



Round 1 Engagement Summary

1.0 Intermunicipal Development Plan Project Overview

The Town of Strathmore (Town) and Wheatland County (County) are working collaboratively to develop an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). The purpose of an IDP is to provide a coordinated and collaborative land use, servicing and transportation framework for areas where the municipalities share a joint interest. The IDP project includes six phases:

Phase 1: Kick-off and Preliminary Process

Phase 1 includes the project launch, background research, orientation with the Intermunicipal Collaboration Committee (ICC), base mapping, and population and land requirement projections.

Phase 2: Technical Studies

Phase 2 includes a transportation study, municipal infrastructure study, and environmental study, which provide context on the rural-urban fringe between the Town and County.

Phase 3: Engagement Round 1

Phase 3 involves sharing the findings from phase 2 with the public through a variety of engagement methods to gather feedback.

An Opportunities and Constraints Memo, capturing insight from the Phase 2 technical studies and feedback from the Phase 3 engagement, will be prepared subsequent to engagement activities. This memo will inform the creation of the IDP plan area and help frame the contents of the plan itself.

Phase 4: Drafting the IDP

Phase 4 involves drafting the IDP based on information collected in the Opportunities and Constraints Memo and direction from ICC members.

Phase 5: Engagement Round 2

Phase 5 includes sharing the Draft IDP with the public to gather feedback. Feedback from this round of engagement will inform the refinement of the plan prior to adoption.

Phase 6: Refine and Adopt

In Phase 6, the Draft IDP will be revised based on public feedback and will be finalized through the formal adoption process.

An Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) is being collaboratively developed by the municipalities alongside the IDP.

2.0 Round 1 Engagement Overview

Round 1 included the following engagement activities:

One-On-One Landowner Sessions

One-on-one sessions with landowners within the IDP area were intended to take place to identify and discuss any development opportunities or special considerations for their lands.

Letters were sent to landowners to inform them of this opportunity, but no requests for one-on-one meetings were received; however, several attendees at the information session noted that they attended as a result of receiving a letter.

Public Information Session

A public information session was held at the Strathmore Civic Centre on December 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. There were 22 attendees from the community. The information session was advertised on the Town and County websites, through social media, through community newsletters, and through letters sent directly to landowners within the IDP study area.

3.0 Summary of Feedback

Attendees at the public information session were moreso curious about the project and the planning process as well as the findings of the Technical Studies. Feedback received included:

- That “The dollar value of the ACP grant should be made public.”
 - The ACP approved projects list for 2022/23 notes that the Town of Strathmore was granted \$200,000 in order to “Partner with Wheatland County to develop an intermunicipal development plan.” 2223-IC
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/020a62dd-98f9-4fb1-8ce3-bd2df3364d6b/resource/c59da841-705e-457a-81df-500a47818d2b/download/ma-alberta-community-partnership-approved-projects-2022-2023.pdf>
- That “the two [municipalities] should use the information gathered through this project to work together.”
- Several comments were received regarding the timeline of the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) plans for a Bypass of the Town of Strathmore.
 - Attendees were informed that the Town’s Transportation Master Plan (2020) found that the bypass would not be required until sometime after 2049.
- One attendee requested more information is needed about Town projects, including #9 Bayside Place, the seniors’ lodge, and CMHC funding in town.”
- One attendee inquired about the timeline and remarked that it “seemed short”

4.0 Next Steps

Feedback from Round 1 of engagement, along with information gathered in Phases 1 and 2, will be used to develop the Opportunities and Constraints Memo which will then be shared with the ICC in order to prepare the plan area and policy framework, after which project planners will begin draft content in Phase 4.

The Draft IDP will then be shared with the public in Phase 5, refined based on public feedback and input from the ICC and more broadly, Town and County Council and Administration, and put forward for joint-adoption in Phase 6.

Subsequent to the completion of the IDP it will become an appendix to the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF).