Hamlet Dwelling - 2	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling – 45 2nd Dwelling – 5 3rd Dwelling - 0 Recreation Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling – 16 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings – 3 Hamlet Dwelling - 3	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling – 30 2nd Dwelling – 8 3rd Dwelling - 0 Recreation Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling – 13 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings – 10 Hamlet Dwelling - 2	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling – 45 2nd Dwelling – 7 3rd Dwelling - 0 Recreation Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling – 26 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings – 18 Hamlet Dwelling – 4	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling - 31 2nd Dwelling - 13 3rd Dwelling - 0 Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling - 15 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings - 14 Hamlet Dwelling - 1	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling - 23 2nd Dwelling - 8 3rd Dwelling - 2 Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling - 12 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings - 11 Hamlet Dwelling - 1	Agriculture / Acreage 1st Dwelling - 30 2nd Dwelling - 11 3rd Dwelling - 4 Recreational Vehicle Resort 'R-RVR' District Dwelling - 13 All other Multi-lot Residential Dwellings - 7 Hamlet Dwelling - 1		✓
6.4.1	3, 5	Number of new second dwellings permitted on parcels under 40 acres for current year – what are the common reasons for exceptions Number of inquiries for second dwellings on parcels under 40 acres for current year	1 of 5 – reasoning is for farming operation/ accommodation requirement To be completed in 2018	2 of 9 – for personal/family care Record of inquiries not initiated - to be completed in 2019	0 new second dwellings on parcels under 40 acres 4 inquiries	1 compassionate care and 1 for an agricultural operation 6 inquiries	2 compassionate care and 1 for an agricultural operation 3 inquiries	2 compassionate care and 1 for a parcel that had road dedication previously taken 7 inquiries	2 compassionate care and 1 for a new dwelling that will be replacing the existing dwelling once complete Not tracked for 2023	In 2024, the Council conducted engagement on dwellings in the agricultural area, and adopted bylaw changes to allow a second dwelling on parcels larger than 4.05 hectares (10 acres) in the Agricultural 'A' District 2 new second dwellings were approved on parcels between 10 and 40 acres in size as a result of the policy change. Both applications were related to existing/ proposed compassionate care dwellings. N/A		✓

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6.5.1 6.5.2 6.5.3 6.5.4 6.5.5	3, 4	Current or initiatives or projects that are being undertaken by the County in support of hamlet development Number of developments beyond the boundaries of each growth hamlet, but proximal to the hamlet for current year Number of redevelopment or infill projects within the non-growth hamlets for current year Number of concept plans prepared for Hamlets for current year	Development Incentive Grant and Main Street Project (Hamlet of Mirror) No major developments (1 dwelling and 1 communication tower) 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant and Main Street Project (Hamlet of Mirror) 2 developments (1 home based business renewed south of the Hamlet of Morningside, 1 dwelling north of the Hamlet of Mirror) 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	3 developments (Mercedes Mutts, Annie's Cafe, Big Strapper Auctions) No major developments in proximity 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant (Hamlet of Mirror) was extended for another 5 years Transand Inc. property rezoned to Business Industrial 'I-BI' District 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant continues (Hamlet of Mirror) No major developments in proximity 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant continues (Hamlet of Mirror) 2 developments in proximity to Hamlet of Morningside (dwellings) 0 infill projects 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant continues (Hamlet of Mirror) 1 development in proximity to Hamlet of Mirror (dwelling) 1 infill project (dwelling in Mirror) 0 concept plans	Development Incentive Grant continues (Hamlet of Mirror). As a result of the last review, staff rebranded the design and pushed new advertising, which resulted in further inquiries. No major developments in proximity 1 infill project (dwelling in Rosedale Valley) 0 concept plans		✓
6.6.1	3	Number of new/proposed multi-lot residential developments for current year	2 multi-lot residential developments (Burbank Heights and Lincoln Ranch)	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments		✓
6.6.2 6.6.3 6.6.4	1, 2, 5	Analysis of identified multi-lot lands within existing Area Structure Plan (ASP) areas for compliance with 6.6.2 Number of new multi-lot residential cluster-style developments	No Issues Identified 1 cluster-style multi-lot residential development (Lincoln Ranch)	No Issues Identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No Issues Identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No Issues Identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No Issues Identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No issues identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No issues identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments	No issues identified 0 new cluster-style multi-lot residential developments		✓
