



Our Beaumont: Creating our future together

Our Beaumont is what we're calling the planning process for the Town's Municipal Development Plan Update and the creation of our new Transportation Master Plan. The "Our Beaumont" project officially kicks-off this Friday, March 4, 2016 and will run until the end of the year.

Why is this process being called "Our Beaumont"?

The new Municipal Development Plan and the Transportation Master Plan will be created by the Town and the community; residents and stakeholders. Working together, we will develop a vision, objectives and policies for how the Town will grow and develop over the next 35 years. We will explore important questions for our future, such as:

- Do we want to be called a Town or a City?
- How should our neighbourhoods look and feel?
- How can we build resiliency and prosperity into our local economic, social and environmental systems?
- How should we develop the new annexation lands (annexation application approval is still pending)?
- How can we connect and move around in our community and with the surrounding region (i.e. walking, cycling, driving and transit)?
- How can we celebrate Beaumont's history and uniqueness through our landscapes and developments?

What is a Municipal Development Plan?

A Municipal Development Plan is a statutory planning document that sets out a clear vision for a community's future and serves as an important decision-making tool for Councils, Administrations and all stakeholders. It's the primary document that guides the future development and growth for the entire community.

Municipalities with a population over 3,500 are required to adopt a Municipal Development Plan that reflects the Provincial Land Use Policies (soon to be the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan) and Section 617 (Purpose of Part 17) of the Municipal Government Act.

What is a Transportation Master Plan?

A Transportation Master Plan creates and implements a long-term strategy to guide the planning, development, renewal and maintenance of a multi-modal transportation system (i.e. to support walking, cycling, driving, and transit) in a manner that is consistent with our collective needs, and aligned with the Town's growth and the overall vision set out the Municipal Development Plan.

Why are we undertaking these plans now?

The last time a new Municipal Development Plan was created for the Town was in 1998 (there have been amendments since), our population was 6,295. Our population now, based on the 2015 municipal census, is 16,768. Since the last Municipal Development Plan was created the Town has grown considerably. We are also required to meet new provincial legislation, regulations and Acts.

The Town has never had a Transportation Master Plan. As our community continues to grow, we need to know how our roadways, pathways, and future transit should develop.

There are also new best practices for planning, building communities, and transportation that we must incorporate into the Town's development processes in order to meet the expectations of residents and stakeholders.

Why are both plans being developed at the same time?

For efficiency and cost-savings, both plans are being developed simultaneously. Engagement tools and events are being shared for the plans.

How can we participate in "Our Beaumont"?

As a resident or stakeholder in Beaumont, your role will be to think carefully about the kind of community you want to live in and provide your ideas to the "Our Beaumont" Team. We will be inviting you to participate in a number of ways:

- In-person: workshops and open houses
- Online: Facebook, Twitter (#OurBeaumont), Mind Mixer (an online engagement tool)
- Digital mailing list: updates emailed to you throughout the process
- Photo contest: to provide photos that will be used in the plans

Timing and locations of engagement events are still to be determined. Once known, the locations will be advertised on social media, in La Nouvelle Beaumont News, and on the Town's website.

How can I register for the digital mailing list?

Please email your full name and email address to: ourbeaumont@beaumont.ab.ca

We will also have a sign-up sheet at our engagement events.

Who's on the *Our Beaumont* Team?

Project Sponsor: Eleanor Mohammed, RPP, MCIP – Director, Planning and Engineering

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How can I ask more questions or get in touch with the Team?

Please send your questions to: ourbeaumont@beaumont.ab.ca