



TOWN OF HINTON
BYLAW NO. 1084

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HINTON IN THE
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ADOPT A
MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Section 632(1) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, a Council of a municipality with a population of 3500 or more, must by Bylaw, adopt a Municipal Development Plan to articulate the vision, goals, objectives and policies and to guide public growth and development of their municipality.

NOW THEREFORE:

The Council of the Town of Hinton, duly assembled, hereby enacts, as follows:

1. The document attached as Schedule "A" and forming part of this Bylaw is hereby adopted as the "**Town of Hinton Municipal Development Plan**".
2. The Bylaw adopting the previous Municipal Development Plan #940 (1998) and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.
3. This By-Law shall take effect on the day of final passing thereof.
4. This By-Law was advertised in the Hinton Voice on July 27, 2017 and August 3, 10 and 17, 2017 and the Public Hearing was held on September 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 18th DAY OF JULY, 2017.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017



MAYOR



DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES



TOWN OF HINTON BYLAW NO. 1084-1

BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HINTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND BYLAW No.1084 THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE SAID TOWN

WHEREAS The Municipal Development Plan for the Town of Hinton was adopted on the 5th day of September, 2017, By-Law No. 1084;

AND WHEREAS It is deemed advisable to amend the Municipal Development Plan No. 1084.

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Town of Hinton in session duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. Add Appendix A – Land Development Guidelines
2. Add Appendix B – Established Area Guidelines

As shown on Schedule “A” – Appendix A and B

3. This Bylaw shall take effect on the day of final passing thereof.
4. This Bylaw was advertised on the Town of Hinton's website and *The Hinton Voice* Newspaper on March 1 and 8, 2018 and the Public Hearing was held on March 20, 2018.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2018.



MAYOR



INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Town of Hinton
Bylaw No. 1084-1
SCHEDULE “A”**

Appendix A – Land Development Guidelines

and

Appendix B – Established Area Guidelines



TOWN OF HINTON BYLAW NO. 1084-2

BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF HINTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND BYLAW No.1084 THE LAND USE BYLAW IN THE SAID TOWN

WHEREAS The Municipal Development Plan for the Town of Hinton was adopted on the 5th day of September 2017, By-Law No. 1084, which was initiated under the Authority of Section 632 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A., 2000, Chapter M-26 current as amended from time to time.

AND WHEREAS Authority for Amendments is provided for by Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 current as amended from time to time.

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Town of Hinton in session duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Bylaw No. 1084 of the Town of Hinton is hereby amended by the following changes:

a) **Figure 6 Existing Development Map**
Lot 1, Block 10, Plan 072 4416 – 200 Drinnan Way, and
Part of SW 30-51-24 W5M – 100 & 200 Drinnan Way
From: Industrial
To: Future Development

As shown on the attached Schedule "A"

2. This Bylaw shall take effect on the day of final passing thereof.

3. This Bylaw was advertised in the Hinton Voice on January 16 & 23, 2020, and the Public Hearing was held on February 4, 2020.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

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MAYOR

LEGISLATIVE CLERK

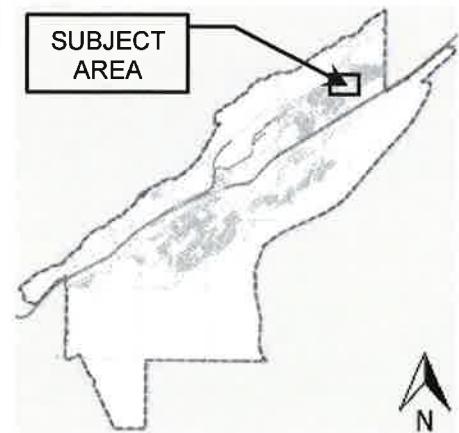
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SCHEDULE "A"**



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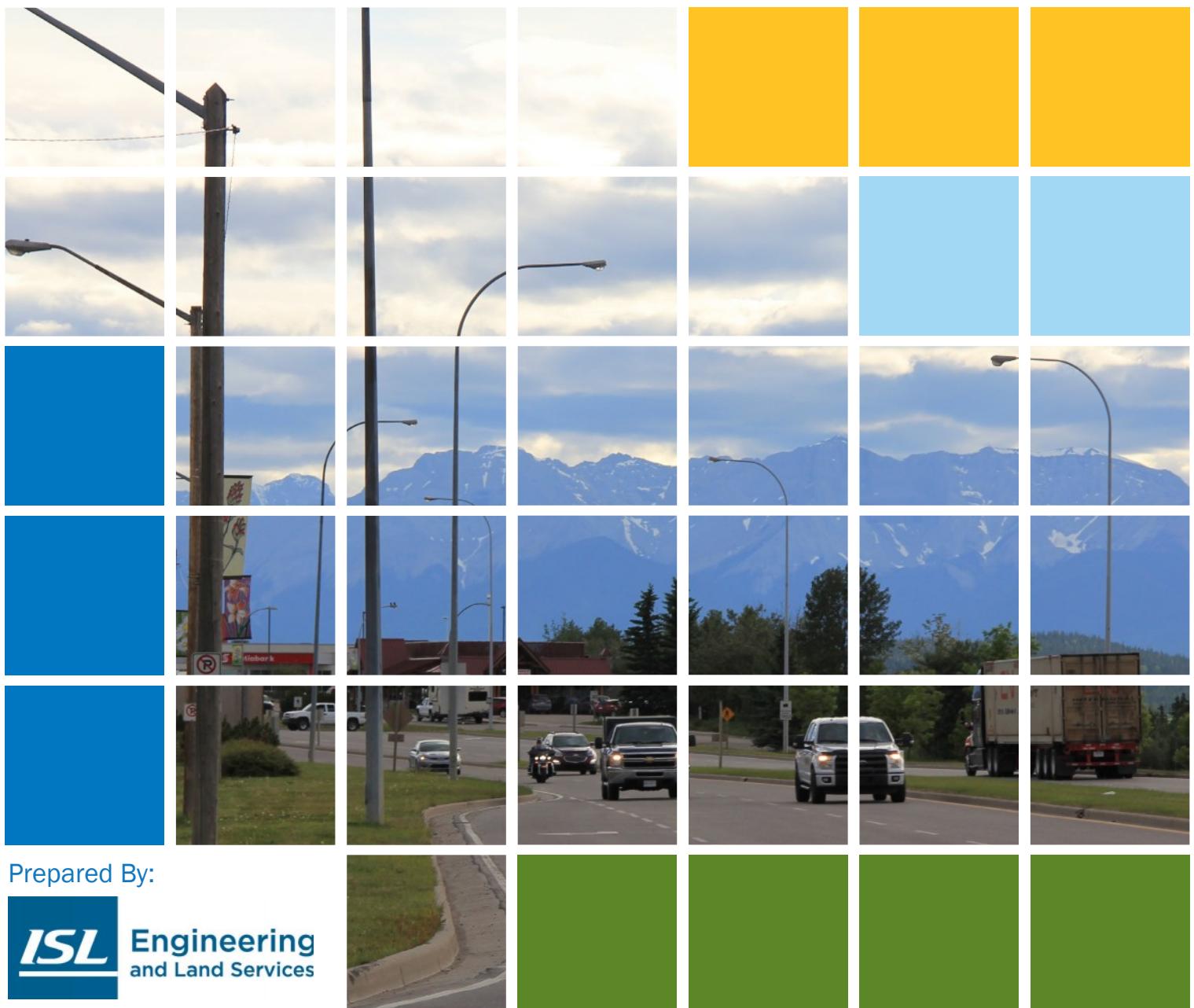
Civic Address: 100 Drinnan Way
Legal Address: SW 30-51-24-5
Current: Industrial
Proposed: Future Development