6.7.1 6.7.2 6.7.3 6.7.4 6.7.5 6.7.6	1, 2	Number of new multi-lots for current year Total number of multi-lot residential developments (proposed and existing), and how many of these are cluster-style Number of multi-lot residential which are zoned Residential Lake Area 'R-RLA', Residential Conservation Cluster 'R-RCC', or Higher Density Residential 'R-HDR' approved for year; number approved which are not one of these three residential districts Number and types of notable amenities in multi-lot residential developments within the lake area(s) Number of Visual Impact Assessments (VIAs) required for current year, notable changes and/or recommendations to inform the development New multi-lot developments within lake areas & type of water/wastewater	2 multi-lot residential developments (Burbank Heights and Lincoln Ranch) 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 1 multi-lot residential development (Lincoln Ranch is Residential Conservation Cluster 'R-RCC' District and Higher Density Residential 'R-HDR' District) 9 hole golf course, community parks, multi-use trails, and nature trails, 0 VIAs required 1 multi-lot residential developments (Lincoln Ranch) is communal	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 VIAs required 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 VIAs required 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 1 VIA completed for the Joffre Solar Park (not for a residential development) 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 1 VIAs completed for the Joffre Solar Park (not for a residential development) 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 VIAs required 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 VIAs required 0 new multi-lot residential developments	0 new multi-lot residential developments 34 multi-lot residential developments ; 4 cluster style developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 new multi-lot residential developments 0 VIAs required 0 new multi-lot residential developments		✓

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6.8.1 6.8.4	1, 3	Notable incorporations of natural/geographic and/or cultural amenities within multi-lot residential developments, for current year	Burbank Heights - a Historical Resource Impact Assessment identified two small campsites with lithic artifacts. Additional shovel tests were conducted on one of the sites in order to catalog and remove the artifacts while the second site is to be protected within an Environmental Reserve parcel	0 new multi-lot residential developments		✓						
6.8.2 6.8.3	1, 2, 3	Description of maximum densities in new multi-lot residential developments Number of residential subdivision applications conditionally approved that varied the lot size by no more than 10%	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	No review <i>(policy was inserted June 22, 2023)</i>	0 new multi-lot residential developments 2 applications		✓
6.8.5 6.8.6	1, 2	Amount (area) of land within high-density developments that is preserved (above and beyond the 10% requirement); for Residential Conservation Cluster 'R-RCC' District	5.83 hectares (14.41 acres) in Lincoln Ranch	0 new multi-lot residential developments		✓						
6.8.7 6.8.8 6.8.9	1, 3	Annual analysis of current and proposed trail amenities and natural corridors in terms of connectivity Number of developments in which Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has been incorporated into the development	Ongoing 1 development (Lincoln Ranch)	Ongoing 0 new developments	Ongoing 1 new development (Silver Mountain Cannabis)	Ongoing 0 new developments		✓				

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7.3.1	1	Identify the projects on road construction plan which were as a result of development Kilometres of roadway upgraded or planned to be upgraded within or adjacent to identified nodes on the MDP land use concept map	5.1 kilometres (3.17 miles) DeGraff Road 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) Range Road 1-1, Sandy Point	6.2 kilometres (3.85 miles) DeGraff's, Sandy Point, Lincoln Ranch 6.2 kilometres (3.85 miles) of 30.1 kilometres (20%)	None 10.5 kilometres (6.5 miles) of 25.75 kilometres (16 miles) (40%)	None 6 kilometers (3.72 miles) of 24 kilometers (15 miles) (25%)	None 12.8 kilometers (8 miles) of 21 kilometers (13 miles) (61%)	None Nothing planned or completed for 2022	None 3.2 kilometers (1.98 miles) of 17.7 kilometers (11 miles) (18%)	None Nothing planned or completed for 2024		✓
7.3.2	1	The number and/or size of developments adjacent to, or served by each County Main Road	7 out of 95 (7%) accessed by a County Main Road)	12 out of 184 (7%) accessed by a County Main road)	16 out of 158 (10%) accessed by a County Main road	14 out of 160 (8%) accessed by a County Main road	9 out of 209 (4%) accessed by a County Main road	15 out of 180 (8%) accessed by a County Main road	13 out of 192 (7%) accessed by a County Main road	16 out of 155 (10%) accessed by a County Main road		✓
7.3.3	1	Number of development and/or subdivision applications which required input from Alberta Transportation for current year	19 out of 95 (20%)	31 out of 185 (16%)	32 of 160 (20%)	14 of 160 (8%)	24 of 209 (11%)	19 of 180 development applications (10%) 13 of 32 subdivision applications (40%)	25 of 192 development applications (13%) 17 of 30 subdivision applications (57%)	36 of 155 development applications (23%) 16 of 35 subdivision applications (46%)		✓
7.3.4	1	Throughout processing of applications, administration will assess each application for subdivision or development for compliance with (a)-(d), any exceptions to these will be noted	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within department. No exception have been noted. Three noise abatement studies required (Procor, Burbank Heights, Ken Webster's racetrack)	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.	This must be done as applications are completed; (a)-(d) represent a standard of practice within the department. No exceptions have been noted.		✓
