



STAFF REPORT

Title: Draft Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)

Meeting Date: June 16, 2020

Executive Summary:

Update on the draft Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) being prepared by ISL Engineering and Land Services.

Background:

The IDP sets out a co-operative framework for managing the use and development of the lands adjacent to the boundary between the City and the M.D. as well as a process for resolving any disputes which may arise in the future. The IDP also includes policies regarding the future expansion of the City as well as coordination of land uses, transportation, utilities, parks, recreation and trails.

The City's current IDP with the M.D. of Bonnyville, Bylaw No. 346-LU-08, was adopted by both municipal Councils in 2009. At the time the IDP was adopted, it was not a mandatory requirement for two municipalities to adopt an IDP as it is under the current *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). The existing IDP was originally scheduled to be reviewed in 2014; however, this review was postponed due to the City's ongoing annexation, which would require a subsequent update of the IDP.

The draft document has been prepared to be consistent with the new MGA requirements for IDPs, the City's and M.D. of Bonnyville's Municipal Development Plans as well as align with the City's Growth Study that was prepared in support of the annexation. The document was also written to keep policies consistent with other IDPs within the M.D.'s jurisdiction.

During the IDP review process, both the City and the M.D. Administrations concurred that the existing IDP has worked well, so no significant shift in policy direction was expected in the new document. The primary change to the document is to simplify some of the policy language and eliminate redundant sections. The boundaries of the IDP were also discussed in detail and, as the existing IDP covered a very large area, it was determined that no extension of the IDP boundary further into the M.D. was necessary, only an adjustment of the boundary between the City's and M.D.'s jurisdictions was made as a result of the annexation.



The draft IDP is approximately 80% complete and at a stage where review by the respective Councils is necessary prior to finalizing the plan. There are also several key areas where direction is required in order to complete the plan. The particular areas requiring discussion are:

- Extension of City water and sewer services to adjacent areas of the M.D., subject to agreements being reached with the M.D. and the developer/landowners respecting costs and revenues;
- Joint development of Intermunicipal recreation facilities.

The draft IDP is attached for review and discussion. Dave McRae, the IDP Project Manager from ISL Engineering and Land Services will provide the Committee with an overview of the draft IDP.

Alternatives:

Recommended Action:

For discussion.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

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