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City and County approve Intermunicipal Development Plan

Earlier today Leduc County council gave final reading to a bylaw approving the City of Leduc-Leduc County Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP); City of Leduc approved the plan on November 28.

The plan was presented at a joint public hearing of City and County councils on Nov. 15, where more than 30 people were in attendance to find out more and provide feedback. “The plan was well received with many good comments and questions from the public,” says Leduc Mayor Greg Kruschke. “This demonstrates that people have an interest in the plan and a will to get involved in the future of the Leduc area.”

The IDP will allow both municipalities to oversee and guide development and growth for specific land areas of shared interest along their common boundary. The IDP is based on five guiding principles to ensure a sustainable Leduc region: smart growth, creating vibrant communities, environmental stewardship, economic development, and responsible governance.

“Approval of this plan is the first step in a building proactive long-term sustainability for the region; it’s not the end of a journey but rather the beginning of a strong partnership to address the anticipated growth and development in this region over the next 30 years,” says Leduc County Mayor John Whaley. “We must remain diligent in our willingness to work together with our regional partners to address intermunicipal issues and areas of common concern, as continued cooperation is imperative to making our region a great place to live and work, both now and into the future.”

“We are very satisfied with the outcome and we value our strong relationship with our neighbours in the County,” says Kruschke. “Our focus is on implementing this plan.”

This planning document is the result of a four-year planning process that included consultation with residents, landowners, the Capital Region Board and major stakeholders such as Alberta Transportation, Edmonton International Airport and surrounding towns and cities.

The approved City of Leduc –Leduc County IDP can be viewed on the City’s website at www.leduc.ca or on the County’s website at www.leduc-county.com.

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