

# RURAL INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

## PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION HANDOUT

### What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan?

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a statutory policy document that is designed to foster cooperation and ensures that planning and development across municipal borders takes place in an integrated manner without unnecessary costs or negative impacts on either municipality.

### Who is involved in this project?

Six municipalities have partnered together and have received grant funding from the Province of Alberta:

- County of St. Paul
- Lac La Biche County
- County of Vermilion River
- Smoky Lake County
- County of Two Hills
- Municipal District of Bonnyville

### What is covered in an Intermunicipal Development Plan?

IDPs identify land and infrastructure features in the areas around the municipal boundary, known as at the fringe area, including land use, transportation, recreation, water and wastewater, and environmentally significant areas. Along with identifying features, IDPs typically address processes that relate to planning and developing including a conflict resolution process for intermunicipal disputes, an amendment process on how to modify the Plan and the process for referral that outlines who gets notified under what circumstances.

IDPs can also contain provisions for:

- Current and future land uses
- Future development and service infrastructure
- Intermunicipal services such as recreation or emergency services
- Identifying and management of regional assets

#### What an IDP doesn't do:

- An IDP is **not** a land rezoning. Any rezoning or redesignation of land is a separate process
- An IDP is **not** an annexation. It does not change the boundaries of either municipality.

### What are the benefits of Intermunicipal Planning?

As neighbours, what each municipality does along a common boundary impacts the other. IDPs can help adjacent municipalities:

- Work together to cooperatively avoid land use conflicts
- Lay out processes to resolve any conflicts that may arise
- Work together to support and protect assets that benefit both municipalities
- Identify future joint projects that could be undertaken together and jointly address growth issues

