



BIG LAKES COUNTY

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Big Lakes County and Town of High Prairie Intermunicipal Development Plan Project

Background

Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie have initiated a project to undertake the development of an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) between the two communities. This project is driven in part by new legislation within the *Municipal Government Act* that requires IDPs to be developed between all neighbouring municipalities. Funding for this project is provided through the Alberta Community Partnership Grant from Alberta Municipal Affairs. In addition, this planning process provides an opportunity for collaboration on matters important to both the County and Town including service provision, land use, environmental protection, and future development patterns.

Objectives of the IDP are:

- Comply with all IDP requirements identified by the *Municipal Government Act*;
- Engage with community members and stakeholders in all parts of the project;
- Identify options for service provision between the County and Town; and
- Identify future land uses for the IDP area and establish regulations for intermunicipal referrals.

What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan?

An Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is a broad-based policy document that is created by neighbouring municipalities. The IDP will focus on a limited area surrounding the urban municipality and will address growth and servicing issues in a way that will respect the interests of both the County and the Town.



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Get Involved

We invite and encourage you to get involved in the IDP project!

- Visit the **Project Website** for background information and future consultation events: <http://blc-thp-idp.udconnect.net/>
- Complete the **IDP Issues and Opportunities Survey**, online or pick-up a paper copy at either the County or Town Offices, to help inform IDP policies: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BLC_ToHP_IDP
- Register for the **Future Land Use Concept Workshop** and engage with a variety of community stakeholders, over a provided lunch, in brainstorming/mapping exercises. Participants will help identify potential land use concepts within the IDP area. Please visit the project website and complete the RSVP form to confirm your attendance. This event is free.
 - Date: Tuesday, November 27th, 2018
 - Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm
 - Location: Legion Hall, 4721 51 Avenue, High Prairie
- Attend the **Drop-in Open House** to ask our project team questions regarding the IDP project, review background information panels, identify issues and opportunities, provide project input/feedback, and view work produced by the participants of the Future Land Use Concept Workshop.
 - Date: Tuesday, November 27th, 2018
 - Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Location: Legion Hall, 4721 51 Avenue, High Prairie