



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**MEETING DATE:** September 9, 2024

**TITLE:** C-1338-24 - The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw - Public Hearing, Second and Third Reading

**DIVISION:** Sustainable Growth and Development Services

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### **SUMMARY:**

Bylaw C-1338-24 - The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw is being brought forward for Council's consideration. This bylaw would repeal the 2010 Municipal Development Plan (C-960-16).

A Public Hearing is required to hear from anyone who may be affected by Bylaw C-1338-24. Upon closing the Public Hearing, Council may consider giving second and third reading to this bylaw.

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### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

THAT second reading be given to C-1338-24 -The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw.

THAT third reading be given to C-1338-24 -The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw.

### **BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:**

Initiated in June 2022, the City's new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is now complete. The proposed bylaw will allow Council to consider adopting the new MDP, The Shape of Our Community, to guide the growth of the City of Spruce Grove for the next 20 to 30 years.

### **Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board approval**

Following first reading of the bylaw, Administration submitted The Shape of Our Community to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) under the Regional Evaluation Framework Regulation to ensure compliance with the Regional Growth Plan. On July 31, 2024, the EMRB Administration recommended approval of the new MDP, The Shape of Our Community. The appeal period for the recommendation ended August 28, 2024, and the plan is considered approved by the EMRB.

### **Amendments since First Reading**

During the circulation of the draft MDP, feedback was received that resulted in a few modifications since the version provided at first reading:

- Change to Future Development Concept map to reflect the successful amendments to the area immediately south of the Legacy Park neighbourhood;
- Removed the mandatory requirement for fiscal impact or market assessments as part of an Area Structure Plan amendment; and
- Rather than a specific requirement, the road frontage on new parks will be addressed through a separate new administrative policy dealing with Reserve Land dedication.

These changes are not related to policies included within the Regional Growth Plan; therefore, there is no requirement to re-submit The Shape of Our Community back to the EMRB.

### **OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

Bylaw C-1338-24 is being presented at a Public Hearing. Should Council feel they need further information to make a decision, they may choose to adjourn the public hearing for continuance at a later date. If Council chooses this option, second and third reading of this bylaw will be re-scheduled.

This bylaw is also being brought forward for consideration of second and third reading. Upon closing of the Public Hearing and based on information provided at the Public Hearing, discussion, and consideration of changes to the bylaw may be made. Alternatively, Council may defeat the motion, and the bylaw, at second reading, or a Councillor may make the following motion if they wish to defer third reading to the next Council meeting:

*THAT third reading for C-1338-24 - The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan Bylaw be deferred to the next Council meeting on September 23, 2024.*

### **CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:**

The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan has taken over two years to prepare, and the process has included many opportunities for the public and interested parties

to participate and offer their feedback, summarized in the What We Heard Reports. The results of these engagement efforts have guided policy development for the document.

A draft of The Shape of Our Community - Municipal Development Plan document has been available to the public since May 16, 2024, and efforts to raise the public's awareness of its availability were done through subscribers to the project newsletter and social media announcements.

A newer version of The Shape of Our Community, including the above-mentioned changes, has been posted on the City's Connect page since August 28, and similar efforts were conducted to raise the public's awareness of the new version of the plan.

A statutory Public Hearing, advertised per the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, will be held prior to consideration of second reading. Advertising of the Public Hearing was placed in the Spruce Grove Examiner on August 30, 2024, and posted to the City website on August 28, 2024, as per the Advertising Bylaw thereby satisfying the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.

### **IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:**

An associated Implementation Plan (not part of the bylaw) has been created to guide how The Shape of Our Community's policies will be undertaken by various city departments through the City's regular corporate planning, budgeting, and prioritization processes.

A communications plan for the roll-out of the MDP is attached.

### **IMPACTS:**

Adopting this bylaw will provide a framework to guide the City's decision-making processes for how the City of Spruce Grove will grow over the next twenty to thirty years. The City will benefit from a more current approach to urban planning and will support future land use development and growth opportunities.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications identified at this time. Any implementation initiatives to further the MDP that require funding or other resources will be considered through the City's regular Corporate Planning, budgeting, and prioritization processes.