7.3.5	1	Number of applications considered which required a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) for current year	3 applications (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch, The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club)	0 applications	1 application (Transand Inc.)	0 applications	1 application (Track on 2 for signage)	3 applications (Track On 2 commercial subdivision, Alberta Views recreation rezoning, and Palm Cove residential rezoning completed an update to a previous TIA)	0 applications	1 application (DOW Chemical expansion)		✓
7.3.6	1	Total amount of money collected under road improvement levies for current year	\$17,010	\$95,651	\$12,355	\$20,000	None	\$10,000	None	\$15,000		✓
7.3.7	1	Number of developments which were required to contribute a road improvement levy for current year	1 development (Degraff's RV Resort)	3 developments (Burbank Heights, DeGraff's RV Resort, The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club)	2 developments (DeGraff's RV Resort and Sandy Point RV Resort)	3 resubdivisions (Country Residential 'R-CR' District)		2 resubdivisions (Country Residential 'R-CR' District)		2 resubdivisions (Country Residential 'R-CR' District) and Wilson's Beach Estates		✓
7.3.8	1	Review of complaint-tracker issues submitted by the public	5 complaints regarding gravel trucks. Issues arose from rock chips, speed of gravel trucks near residences, and dust 0 tickets given (not an offence under the Traffic Safety Act)	1 complaint regarding gravel trucks off of designated route causing dust issues 0 tickets given (not an offence under the Traffic Safety Act)	1 complaint regarding gravel trucks (rock chip) 0 tickets given (not an offense under the Traffic Safety Act)	2 complaints (1 rock chip and one from a construction detour which impacted the condition of the road) 0 tickets given (not an offense under the Traffic Safety Act)	1 complaint regarding illegal hauling from a pit that did not have County approval 0 tickets given (not an offense under the Traffic Safety Act)	0 complaints received regarding sand and gravel trucks 0 tickets given	0 complaints received regarding sand and gravel trucks 0 tickets given	0 complaints received regarding sand and gravel trucks 0 tickets given		✓

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7.3.9 7.3.10	1	Instances where the County's Operations Manual was deviated from, with permission of the County	None	1 (Burbank Heights taper requirements were relaxed due to site specific conditions on Burbank Road)	1 (MEGlobal - number of access points)	2 (Sandy Point campground road and trail surfacing and an extra access for the Track on 2 to facilitate servicing)	None	1 (Sandy Point campground expansion road and trail surfacing)	None	None		✓
7.4.1	2	What regional water/wastewater system commissions is the County currently involved with, and what initiatives and/or projects is the County undertaking to facilitate the provision of regional water/wastewater infrastructure	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater, Wild Rose Business Park utility extension from the City of Lacombe	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater, Wild Rose Business Park utility extension from the City of Lacombe	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater, Wild Rose Business Park utility extension from the City of Lacombe, North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater, North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds	Highway 12-21 Water, North Red Deer Water, North Red Deer Waste, Sylvan Lake Regional Water, Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater, North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds		✓
7.4.2	2	Which urban municipalities is the County currently cooperating with for urban service extension, and what initiatives and/or projects is the County undertaking to facilitate the provision of urban service expansion	The City of Lacombe (Lacombe Area West - Wild Rose)	The City of Lacombe (Lacombe Area West - Wild Rose)	The City of Lacombe (Lacombe Area West - Wild Rose)	The City of Lacombe (Lacombe Area West - Wild Rose)	No new	Wild Rose Business Park utility extension from the City of Lacombe, North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds	North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds	North and South Aspelund Industrial Parks utility extension from Town of Blackfalds		✓
7.4.3	2	Total number of lots located within commercial/ industrial nodes or other areas identified for/ currently served by regional water and wastewater infrastructure which currently have a business operating without a building	2 lots (Mega Cranes and Page Transportation)	2 lots (Mega Cranes and Page Transportation)	2 lots (Mega Cranes and Page Transportation)	2 lots (Mega Cranes and Page Transportation)	2 lots (Mega Cranes and Page Transportation) 1 temporary permit approved for Iron Rail	1 lot (Page Transportation) 1 temporary permit approved for Ranchland HD Equipment Solutions in Wild Rose Business Park	1 lot (Page Transportation) 1 temporary permit approved for Ranchland HD Equipment Solutions in Wild Rose Business Park	1 lot (Page Transportation)		✓
7.4.4	2	Notable cases where any water/wastewater systems were/are designed, constructed and/or operated outside of the bounds of the County's <i>Standards Manual</i> or per a negotiated development agreement	None	None	The Slopes obtained a variance for the interim operation of their system	None	None	None	None	None		✓
