

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE AND LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY SIGN INTER-MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Sangudo, Alberta, Monday, January 6, 2020 – The Town of Mayerthorpe and Lac Ste. Anne County have recently agreed to jointly engage in an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). This plan has been developed to reduce the possibility of

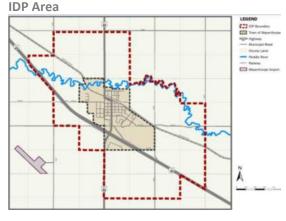


potential conflicts between municipalities, and to ensure the relationship remains strong, transparent and collaborative in the future. Town of Mayerthorpe Mayor Janet Jabush and Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman officially signed this historic document on December 13, 2019. In doing so, these community leaders strengthened the collaborative potential of both communities and facilitated coordination of future development and land use policy matters.

"This progressive document provides for an integrated approach to planning policy for lands surrounding the Town of Mayerthorpe," stated Mayor Jabush. "Knowing what to expect when developing or investing within the IDP area provides

landowners, investors, developers, and businesses with a measure of confidence in knowing what to expect."

This IDP focuses on an area surrounding the Town and addresses future land use, servicing, environment, and growth in a way that respects the interests of both the Town and the County. "This IDP represents an opportunity for both communities to embark upon a new and mutually beneficial relationship," added Reeve Blakeman. "By reducing potential friction points and focusing on collaboration and transparency, everyone wins."



Background

The Town of Mayerthorpe and Lac Ste. Anne County initiated a project to develop an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) between the two communities.

This project was driven in part by legislation within the *Municipal Government Act* enabling IDPs to be developed between neighboring municipalities. Funding for this project was provided through the Alberta Community Partnership Grant from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

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