Civic Address: 200 Drinnan Way
Legal Address: Plan 072 4416, Block 10, Lot 1
Current: Industrial
Proposed: Future Development





Municipal Development Plan No. 1084



Prepared By:



Engineering
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Hinton Planning & Development Division | Adopted by Council September 2017



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SECTION ONE

Welcome to Hinton's MDP

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This Section introduces the purpose, scope and limitations of the MDP.

1-1 PURPOSE

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a statutory document required by the Province of Alberta and adopted pursuant to the Municipal Government Act (MGA). The MDP is a high-level policy document designed to guide the physical development of Hinton over the next 30 years (to 2047), and provide clear direction with regards to the community's social, environmental and economic well-being over time.

Specifically, the MDP has been created to:

- Describe Hinton's preferred direction with respect to land use, infrastructure investment, provision of services, and future development patterns.
- Guide policy creation and planning tools regarding land use, development, transportation, and infrastructure investment decisions.
- Serve as an overarching document to assist in the coordination of municipal bylaws, policies, programs, and investments.
- Ensure that Hinton's unique identity and strong sense of community is maintained through sustainable growth.

1-2 SCOPE

The MDP is a statutory plan (i.e. required by provincial statute), prepared and adopted by bylaw, in accordance with Section 632 of the MGA. The MDP must address:

- The future land use within the municipality
- The manner of and the proposals for future development in the municipality
- The co-ordination of land use, future growth patterns and other infrastructure with adjacent municipalities if there is no intermunicipal development plan with respect to those matters in those municipalities
- The provision of the required transportation systems either generally or specifically within the municipality and in relation to adjacent municipalities
- The provision of municipal services and facilities either generally or specifically
- The type and location of land uses adjacent to sour gas facilities
- The provision of municipal, school or municipal and school reserves, including but not limited to the need for, amount of and allocation of those reserves and the identification of school requirements in consultation with affected school authorities, and
- The protection of agricultural operations (if applicable)

Furthermore the MDP may address other matters as they relate to the future development of Hinton, including:

- Proposals for the financing and programming of municipal infrastructure
- The co-ordination of municipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the municipality
- Environmental matters within the municipality
- The financial resources of the municipality
- The economic development of the municipality
- Statements regarding the municipality's development constraints, including the results of any development studies and impact analyses, and goals, objectives, targets, planning policies and corporate strategies, and
- Any other matter relating to the physical, social or economic development of the municipality

1-3 INTERPRETATION

Map Interpretation

Unless otherwise specified, the boundaries or locations of any symbols or areas shown on a map herein are approximate only, not absolute, and shall be interpreted as such. They are not intended to define exact locations except where they coincide with clearly recognizable physical features or fixed boundaries such as property lines or utility/road rights-of-way. Hinton does not guarantee the accuracy of any maps within the MDP. All information on a map should be verified by consulting the text of the MDP, relevant statutory plans and the *Land Use Bylaw* (No. 1088). No measurements or area calculations should be taken from MDP maps.

Policy Interpretation

Where “shall”, “will”, “must”, “ensure” or “require” are used in a policy, the policy is considered mandatory in order to achieve a desired result. Where “should” is used in a policy, it is anticipated that the policies will be applied in all situations, unless it can be clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Development Authority, that the policy is not reasonable, practical and feasible in a given situation.

Appendix Interpretation

The appendices do not form part of the statutory portion of the MDP. The purpose of an appendix is to provide information to further clarify the intent of MDP policies.