7.4.5	2	Number of new multi-lot subdivisions served by regional/municipal water/wastewater services Number of new multi-lot subdivisions served by communal water/wastewater services Number of new multi-lot subdivisions not served by regional or communal water/wastewater services	1 (Lincoln Ranch - regional wastewater) 1 (Lincoln Ranch - communal water) 1 (Burbank Heights - both water and wastewater)	0 new multi-lot developments	0 new multi-lot developments	0 new multi-lot developments	1 (Wilson's Beach Estates reconfigured previous communal wastewater to regional wastewater) None None	1 (Track On 2 - regional water and wastewater) None None	None None	None None		✓
7.4.6	2	Notable reductions and/or relaxations of the County's standards for any municipal infrastructure	None	None	None	None	None	1 (Track On 2 given exemption to not install an emergency backup generation for liftstation facility)	None	None		✓
7.4.7	2	Cases where the County contributes to the servicing of a new development; total combined dollar amount of County contribution toward servicing provision for current year	None	Lacombe West Servicing \$12,939,605	None	None	None	None	None	Town of Blackfalds wastewater trunk line \$1,246,892.13		✓

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7.4.8	2	Cases where the County allows for utilities to be installed/located outside of a designated utility right-of-way; what were/are the reasons for this	None	None	None	None	None	1 (Degraffs RV Resort communal wastewater line to Lincoln Utility regional wastewater system, permitted within the road allowance due to landowner issues along the route)	None	None		✓
7.5.1	2	Number of applications considered which required a stormwater management plan for current year	4 applications (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch, The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club, Procor)	1 application (North Aspelund Industrial Park expansion)	1 application (Transand Inc.)	0 applications	0 applications	4 applications (Alberta Views recreation rezoning, Track On 2 commercial subdivision, Sandy Point Campground development permit and Palm Cove residential rezoning completed an update to a previous stormwater management plan))	0 applications	1 application (DOW Chemical expansion)		✓
7.5.2	2	Number of new developments proposed within the Wolf Creek Whelp Brook drainage basin; Staff will take the master drainage plan into consideration for all applications within the plan area	30 of 95 (31%) developments are within the watershed 1 rezoning development (The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club)	30 of 95 (31%) developments are within the watershed	29 of 160 (18%) developments are within the watershed	26 of 160 (16%) are within the watershed	31 of 209 (14%) are within the watershed	32 of 180 (17%) are within the watershed 1 subdivision (the Track On 2 commercial subdivision, approved plan is compliant with Master Drainage Plan)	40 of 192 (21%) development applications are within the watershed 2 of 30 (7%) of subdivision applications are within the watershed	35 of 155 (23%) development applications are within the watershed 8 of 35 (23%) of subdivision applications are within the watershed		✓
7.5.3 7.5.4 7.5.5	2	Number of stormwater facilities proposed which have incorporated existing wetlands/natural features into the design, for current year Number of stormwater facilities which have been proposed as a naturalized wetland, for current year Number of stormwater facilities proposed to be constructed as an ornamental, dry pond, or other type of facility as an exemption to Policy INF& TECH 7.5.4; reasons for this exemption, for current year Staff will take into consideration the County's <i>Standards for Stormwater Management Facilities</i> for all stormwater management facility proposals; how many notable exemptions to these standards were there and what were the reasons, for current year	1 (Lincoln Ranch) 2 (Burbank Heights, Lincoln Ranch) 1 (The Nursery Golf Course and Country Club), the drainage area is too small to be functional as a naturalized stormwater facility Design drawings have not been submitted; however, the Burbank Heights subdivision and Lincoln Ranch subdivision are to have constructed wetlands	1 (North Aspelund Industrial Park expansion) 1 (North Aspelund Industrial Park expansion) None None	1 (Transand Inc. incorporates a portion of a wetland which was formerly part of Parlby Creek before it was channelized) None 1 (Transand Inc.) Transand Inc.'s stormwater system is proposed to be a dry pond because the footprint of the pond is less than what is recommended to sustain a wet pond	None None None	None None	1 (Alberta Views recreation rezoning) 2 (Alberta Views recreation rezoning and Sandy Point campground) 1 (Track On 2 commercial subdivision includes swales to direct water to an existing pond)	None None None	1 (Town of Blackfalds public utility lot subdivision) 1 (Town of Blackfalds public utility lot subdivision) None None		✓
7.6.1	2	Number of referrals received by the County, and any cases where alternatives were sought as a result of County recommendations, for current year	None	2 (Altalink Central East Transmission Project, Red Deer Area Transmission Project)	None	None	None	Operations received 39 D56 referrals for proposed pipelines and well drilling	Operations received 1 referral from Altalink for a new line	Operations received 16 referrals for proposed pipelines		✓

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7.6.2	2, 4	Were there any instances where there were difficulties getting a provider to service a development?	Difficulty with Telus providing services (A problem province wide, urban & rural). No instances where utilities have not been identified at the concept stage	Difficulty with Telus providing services (A problem province wide, urban & rural). No instances where utilities have not been identified at the concept stage. Burbank Heights will not have Telus hardwired service. An "Air-card" will be utilized for phone / internet services.	Difficulty with Telus providing services (A problem province wide, urban & rural)	None	None	Difficulty with getting power upgraded to a new Industrial development in Burbank Industrial Park	None	None		✓
