Wheatland County Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting December 15, 2020

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Municipal Development Plan Review: What We Have Heard

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accept the Municipal Development Plan report titled 'A Vision for the Future: Reviewing the Wheatland County MDP – What We Heard' for information.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division County-wide

In collaboration with Council and B&A Planning Group, County staff undertook the public engagement portion of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Review online. Two webinars were held where Reeve Link and Mr. Boscariol discussed the key policy areas of the MDP with members of public. These attendees were then able to pose questions, make comments, or raise concerns which resulted in an open dialogue that gave staff some insight into the concerns of County residents.

Two surveys were also posted on the County's MDP webpage, which closed November 30th. We received 11 responses which are included in the 'What We Heard' report (attached).

Public response to the surveys were low, nonetheless the responses that were received are insightful. The public can still submit comments or queries to staff if they so choose. The webinars were recorded and are available for viewing on the County's YouTube page.

Staff has completed the first round of internal engagement. Next steps will be to propose amendments to the policies based on Staff, Council, and Public feedback. These edits will then be reviewed by the internal departments before being brought before Council during a Planning and Priorities session.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Municipal Government Act, s. 632
South Saskatchewan Regional Plan
Regional Growth Management Strategy
Section 14.5 Public Participation Policy

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

This review is in alignment with the public participation policy, and Staff will continue to encourage public participation throughout the review.

Response Options

- Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.
- Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.
- Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

The data and information staff receive will be gathered and incorporated into the amended document accordingly, and where appropriate. Further engagement in the first quarter of 2021 will occur.

Organizational

Engagement with respective County divisions is underway.

Financial

The approved budget for the MDP review is \$49,908. To date there is \$31,309.85 remaining.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

If approved, Staff will post the 'what we heard' report on the County website and advertise it on the Facebook page.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	MDP Review - What we heard.docx
Attachments:	- Wheatland County MDP Review - WWH report - FINAL Dec 2020pdf.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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