

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Municipal Planning Commission

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DP 2021-021

File Number:	DP 2021-021	Division:	4
Proposal:	Dwelling, Accessory		
Location:	One mile west of Strathmore, ¾ mile north of Hwy 1 on RR 255		
Legal Description:	NW-17-24-25-4		
Title Area:	16.08 hectares (39.75 acres)		
Existing Land Use:	Residential and Agricultural - Agricultural General District (AG)		
Proposed Parcels:	N/A		

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The existing 2800 ft² dwelling will become the Primary Residence on the parcel. The proposed Dwelling, Accessory will be a new single detached dwelling with a gross floor area of 1680 ft².

The application meets all the setbacks and provisions of the Land Use Bylaw for a Dwelling, Accessory, and no variances have been requested.

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Municipal Planning Commission approve DP 2021-021 for a Dwelling, Accessory subject to the following conditions.

1. This Development Permit is issued solely for a new Single Family Dwelling to be the Second Residence on the Property – Defined as a Dwelling, Accessory.
2. No variances have been granted.
3. Development shall proceed according to Agricultural General (AG) District requirements and the applicant must comply with all applicable provisions of the Wheatland County Land Use Bylaw.
4. No permanent development shall occur on or over any utility right of way or easement.
5. Applicant to ensure approach is developed to County standards, please contact the Transportation and Infrastructure department for details.
6. Landowner/applicant to purchase A & B signs (to accompany existing rural address sign) from the County Administration Office and install them in a visible location adjacent to each residence.

Policy Analysis

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MDP): The proposed Dwelling, Accessory aligns with Section 3.6.1 of the MDP as it ensures that Wheatland residents have access to a range of affordable housing types, and a diversity of housing choices, to accommodate all stages of life.

LAND USE BYLAW: Dwelling Accessory is a Discretionary Use in the Agricultural General District (AG).

Definitions:

Dwelling, Accessory – means a detached dwelling unit that is located on the same parcel as a Dwelling, Primary and is considered accessory and subordinate to that primary dwelling. Only one Dwelling, Accessory is permitted per lot.

Dwelling, Primary – (for the purpose of Section 8.7 Dwelling, Accessory) A Dwelling, Primary must be one of the following types: Dwelling, Single Detached, Dwelling, Moved-On, or Dwelling Modular.

8.8 Dwelling, Accessory

8.8.1 General Regulations:

a) Existing Dwellings:

When an existing dwelling is not one of the allowable housing types identified in the Dwelling, Primary definition (Dwelling, Single Detached, Dwelling Moved-On or Dwelling, Modular) OR an existing dwelling is one of the allowable housing types but is smaller than a new dwelling;

- i. The applicant may apply for a permit to construct or place on the property a Dwelling, Primary (Dwelling, Single Detached, Dwelling Moved-On or Dwelling, Modular) and
- ii. As stipulated as a condition of approval for the new Dwelling, Primary, construction shall not commence until a Development Permit has been obtained for the existing dwelling to be issued a permit as a Dwelling, Accessory.
If for any reason the Dwelling, Primary is not constructed, the permit for the Dwelling, Accessory will be cancelled. See the Suspension or Cancellation of a Development Permit section for further information.

b) A Dwelling Accessory:

- i. Shall meet applicable Safety Codes and will require a Building Permit
- ii. Shall not be located on a property that already has a secondary suite
- iii. Shall have adequate water and sewer either through a shared or individual system
- iv. Shall be located within a building other than the primary dwelling or as a detached standalone unit. For example: A Dwelling, Accessory may be built on top of an accessory building or garage
- v. Shall require its own municipal address
- vi. Shall require one additional parking space for the residents
- vii. Shall follow the height and setback regulations in the applicable land use district, except where otherwise noted in this Bylaw.

8.8.2 Size:

- a) Outside of a hamlet the total area of a Dwelling, Accessory will be no more than 80% of the total area of the primary dwelling. Total area calculation includes all floors of the dwelling unit including enclosed decks, additions, and attached garages, but excludes basements.

- b) Inside a hamlet the Dwelling, Accessory shall be smaller than the primary dwelling and shall not exceed 74.32 m² (800.0 ft²). Total area calculation includes all floors of the dwelling unit including enclosed decks, additions, and attached garages, but excludes basements.
- c) A Dwelling, Accessory will count as part of the total lot coverage for the land use district, such as Hamlet Residential or Country Residential.

8.8.3 Location:

- a) The Dwelling, Accessory shall be a minimum of 3.05 m (10.0 ft) from the primary residence.

8.8.4 Design:

- a) A Dwelling, Accessory will contain at least two rooms and will include a kitchen, washroom and sleeping area.
- b) Wherever possible, the windows and doors on a Dwelling, Accessory should be located away from yards of adjacent properties to protect privacy.

8.8.5 Additional Considerations:

- a) In considering a Development Permit application for a Dwelling, Accessory, the Development Authority has the discretion to consider such factors as:
 - b) The effect of a Dwelling, Accessory on the character of a neighborhood and the cumulative effect of an additional dwelling within a specific location.
 - c) The similarity of the Dwelling, Accessory to the principal dwelling or adjacent properties in architectural design, character, and appearance. For example: exterior wall materials, window types, door and window trims, roofing materials, and roof pitch.
 - d) The location of the Dwelling, Accessory with preference for its close proximity to the principal dwelling so as to appear as a related building.
 - e) The use of a shared approach.
 - f) The availability of outdoor yard space that is useful for the residents of the Dwelling, Accessory.
 - g) The provision of landscaping or screening to provide privacy between the Dwelling, Accessory and adjacent properties and dwellings.
 - h) Other such considerations as the Development Authority may deem to be relevant

8.8.6 Existing Temporary Dwellings or Existing Dwelling, Manufactured to be utilized as a Dwelling, Accessory:

- a) At the discretion of the Development Authority, an existing Temporary Dwelling or an existing Dwelling Manufactured may be issued a permit as a Dwelling, Accessory even though it does not meet all of the provisions of this bylaw but will be evaluated in consideration of the following:
 - i. The existing dwelling was onsite prior to the date of the adoption of the current Land Use Bylaw.
 - ii. There have been no complaints from adjacent residents regarding the existing dwelling
 - iii. The existing dwelling has been well maintained and repaired as required

Considerations:

- The proposed application is a discretionary use listed within the Agricultural General (AG) District and meets the MDP objectives.
- The proposed Dwelling, Accessory fits with the context of the area, which is primarily agricultural and residential.
- No variances are requested for this application.

Technical Review

- Both residences will share the existing access which is directly off Range Road 255.
- A new septic system will be constructed on the property, but the new dwelling will share the existing well with the primary residence.

Circulation Comments

AGENCY CIRCULATION	
	Not performed.
INTERNAL CIRCULATION	
	No concerns.
NEIGHBOUR CIRCULATION	
To adjacent landowners within 1 mile	No comments at the time of this report.

Response Options

- Option 1: THAT MPC accepts/approves the recommendation as proposed.
- Option 2: THAT MPC does not accept/approve the recommendation as proposed.
- Option 3: THAT MPC accepts/approves an alternate recommendation of MPC's choosing.

Follow-up Action / Communications

Inform applicant of MPC's decision.

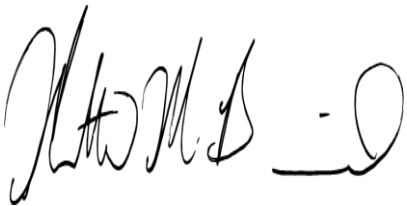
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