7.6.3	2	Cases where the County allows for utilities to be installed/located outside of a designated utility right-of-way; what were/are the reasons for this	None	Burbank Heights was granted a small relaxation so that electrical services could be provided to the development. The existing alignment of the services required a relaxation.	None	None	None	None	None	None		✓
7.7.1	3	Number of permits issued for macrogeneration projects	1 (MET Tower)	None	One inquiry regarding a solar farm in the Joffre area. They have initiated their Alberta Utility Commission (AUC) process and intend to start the process of County approval in spring of 2020	Joffre Solar Park project conducted public consultation prior to submitting Development Permit Application	Joffre Solar Park project	None	None	None		✓
7.7.2		Number of permits issued for microgeneration, including the number of permits for relaxations.	None	None	None	None	None	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof		
		What initiatives or projects is the County currently/ planning to be involved in with regard to the promotion and support of diversified energy sources	None	None	None	None	None	Lacombe County Solar Project, installed on the County main shop				
7.7.3	3	What initiatives or projects is the County currently/ planning to be involved in with regard to the promotion and support of energy efficient buildings and construction	0 applications	Staff Training in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)	Staff have become certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Neighbourhood Development	Joffre Solar Park project conducted public consultation prior to submitting Development Permit Application	Lacombe County Solar Project, installed on the County main shop	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof	Lacombe County Solar Project operating on the County main shop roof		✓
7.7.4		Number of development applications in which one or more aspects incorporated energy efficient construction and management, for current year	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications	0 applications		Joffre Solar Park	2 (Development Permit Applications with solar components on the roof)	6 (Development Permit Applications with solar components , 4 applications included roughed in infrastructure to be implemented at a later date)	1 (Development Permit Application for cannabis production facility)	
7.8.1	2, 4	Number of applications for telecommunication towers, either new or additions/expansions, for current year Number of applications for telecommunication towers which required public consultation for current year	0 applications 0 applications	0 applications 0 applications	2 applications (1 was withdrawn) 2 applications	2 applications	Permits no longer required, 3 letters of concurrence issued. Proponents are required to follow Industry Canada's consultation process	Permits not required, 1 letter of concurrence issued (Wolf Midstream) Proponents are required to follow Industry Canada's consultation process	Permits not required, 1 letter of concurrence issued (Rogers) Proponents are required to follow Industry Canada's consultation process	Permits not required, 0 letters of concurrence issued		✓

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7.9.1	2	What current agreements and/or initiatives is the County currently involved with in partnership with neighbouring municipalities and private entities with regard to regional solid waste management Number of applications for businesses/operations related to solid waste management for current year	Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission 0 applications	Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission 2 inquiries - no applications made (Composting facility at the Prentiss site, Construction waste sorting facility)	Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission and Recycling Sharing Agreements with City of Lacombe and Town of Bentley None	Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission and Recycling Sharing Agreements with City of Lacombe and Town of Bentley None	Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Commission and Recycling Sharing Agreements with City of Lacombe and Town of Bentley None		✓			
7.9.2	2	What projects, initiatives and/or contributions has the County been involved with to support health care in the community	Family and Community Support Services, Alberta Health (Mirror)	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services	Family and Community Support Services		✓
7.9.3	2	What projects, initiatives and/or contributions has the County been involved with to support emergency and protective services both within the County and adjacent municipalities	Mutual Aid with neighbouring municipalities, Joint Use agreements for equipment & buildings, Lacombe emergency partnership, Protective services between Alix, Bentley, Clive & Eckville	Mutual Aid with neighbouring municipalities, Joint Use agreements for equipment & buildings, Lacombe emergency partnership, Protective services between Alix, Bentley, Clive & Eckville	Mutual Aid with neighbouring municipalities, Joint Use agreements for equipment & buildings, Lacombe emergency partnership, Protective services between Alix, Bentley, Clive & Eckville	Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities, Joint operation fire services agreements, joint use agreements for building and equipment, Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership, Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization (Industry Partners), Membership in a Regional Emergency Management Team, Protective Services contracts with Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville	Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities, Joint operation fire services agreements, joint use agreements for building and equipment, Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership, Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization (Industry Partners), Membership in a Regional Emergency Management Team, Protective Services contracts with Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville	Fire services agreements, Fee for service fire agreements, Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership, Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization (Industry Partners), Membership in a Regional Emergency Management Team, Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities, Peace Officer Service Agreements contracts with Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville	Fire services agreements, Fee for service fire agreements, Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership, Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization (Industry Partners), Membership in a Regional Emergency Management Team, Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities, Peace Officer Service Agreements contracts with Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville	Traffic Safety Plan, CPOs trained in CPTED, Fire services agreements, Fee for service fire agreements, Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership, Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization (Industry Partners), Membership in a Regional Emergency Management Team, Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities, Peace Officer Service Agreements contracts with Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville		✓

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8.3.1 8.3.2 8.3.3 8.3.4	1	Date of annual review of Municipal Development Plan Number of MDP amendments carried out for current year Number of LUB amendments carried out for current year Number of public submissions to amend the MDP and LUB Number of amendments initiated due to public requests	January 2018 <i>MDP and LUB were adopted mid-year in July 2017</i> 0 public submissions to amend the MDP or LUB	January 2019 1 bylaw to amend the MDP 2 bylaws to amend the LUB 0 public submissions to amend the MDP or LUB	January 2020 1 bylaw to amend the MDP 1 bylaw to amend the LUB 2 public submissions to amend the MDP and 0 public submissions to amend the LUB 0 amendments initiated due to public submissions	January 2021 2 bylaws to amend the MDP 1 bylaw to amend the LUB 1 public submission to amend the MDP and 3 public submissions to amend the LUB 0 MDP amendments and 3 LUB amendments initiated due to public submissions	January 2022 1 bylaw to amend the MDP 1 bylaw to amend the LUB 0 public submissions to amend the MDP and 2 public submissions to amend the LUB 0 amendments initiated due to public submissions	January 2023 1 bylaw to amend the MDP 2 bylaws to amend the LUB 3 public submissions to amend the MDP and 3 public submissions to amend the LUB 2 LUB amendments initiated due to public submissions	January 2024 1 bylaw to amend the MDP 1 bylaw to amend the LUB 2 public submissions to amend the MDP and 1 public submission to amend the LUB	January 2025 2 bylaws to amend the MDP 3 bylaws to amend the LUB 1 MDP amendment and 2 LUB amendments initiated as a result of public submissions <i>*as a result of the 2023 annual review, a separate engagement occurred on dwellings in the agricultural area, which led to a separate MDP and LUB amendment. Another LUB amendment occurred due to the Gadsby Lake Recovery Centre application</i>		✓
8.4.1 8.4.2 8.4.3	2	Publish date of annual MDP review document Specific amendments carried out as part of the annual review Mediums of communication used to notify community	March 2018 Regular clean up items Addition of definition for "Specialized or Intensive Agricultural Operation" Amendments as a result of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> changes County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook	February 2019 Regular clean up items Change to Policy 3.6.1 clarifying that three (3) titles is only under Agricultural 'A' District zoning County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook	February 2020 Regular clean up items Addition of Municipal Subdivision Policy Addition of Telecommunication Tower Policy County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook	March 2021 Regular clean up items Amendment of ALUS program Clarification of Boundary Adjustment Subdivisions County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook	March 2022 Regular clean up items Addition of definition for "undeveloped right-of-way" Addition of Indigenous Peoples section and policies County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook	March 2023 Regular clean up items Clarify Agricultural Parcel Subdivision Policy to follow boundary of use Addition of Community Use Subdivision Policy Addition of Responsible Growth and Residential Resubdivision Policies County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter	May 2024 Regular clean up items Include reference to the <i>Economic Development Strategy</i> Remove references to Parks and Open Space Master Plan, Gull Lake Area Structure Plan, and Buffalo Lake Area Structure Plan Update references to County's Parks and Reserves Management Bylaw and the Use and Management of County Reserve Lands policy County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter	February 2025 Regular clean up items Reword all 'residence' references to 'dwelling' and include a 'dwelling' definition County News, Local Papers, County website, Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn		✓
