



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**MEETING DATE:** June 17, 2024

**TITLE:** The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Update

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Growth and Development Services

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Shape of Our Community, the City’s Municipal Development Plan, has been drafted. This presentation provides an overview of the project to date and the next steps toward the Municipal Development Plan’s final approval.

This will provide Council with an update on the progress and status of the Shaping Our Community initiative to update the City’s Municipal Development Plan

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### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

A motion is not required.

### **BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:**

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is the highest-level plan for the City providing a framework for the growth and development of the community over the next 20 - 30 years. They are developed with significant input from the community. The initiative to develop the MDP is called “Shaping Our Community” and will result in a final MDP called “The Shape of Our Community”. MDPs are policy plans that provide guidance to all City departments at a broader level rather than more action-focused plans.

#### **The Approach**

Traditionally, MDPs have been developed starting with a vision and then developing goals and objectives to guide the City toward that vision. For this initiative, the City is using a values-

based approach where the community's values are the foundation as they are less static than a vision and can guide decisions and change with greater flexibility.

### **The Process**

A high-level outline of the process being followed is:

1. Review - The 2016 Growth Study was determined to be valid to provide background support for the MDP work. Existing plans of the City were all reviewed to inform the MDP.
2. Consultation - Two phases of public engagement and two for public information have been held. Additional engagement with Council, Corporate Leadership Team, the Community Panel, and the Technical Advisory Committee was also undertaken as the draft MDP was developed.
3. Plan Framework - Values, Drivers / Preferences, and Policy Direction Statements developed.
4. Plan Preparation - Policy and document drafting.
5. Plan Approval - Council and EMRB approvals.

This update provides information on the work and completion of first four steps.

### **OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

n/a

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:**

Significant community engagement has been undertaken in the development of the MDP and is summarized in the What We Heard Reports attached to the draft MDP.

### **IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:**

An implementation list of items that can further the vision and values of the Shape of our Community is attached to the MDP. This will be monitored over time and progress reported to Council. Should any item require funding or resources, it would be brought forward through the corporate planning and budget process. Approval of the MDP does not commit the City to support or complete these projects.

### **IMPACTS:**

The Shape of Our Community, once approved, will provide the policy framework to guide decision making for the future growth and development of the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

n/a