



PUBLIC HEARING REPORT FOR BYLAW 23-20

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 23-20 is to adopt a new Municipal Development Plan for the Town of Okotoks that will replace the Legacy Plan adopted in 1998.

Readings

Depending on the outcome of the Public Hearing this Bylaw is ready for second reading.

Prior to third reading, Bylaw 23-20 will go to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board for review and approval.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is one of the Town's most essential strategic plans and is used by Council and staff to make decisions about land use, infrastructure investment, and community service priorities. The MDP will guide future planning decisions.

Bylaw 23-20 was referred to the Municipal Planning Commission on August 20, 2020 and received a motion of support.

Attached to this report is the first reading version of the MDP, the proposed second reading version and a list of changes that have been made to the proposed second reading version. The changes proposed are to correct errors in the first reading version as well as to add or refine some of the definitions in Appendix A and the metrics in Appendix D as a result of Council feedback after first reading.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Excellence

Public Participation Strategy

Community members and stakeholder groups were invited to share their feedback through three phases of the process to update the MDP. Public Participation was conducted in a variety of ways including open houses, online surveys, workshops, interviews, school workshops, and attendance at community events and meetings. Further details of the public participation strategy can be found in Appendix C of the MDP.

In addition, the Draft MDP was sent to internal and external stakeholders for review and comment. An email list was collected over the course of the project and those who signed up to receive project updates for the MDP were sent notification about the progress of the project.

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Okotoks Western Wheel and on the Town website in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

I support second reading of the MDP dependent upon the outcome of the public hearing. This Municipal Development Plan represents 2 years of significant energy, effort and public participation and ensures a strong vision to guide future growth in our community.

Attachment(s)

1. Bylaw 23-20 first reading version with Schedule
2. Bylaw 23-20 Planning Context Report
3. Table of changes to draft MDP after first reading
4. Bylaw 23-20 MDP Proposed second reading version
5. Okotoks One Page Summary
6. Written submissions received prior to 12:00 noon

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