8.5.1	3	Number of referrals to adjacent municipalities for current year	11 developments 2 subdivisions	10 developments 0 subdivisions	18 developments 6 subdivisions	4 developments 2 subdivisions	6 developments 12 subdivisions	7 developments 6 subdivisions	9 developments 2 subdivisions	10 developments 5 subdivisions		✓

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8.5.2	3	Number of Intermunicipal Development Plans and/or agreements updated for current year Number of new Intermunicipal Development Plans and/or agreements for current year	2 updates in process (Town of Eckville, Village of Alix) Lacombe Intermunicipal Development Plan and Joint Economic Agreement adopted in June 2017	3 updates (Town of Eckville, Town of Bentley and the Village of Clive) No new IDPs adopted, but Sylvan Lake IDP has been initiated	2 updates in process (Blackfalds, and Buffalo Lake) 1 update done (Gull Lake) 2 new IDPs in process (Ponoka County, and Sylvan Lake)	1 updated IDP in process (Buffalo Lake) 1 updated IDP done (Blackfalds) 1 new IDP done (Ponoka County) 1 new IDP in process (Sylvan Lake)	1 updated IDP done (Buffalo Lake) 1 new IDP done (Sylvan Lake)	0 new IDP's adopted 0 new or updated existing municipal agreements	0 new IDP's adopted (review work on Alix IDP underway) 0 new or updated existing municipal agreements	1 updated IDP done (Village of Alix) 0 new or updated municipal agreements		✓
8.5.3 8.5.4	3	What annexation processes are underway, are they in alignment with an existing intermunicipal development plan and/or agreement? Were any revenue-producing lands annexed/ proposed to be annexed?	None None	None None	None None	None None	None None	None None	Town of Bentley has initiated annexation in accordance with <i>Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan</i> and <i>Town of Bentley/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan</i> None	Town of Bentley annexation approved, in accordance with <i>Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan</i> and <i>Town of Bentley/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan</i> None		✓
8.5.5 8.5.6	3	Number of referrals to adjacent municipalities for development, subdivision or other endeavors	11 developments 2 subdivisions	10 developments 0 subdivisions	18 developments 6 subdivisions	4 developments 2 subdivisions	6 developments 12 subdivisions	7 developments 6 subdivisions	9 developments 2 subdivisions	10 developments 5 subdivisions		✓
8.5.7	3	Number of new and/or updated joint-use agreements Total dollar amount contributed by the County for the current year	2 \$1,073,875.20	None \$1,999,974.89	1 new agreement (Town of Sylvan Lake) \$1,912,538.86	4 new agreements (Lacombe Athletic Park Association Cost Sharing, Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Cost Sharing, Fire Services Agreement Summer Village of Gull Lake & Town of Bentley and Fire Services Agreement Summer Village of Sunbreaker Cove & Town of Bentley) and 3 updated agreements (Town of Blackfalds Recreation Cost Sharing, City of Lacombe Recreation/Cultural Cost Sharing, Bentley Recycling Facility Cost Sharing) \$3,187,108.75	None \$3,934,257.74	None \$2,324,906.59 (tentative - still waiting on some invoices)	3 (New Fire Services Agreement with the City of Lacombe; Updated JEA with the Town of Blackfalds; New Wastewater Trunk Line Funding Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds) \$3,054,770.64	4 (new Recreation Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Town of Sylvan Lake; new Fire Services Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds; updated Recreation Facilities Operational Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds; updated Wastewater Trunk Line Funding Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds) \$6,019,723.40 (tentative - still waiting on some invoices)		✓

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							Needs Work	On-track
8.6.1 8.6.2 8.6.3	1,2	Description of Acknowledgements of Land and People incorporated into Planning publications Description of how Lacombe County commemorated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR), to recognize the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system and honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools Number and description of education opportunities taken by planning staff to listen, learn, and understand Number and description of books read by planning staff to listen, learn, and understand	No review <i>(policies was inserted April 14, 2022)</i>	An Acknowledgement of Land and People policy and graphic design map of the Central Alberta area was added to the Municipal Development Plan on April 14, 2022. The map highlights Treaty areas, Metis Nations and settlements, and languages spoken. To provide an opportunity for Council and staff to learn more, Lacombe County developed a blog series the week of NDTR, providing information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1: What is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation?, Why do we Wear Orange?, and Whose Land Are We On? (67 views) Day 2: Treaty 6, What is a Treaty? Why is it Important? (56 views) Day 3: Terminology - Language Matters, and How to Talk About Indigenous People (44 views) Day 4: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), and Residential Schools (39 views) Day 5: Creating Understanding, Did You Know about the Big Rock, and Did You Know about Writing-on-Stone (29 views) Day 5 Special Guest: Council and staff were invited to a guest speaker, Bee Calliou Schadek, a member of the Michel First Nation, Treaty #6, Alberta. Bee's presentation was 'Indigenous Awareness - Past, Present, Future'. (73 attendees) Lacombe County Planning Services staff participated in 8 education opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership Webinar: Two-Eyed Seeing in Conservation Practice (Senior Planner) IAP2 Canada, Course: Indigenous Awareness for Engagement Professionals (Senior Planner) IAP2 Canada, Course: Engagement methods for Indigenous Cultural Contexts (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: Many Pathways Lead to Stronger Relationships: EPCOR's Indigenous Engagement (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: A Decolonized Approach to Community Engagement in a Municipal Planning Process (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: Building a Shared Decision-making Model Grounded in Indigenous Values (Senior Planner) University of Alberta, Indigenous Canada online course from the Faculty of Native Studies (Economic Development Officer) Indigenous Tourism Alberta, One day Cultural Awareness Training (Economic Development Officer) Lacombe County Planning Services staff read 4 books, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In This Together (Senior Planner and Junior Planner) The Education of Augie Merasty (Senior Planner) The Strangers (Senior Planner) Five Little Indians (Senior Planner) 	An Acknowledgement of Land and People was included in the <i>Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan</i> adopted in November 2023 To provide an opportunity for Council and staff to learn more, Lacombe County hosted a presentation given by Beverly Keeshig-Soonias on the 'Oral Tradition as Part of Our Identity'. Lacombe County also presented a virtual event to staff, featuring one of our own staff members, the Cardinal family 'Intergeneration Resilience: Sharing Stories From Families of Residential School Survivors'. The presentation was a video documenting the family's discussion with their father, a residential school survivor, and focuses on their resilience. Lacombe County Planning Services staff participated in 6 education opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Land Sustains Us: Indigenous Perspectives on Development webinar presented by the City of Mississauga (Planner/ Development Officer) Medicine Walk by Mahikan Trails hosted by the Lacombe Museum in Sundre (Senior Planner and Planner/Development Officer) University of Alberta, Indigenous Canada online course from the Faculty of Native Studies (Planner/Development Officer) Blueberries for Everyone virtual exhibit (Senior Planner, Planner/ Development Officer, Planner/Development Officer, Economic Development Officer, Planning Receptionist) Speaking the Inuit Way exhibit at the Lacombe Museum (Senior Planner) The Ones We Met exhibit at the Lacombe Museum (Senior Planner) IAP2 Canada, Course: Indigenous Awareness for Engagement Professionals (Planner/Development Officer) Lacombe County Planning Services staff read 4 books, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calling My Spirit Back (Senior Planner and Planner/ Development Officer) Braiding Sweetgrass (Senior Planner) Firekeeper's Daughter (Planning Receptionist) Clearing the Plains (Planner/Development Officer) 	An Acknowledgement of Land and People was included in the <i>QEII West Area Structure Plan</i> adopted in June 2024. To provide an opportunity for Council and staff to learn more, Lacombe County recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) in a few different ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A special treat was served at coffee time for all staff. Freshly made bannock from a Lacombe local (Elaine from Bannock Inc.) was served, paired with regional jams and jellies. Poster boards were in our coffee rooms with Indigenous history about Treaties and Residential Schools. A selection of Indigenous books are now available in our staff library. Lacombe County Planning Services staff participated in 13 education opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APPI Webinar: Municipal Protection of Indigenous Heritage Sites (Senior Planner and Planner/Development Officer) CIP, Course: The Path - Your Journey Through Indigenous Canada (Senior Planner) IAP2 Canada, Course: Indigenous Awareness for Engagement Professionals (Planner/Development Officer) IAP2 Conference, Session: Indigenous Walks (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: Building Authenticity Skills and Practices for Corporate Social Responsibility & Indigenous Engagement (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: Practices for Community-Led Design and Development of Affordable Housing in Canada (Senior Planner) IAP2 Conference, Session: How IAP2 Canada Members Can Be Agents of Reconciliation (Senior Planner) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: All Our Relations: from Disconnection to Connection, Elder Jennifer David and James Jones (Planner/ Development Officer and Planner/Development Officer) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: A Collaborative and Agile Approach to Post-Treaty Land Use Planning and Development in Tsawwassen First Nation (Planner/Development Officer) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: Kakatoosoyiists (Star Lodges): 3D Printed On-Reserve Housing at Siksika Nation (Planner/Development Officer and Planner/Development Officer) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: Land Relations in Chemawawin Cree Nation: A Plan Built for Implementation Nation (Planner/Development Officer) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: Indigenous Engagement and Renaming: A Community Conversation (Planner/Development Officer and Planner/Development Officer) CIP-APPI Conference, Session: An Exploration of Efforts Towards Decolonizing Professional Planning Nation (Planner/Development Officer) Lacombe County Planning Services staff read 4 books, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot (Senior Planner) Hunting by Stars by Cherie Dimaline (Senior Planner) The Serviceberry by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Senior Planner) 		✓