

Memorandum of Understanding Municipal District of Foothills/City of Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan Project

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Introduction

The existing Foothills/Calgary Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) was adopted in 1998. Over the past 15 years and despite events including the City of Calgary's 2005 and 2011 annexations from M.D. of Foothills and the annexation of the Spruce Meadows facility by M.D. of Foothills, no amendments to the IDP have occurred.

Since 1998 the aspirations of both municipalities have adapted to changing circumstances. The context for planning between municipalities has shifted with the introduction of the Provincial Land Use Framework, the Draft South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, the Calgary Metropolitan Plan and the Calgary Regional Partnership. At the local level both municipalities have adopted new guiding Municipal Development Plans, transportation plans and growth management approaches or strategies.

It is time to update our joint intermunicipal plan.

Mutual Vision for a Revised IDP

The IDP will commit to the mutual benefit of both municipalities while achieving key goals for each. It will lay a foundation for municipal cooperation and will offer a degree of certainty for landowners in both jurisdictions.

The planning approach will be driven by an understanding of the physical capability of the land and the efficient use of land. Social, environmental and economic considerations will help shape the goals and direction of the IDP.

Elements of a Revised IDP

The Municipal Government Act provides the legislative framework for the preparation and adoption of Intermunicipal Development Plans and must include:

- A procedure to be used to resolve or attempt to resolve any conflict between the municipalities that have adopted the plan,
- A procedure to be used, by one or more municipalities, to amend or repeal the plan, and
- Provisions relating to the administration of the plan.

In addition an Intermunicipal Development Plan may provide for:

- The future land use within the area,
- The manner of and the proposals for future development in the area, and
- Any other matter relating to the physical, social or economic development of the area that the councils consider necessary.

In addition to the required elements specified by the Municipal Government Act, the IDP review may also address but not necessarily limited to the following:

- Revision of the IDP boundaries;
- M.D. of Foothills growth management aspirations;

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- City of Calgary growth management aspirations and long term strategic urban growth corridors;
- Mutual interests in watershed management;
- Coordination of transportation planning and infrastructure;
- Coordination of environmental protection planning,
- Development interface principles;
- Planning coordination of mutually beneficial amenities and infrastructure;
- Consideration for municipal gateways; and
- Any other matters identified through scoping and as new ideas emerge through the planning process.

Project Management and Roles

A detailed project plan will be undertaken after endorsement of this Memorandum of Understanding by the Foothills/Calgary IMC. Important considerations such as public and stakeholder engagement and required background work will inform project milestones and deliverables.

Administration from both M.D. Foothills and City of Calgary will work as partners on the development and delivery of the revised IDP.

The Foothills/Calgary IMC will be responsible for directing staff at key stages, endorsing the project plan and public consultation strategy and will be responsible for moving the new IDP forward to respective Councils.

The new IDP must be adopted by bylaw by both municipal councils.