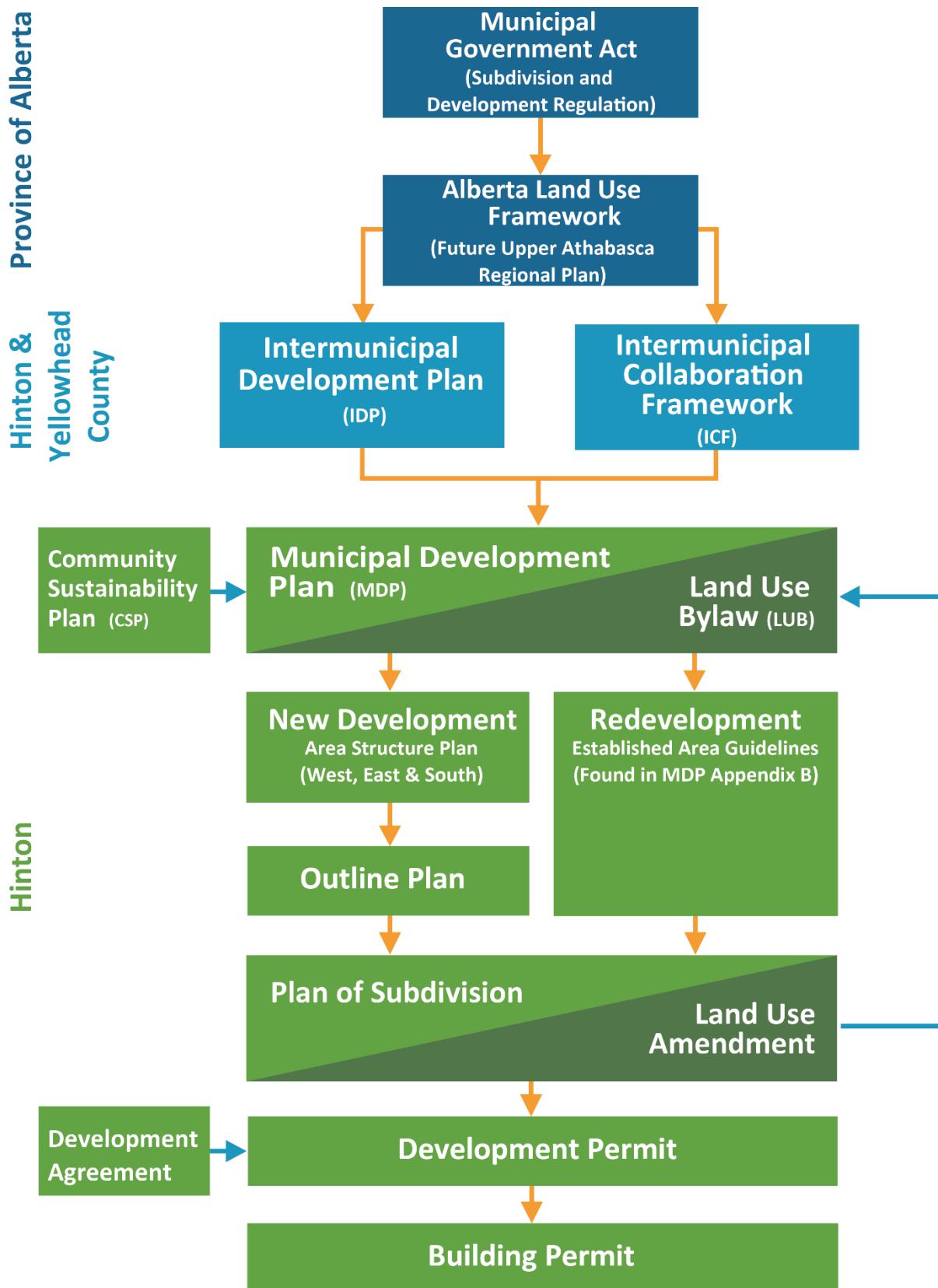
1-4 LIMITATIONS

The MDP is limited in the fact that both Federal and Provincial legislative decisions – including those of provincial ministries – supersede the policies contained within.

Provincial legislation, including the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, the Municipal Government Act (MGA), and the forthcoming Upper Athabasca Regional Plan (UARP) and Modernized Municipal Government Act (MMGA), establish (will establish) the planning context within which the MDP sits. In this planning hierarchy, plans, bylaws and approvals that are lower must be consistent with plans that are higher, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Pursuant to the MGA, it is not the intention of the MDP to commit Town Council to funding decisions.

FIGURE 1 – PLANNING HIERARCHY





SECTION TWO

Hinton in 2047

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This section outlines the community conversation that helped shape the vision for Hinton in 2047 and policies within the MDP.

2-1 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The conversation with the community took place over two phases. Phase One occurred in 2014 when the Town and a planning consultant prepared a draft MDP that was not adopted by Council. Although that plan was not realized, the feedback from the community was reviewed and integrated into this MDP. In Phase Two, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) recrafted the MDP as part of the broader Comprehensive Planning and Development Strategy (CPDS) undertaken in 2016 – 2017.

Phase One of the Community Conversation

- **Stakeholder Focus Groups and Interviews (May 20 & 21, 2014).** A stakeholder workshop was held with representatives from the Hinton and District Chamber of Commerce and West Fraser Mills Ltd. to commence the review and update of the 1998 MDP (Bylaw #940).
- **Workshop with Steering Committee (May 21, 2014).** The Council Steering Committee participated in a workshop to provide feedback on future development strategies and policies for the MDP.
- **Community Engagement Program (July through August 2014).** Hinton Staff and the Council Steering Committee identified several “hot button issues” which were used to engage the community online and via a series of articles in the Hinton Voice. Display boards and comment forms were distributed and information was also posted on Hinton’s website.
- **Workshop with Steering Committee (September 17, 2014).** A workshop with the Council Steering Committee was held to solicit feedback on the Draft MDP.

- **Public Open House (October 16, 2014).** An Open House was held to present the Draft MDP to the public, and offer further opportunity for review and feedback.

Phase Two of the Community Conversation

- **Town of Hinton CPDS Open House #1 (March 23, 2017).** An open house was held to introduce the CPDS projects to the public, which includes the MDP. Key stakeholders and residents attended the event and provided their ideas, questions and expectations with respect to the MDP.
- **Town of Hinton CPDS Open House #2 (June 15, 2017).** A second open house provided an update on the projects in development. Draft content from the MDP was shared with stakeholders and residents who attended the event, and their feedback was integrated into the MDP.

2-2 HINTON IN 2047

Hinton is a diverse community that works and builds together. Just as Hinton residents know who they are and where they come from, they also know where they want to be 30 years from now and are willing to work hard to get there. Hinton in 2047 will be:

- **A Prosperous Community** that fosters economic development and enhances the tourism potential of Hinton to diversify the economy, attract new investment, create jobs and expand the tax base.
- **A Growing Community** that manages growth and development in a manner that promotes sustainable planning practices and utilizes land and infrastructure in an orderly, economical and beneficial manner.
- **A Well-Governed Community** that provides good governance and maintains mutually beneficial inter-municipal and intergovernmental relationships.
- **A Culturally Vibrant Community** that provides opportunities for recreation and leisure, celebrates a shared culture and heritage and supports creativity in the arts.
- **A Socially Responsible Community** that provides community services, programs and facilities in a coordinated and equitable manner that builds a healthy, safe and sustainable community.



2-3 POLICY FRAMEWORK

Five policy areas have been created to help Hinton achieve its objectives for 2047. Each policy area is organized as follows:

FIGURE 2 – POLICY SECTION ORGANIZATION





SECTION THREE

A Prosperous Community

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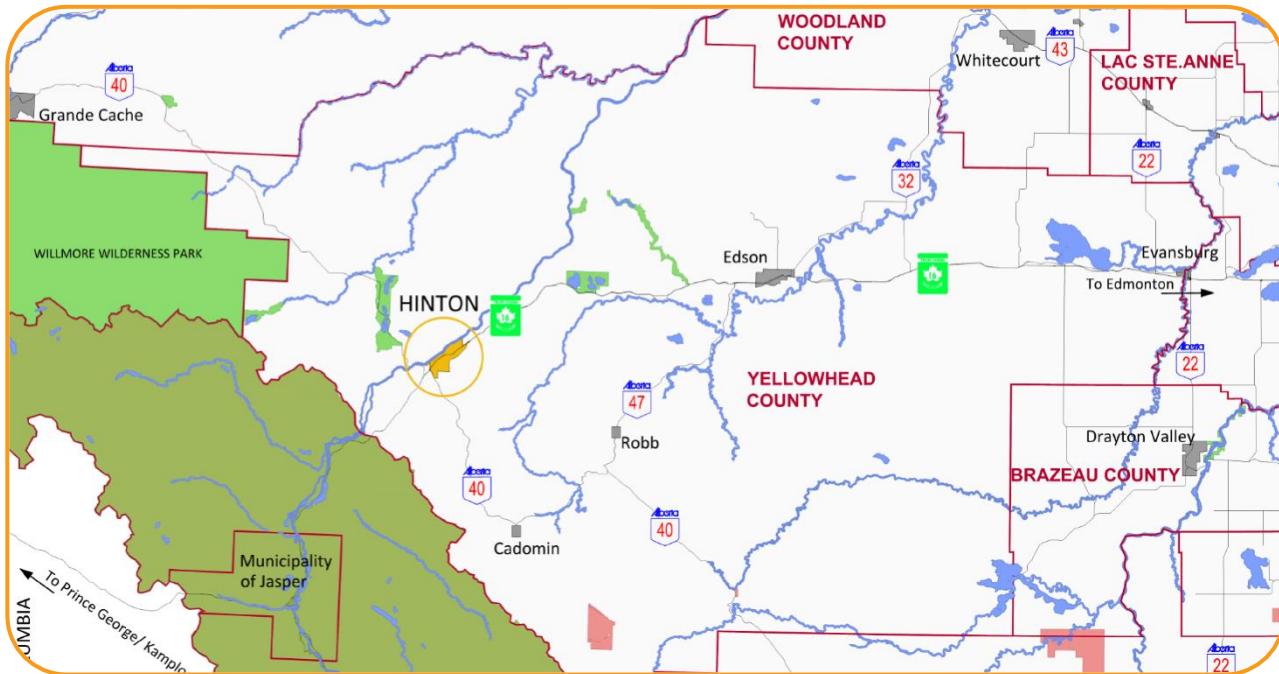
This Section outlines policies designed to make Hinton increasingly prosperous.

Hinton Today:

Hinton is located in the Athabasca River valley at the west end of Yellowhead County approximately 81 kilometres east of Jasper and 284 kilometres west of Edmonton, as illustrated in Figure 3. The Yellowhead Highway (HWY 16), a designated transcontinental route linking central Alberta with the British Columbia interior, runs through the community. The Canadian National Railway (CNR) mainline, linking Edmonton to the Pacific ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, passes through parallel to Highway 16.

Hinton is a resource-based community. Its position relative to major thermal and metallurgical coal deposits has resulted in Hinton becoming an important industrial and commercial service centre for some 20,000 residents in the outlying communities of Grande Cache, Jasper and Yellowhead County. Major employers in Hinton include Alstar Oilfield Contractors, Teck Coal Limited (Cardinal River Operations), West Fraser Mills Ltd., Alberta Health Services, Trican, and the Grande Yellowhead Public and Evergreen Catholic School Divisions. It is important that local employers such as these operate in a supportive environment.

FIGURE 3 – REGIONAL MAP



Future prosperity, and the overall health and resilience of Hinton's economy, is linked to economic development. Five economic opportunities have been identified that build on Hinton's strengths:

- **Tourism** – Hinton's proximity to recreation and tourism related resources, including Jasper National Park and William A. Switzer Provincial Park, puts it in an ideal position to emerge as a service centre for tourism; creating an opportunity for Hinton to diversify its economy and heighten its profile as a destination.
- **Geothermal Energy** – Hinton is exploring opportunities to advance local geothermal capacity and develop a district energy heating system utilizing reservoirs in the Hinton area. Capitalizing on geothermal opportunities could provide an affordable and renewable heat source for the community, attract new investment opportunities, and reduce the Hinton's carbon footprint.
- **Jasper-Hinton Airport** – The airport, located west of Hinton, is home to small air charter operators that conduct scenic tours of nearby Jasper National Park as well as aerial services for mining, forestry and wildlife research. Opportunities to expand the range of services would result in local benefits for the community.
- **Resource Development** – Continued exploration and resource development within the region is a critical component in building on local strengths. Coal, forestry and oil and gas resources should continue to be capitalized on in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner.
- **Commercial Development** – Hinton's commercial service area is much larger than its population would normally support. Supporting private endeavours through sound policy that capitalizes on changing retail trends, which have drastically impacted the location, size, configuration and format of shopping areas, is important.

Objective:

Foster economic development and enhance the tourism potential of Hinton to diversify the economy, attract new investment, create jobs and expand the tax base.

In 2047:

3-1 HINTON IS A GOOD PLACE TO OPEN AND OPERATE A BUSINESS

- a) Collaborate with the Hinton and District Chamber of Commerce in diversifying and strengthening Hinton's economy and help expand Hinton's role as a regional hub.
- b) Promote Hinton as a good place to open and operate a business.
- c) Review municipal fees, approvals and licensing processes and avoid undue limitations on economic development.
- d) Support the endeavours of the Regional Economic Development initiatives.
- e) Support home-based businesses that respect the residential characteristics of their neighbourhood.
- f) Encourage the development and expansion of farmers' markets

3-2 HINTON IS A TOURIST DESTINATION AND A HUB FOR EXPLORING THE REGION

- a) Promote Hinton as a tourism destination and hub for exploring the region.
- b) Collaborate with local and regional tourism associations to position Hinton as an attractive destination.
- c) Encourage the development of Bed and Breakfast establishments.
- d) Support the growth and development of Hinton as a destination for mountain biking enthusiasts and other outdoor recreation groups.

3-3 HINTON'S COMMERCIAL NODES ARE GREAT PLACES TO CONDUCT BUSINESS

- a) Encourage higher density, mixed use retail, office and residential uses in the Mountain View and Hardisty commercial nodes.
- b) Support local business owners in establishing Business Improvement Areas within the Mountain View and Hardisty commercial nodes.
- c) Prepare policy on Business Improvement Levies and/or reasonable alternatives to enhance the public realm and encourage local property owners to update their storefronts in the Mountain View and Hardisty commercial nodes.

SECTION FOUR

A Growing Community

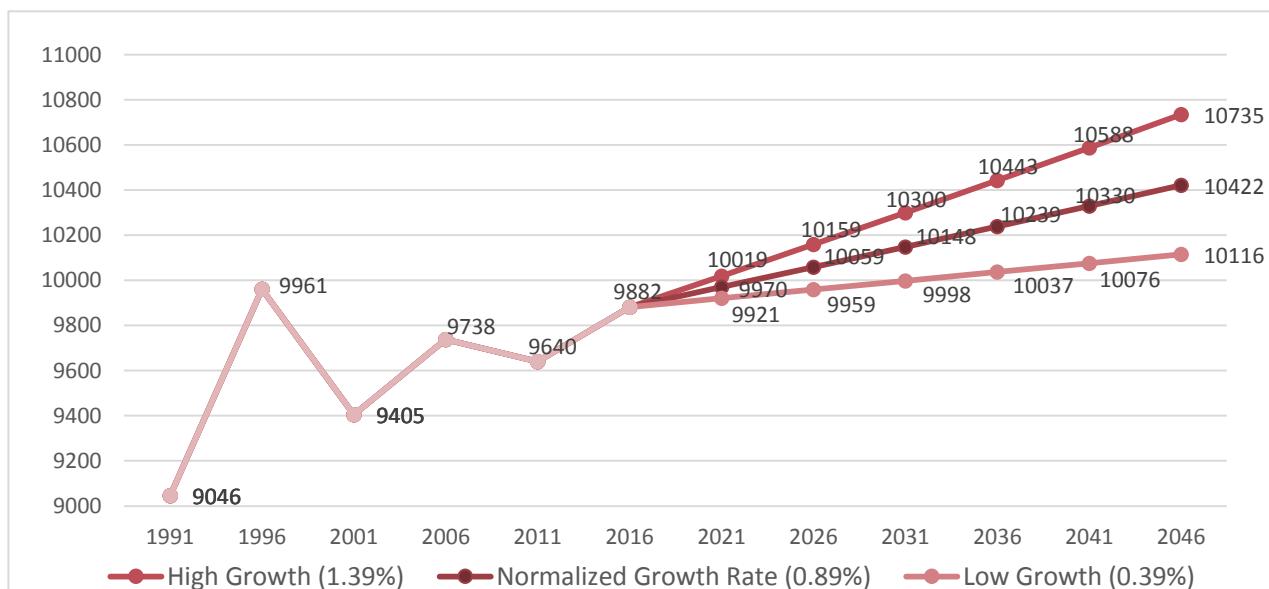
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Hinton Today:

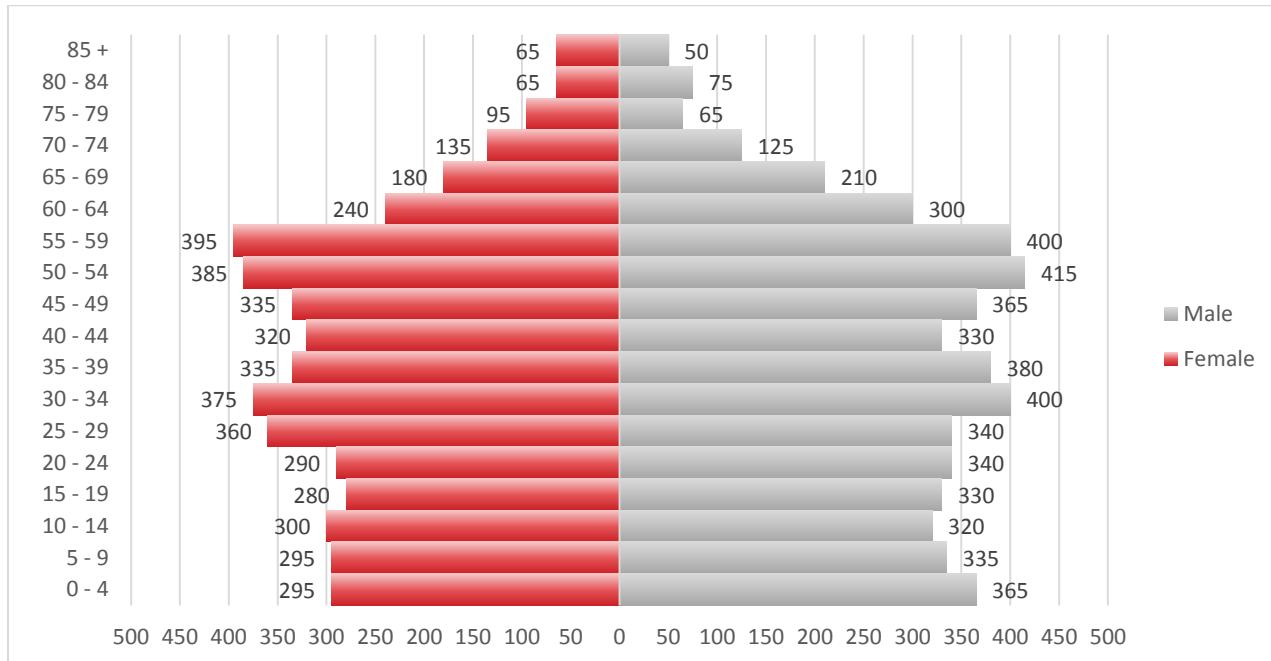
Hinton is growing, slowly. Hinton's growth patterns are unusual when compared to many other municipalities in Alberta that have either witnessed rapid growth or steep declines in population over the last few decades. Starting in 1991, the median population projection from 2016 to 2046 is 10,422 people using the normalized growth rate. This is an increase of 540 persons, from the current population of 9,882 residents, as illustrated below. A low-growth scenario (0.39% growth) would see 10,116 persons and a high-growth scenario (1.39% growth) would see 10,735.

FIGURE 4 – POPULATION PROJECTION



Looking at the age and gender breakdown of Hinton's population (Figure 5), there are more males (5,155) than females (4,730) with a noticeable decline in the 55 – 59 to 60 – 64 age brackets. Working to ensure that Hinton is an attractive place to live for all age groups is important to the overall quality-of-life for residents, a topic that is explored further in the policies of Section 7.

FIGURE 5 – POPULATION PYRAMID



In 2007, Hinton annexed approximately 890 hectares (2,200 acres) of land in five adjacent areas from Yellowhead County in order to accommodate the demand for continued commercial and industrial expansion. The annexed land allows for a larger area of development capacity surrounding the Town's developed lands (as outlined in the existing development map (Figure 6)), particularly for much-needed industrial uses. Accommodating growth in the community in new ways will play an important role in continuing to shape Hinton as a dynamic and innovative community.

Objective:

Manage growth and development in a manner that promotes sustainable planning practices and utilizes land and infrastructure in an orderly, economical and beneficial manner.

In 2047:

4-1 HINTON HAS AN EFFICIENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

- Collaborate with Yellowhead County, Jasper authorities and other stakeholders in support of the growth and development of the Jasper-Hinton Airport.
- Collaborate with stakeholders in the Edson Regional Commercial Air Services Partnership.
- Collaborate with CNR and VIA Rail Canada authorities and other stakeholders in support of local passenger rail services, the maintenance of Hinton station grounds and the mitigation of disturbances from freight trains passing through Hinton.

- d) Collaborate with Alberta Transportation, Yellowhead County, and other stakeholders to develop and maintain a safe and efficient highway network.
- e) Collaborate with Alberta Transportation and Yellowhead County to ensure that the Future Highway 16 Bypass right-of-way is regularly maintained so as to provide a fire break for Hinton.
- f) Use the current Transportation Master Plan for future transportation planning and roadway improvements.
- g) Ensure that all constructed roadways comply with Hinton's current Minimum Engineering Design Standards.
- h) Support the operation and maintenance of Hinton's transit service.

4-2 HINTON'S INFRASTRUCTURE IS PROVIDED IN A LOGICAL AND ECONOMIC MANNER

- a) Ensure, where possible, that new development utilizes existing servicing.
- b) Ensure that all municipal infrastructure complies with Hinton's current Minimum Engineering Design Standards.
- c) Use the current Water, Stormwater and Waste Water Master Plans for future infrastructure planning and improvements.
- d) Support, where practical, Low Impact Development (LID) best practices as an alternative to conventional stormwater management.
- e) Require, where practical, that new shallow utilities such as power, telephone, internet and fibre optic and cable TV are installed underground.
- f) Promote solid waste reduction and recycling.

4-3 HINTON IS GROWING IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER

- a) Ensure new development is located in areas designated on the future development map (Figure 7).
- b) Require up to 10% municipal reserve (MR) obligation or cash-in-lieu equivalent for all new development.
- c) Ensure that development occurs in accordance with the Land Development Guidelines outlined in Appendix A.
- d) Ensure that re-development occurs in accordance with the Established Area Guidelines outlined in Appendix B.
- e) Require that Outline Plans, and required supporting studies, be prepared for new development within the plan areas of approved Area Structure Plans.
- f) Ensure, where practical, that development patterns occur in a contiguous manner and respect any agricultural operations.
- g) Monitor and ensure a sufficient supply of serviced land is available to accommodate growth.

- h) Require that applications for development near sour gas wells, pipelines and facilities adhere to provincial Subdivision and Development Regulations
- i) Require that development near railways be compatible to the railway and provide appropriate setbacks.
- j) Require a residential density of approximately 20 units per gross developable hectare for all new communities.
- k) Encourage, where practical, infill and intensification in developed areas.
- l) Encourage regional-scale commercial development along the Highway 16 Corridor.
- m) Encourage neighbourhood-scale commercial development in residential areas closer to where people live, in support of complete neighbourhoods.
- n) Encourage opportunities to mitigate negative impacts when approving new industrial development.

4-4 HINTON RESPECTS THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- a) Ensure that FireSmart practices are observed and upheld across Hinton.
- b) Protect environmentally significant natural areas as development occurs and appropriately address and/or integrate them into open space, utility and transportation corridors, and residential neighbourhoods.
- c) Prohibit development, other than trails, in areas that are prone to flooding, underground springs, erosion, landslides, subsidence or any other natural or human-induced hazards.
- d) Ensure that lands dedicated as ER remain in their natural state and/or are used as a part of the public trail system where necessary to ensure a continuous, integrated trail system.

4-5 HINTON HAS A VIBRANT BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- a) Encourage the adoption of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in building, open space, pathways and parking area design.
- b) Encourage streetscapes that maintain an appropriate scale for pedestrians, and consider all transportation modes.
- c) Encourage and promote the design of live, work, shop and play spaces in proximity to one another.
- d) Encourage mixed-use development and a mix of land uses in employment areas.
- e) Ensure the accessibility needs of residents are met in buildings and spaces.
- f) Investigate opportunities to increase the development of community gardens.

Figure 6

Existing Development Map

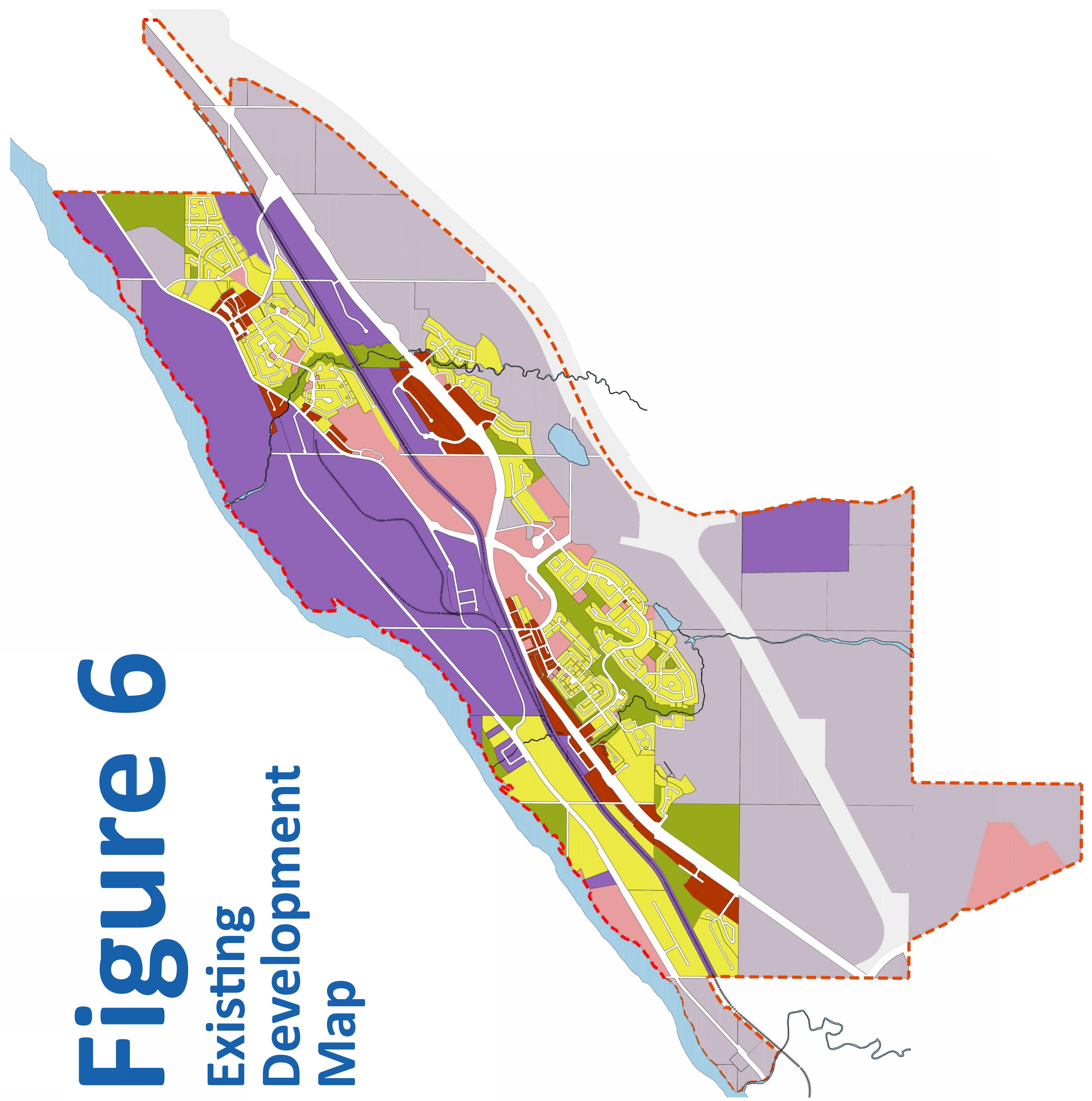
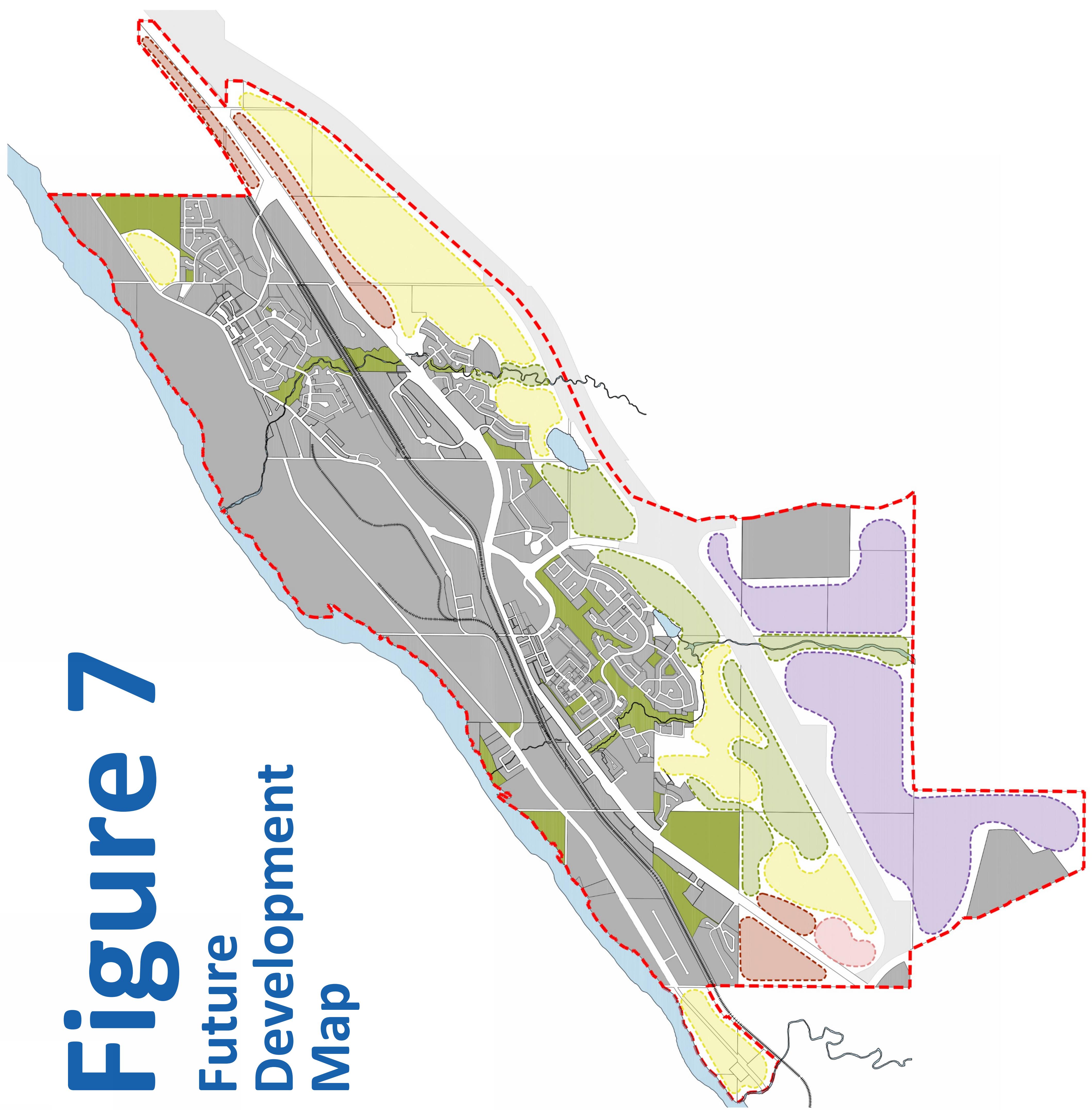


Figure 7

Future Development Map



NORTH

Legend :

- Town of Hinton Boundary** (Red dashed line)
- Existing Development** (Grey solid area)
- Park & Open Spaces** (Green solid area)
- Future Highway Bypass** (Dark grey area)
- Future Residential** (Yellow dashed area)
- Future Commercial** (Red dashed area)
- Future Mixed Use** (Pink dashed area)
- Future Industrial** (Purple dashed area)
- Future Parks** (Green dashed area)

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SECTION FIVE

A Well-Governed Community

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This Section outlines policies designed to uphold a high-standard of governance in Hinton and with its Neighbours.

Hinton Today:

In Alberta, municipal councils are empowered by the Municipal Government Act (MGA) to address the existing and future needs of their community by making decisions that are recorded in bylaws or resolutions. Councils have the ability to manage the finances of their municipality by setting levels of expenditures and taxation and, ultimately, they are responsible for the management and delivery of services to residents. These responsibilities are generally undertaken with very little intrusion by senior levels of government. In Hinton, as throughout the Province, council members are expected to embody the public welfare of their communities which often means trying to balance their vision with the concerns expressed by the people and organizations affected by their decisions.

Good governance is when Council makes balanced decisions on local development, finances and service delivery that safeguards the community as a whole. In order to do so, local policies need to uphold a high-standard of governance internally, inter-municipally and intergovernmentally.

Objective:

Provide good governance and maintain mutually beneficial inter-municipal and intergovernmental relationships.

In 2047:

5-1 HINTON IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

- a) Engage in long term financial planning to ensure ongoing financial viability.
- b) Ensure investments in municipal infrastructure and facilities are made in accordance with sound long-term financial plans and policies.

- c) Balance the financial capacity of residents with the demand for municipal services.
- d) Explore a range of funding opportunities providing for the provision of services, programs and facilities.
- e) Maintain financial flexibility in order to be able to adapt to local and regional economic conditions.

5-2 HINTON HAS STRONG INTER-MUNICIPAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

- a) Support mutually beneficial emergency and protective services agreements with Yellowhead County.
- b) Explore regional provision of shared services and cost-sharing opportunities for services such as economic development and tourism, recreation, waste management, transportation and utilities.
- c) Collaborate with Yellowhead County to pursue mutually beneficial planning initiatives.
- d) Establish a formal process between Hinton and Alberta Environment and Parks in the planning and transfer of Crown lands.
- e) Collaborate with Alberta Transportation to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic on Highway 16.
- f) Circulate all statutory plans, adjacent to municipal boundaries to Yellowhead County for feedback.

5-3 HINTON WORKS CLOSELY WITH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

- a) Collaborate with the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and the Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional School Division No. 2 to identify future school sites.
- b) Ensure that school sites are located so that they have frontage along two roadways to allow for effective and efficient vehicular access.
- c) Encourage, wherever possible, that school sites are integrated with adjoining neighbourhood parks.
- d) Support the continuation of the Joint Use Agreements between Hinton and the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77 and Hinton Training Centre to ensure school sites and grounds are available to residents and non-profit during non-school hours.



SECTION SIX

A Culturally Vibrant Community

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This Section outlines policies designed to promote cultural vibrancy throughout Hinton.

Hinton Today:

A 2016 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, found that 90% of Hinton's residents described their quality of life to be good to very good. Underpinning this level of satisfaction is a variety of local amenities such as the three-kilometer fresh water Beaver Boardwalk (the longest freshwater boardwalk in Canada), the annual Föhn Festival, Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo, Wild Mountain Music Festival, and acclaimed Hinton Mountain Bike Park, amongst others illustrated in the community amenities map (Figure 8). Also, Hinton's natural setting allows residents to take advantage of the many outdoor recreational opportunities available, such as camping, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, golfing, disc golf, skiing, fishing, water sports, skateboarding, hunting, off-roading and unparalleled mountain biking opportunities. These amenities instill a unique sense of place and help define the culture of the community.

Both natural and cultural heritage preservation are critical to ensuring local vibrancy and a sense of place for residents and tourists to Hinton. Hinton has many programs and facilities that celebrate the history and culture of the community and support creativity and the arts such as the Forestry Service Museum, the Hinton Coal Branch Archives, Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage, and Arts on Fire.

Hinton is currently developing a new Performing Arts Venue to create a space for theatre production, cinemas, a lecture hall and exhibit space where arts and cinema can have a home in the community and region. This dedicated multi-use space defines Hinton as a community that supports, invests, grows and celebrates the value of arts and cinema, and the ways in which they strengthen and enrich the region.

Objective:

Provide opportunities for recreation and leisure, celebrate shared culture and heritage and support creativity in the arts to meet the needs of local residents and visitors.

In 2047:

6-1 HINTON CELEBRATES ARTS AND CULTURE

- a) Support festivals and other cultural activities and encourage their development in Hinton.
- b) Collaborate with community organizations and institutions in support of the local arts community.
- c) Encourage sense of place in public spaces with the placement of public art.
- d) Encourage the participation of local and regional artists and professionals in the design and fabrication of public art.
- e) Collaborate with the community public and private sector to procure art for public display.

6-2 HINTON REMEMBERS AND RESPECTS ITS HISTORY

- a) Encourage the ongoing development and growth of the Forestry Service Museum, the Coal Branch Archives, and the Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage.
- b) Celebrate local history through thematic design of municipal facilities and amenities.
- c) Identify and inventory heritage sites and buildings.
- d) Conserve and enhance municipal-owned heritage sites and buildings to create a sense of civic pride that celebrates Hinton's history.
- e) Collaborate with private owners to conserve and maintain historical resources in Hinton.

6-3 HINTON'S PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES CONTRIBUTE TO A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

- a) Encourage active modes of transportation with supporting infrastructure such as bike lanes.
- b) Provide opportunities for passive recreation, such as biking and hiking, in Hinton's open space system.
- c) Continue to develop and maintain Hinton's multi-use trail system and sidewalk and pathway network.
- d) Incorporate adequate bike parking in private and public developments throughout Hinton.
- e) Develop parks that encourage community gathering.
- f) Plan and design the open space system to efficiently manage stormwater.

6-4 HINTON SUPPORTS ACTIVE LIVING

- a) Encourage volunteerism in Hinton.
- b) Partner with community organizations and volunteers to:
 - i. provide facilities and programming for sport and recreation
 - ii. support recreation programming that is financially accessible
- c) Facilitate the effective planning and distribution of recreational amenities.

d) Develop recreational and sports facilities and amenities that:

- i. provide a range of recreational opportunities throughout Hinton
- ii. accommodate a range of programs and uses
- iii. provide opportunities for competitive sports programming
- iv. allow conversion for future needs
- v. can be accessed by a variety of travel modes
- vi. are physically and financially accessible to all residents



SECTION SEVEN

A Socially Responsible Community 7

This Section outlines policies designed to ensure the efficient provision of community services.

Hinton Today:

A wide range of community services are provided in Hinton to improve the safety and quality of life of its residents. Agencies and facilities such as Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Goals and Employment Society (B.R.I.D.G.E.S.), Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta, the Yellowhead Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, and the Adult Day Centre provide social services in Hinton.

Local integrated police, emergency medical services (EMS) and fire services ensure the safety and security of residents. Hinton is policed by a local RCMP detachment with mutual aid assistance from the Jasper detachment, if required. Hinton EMS provides Basic and Advanced Life Support coverage to Hinton and a large portion of western Yellowhead County. Likewise, the Hinton Fire Department provides complete local fire protection, and by an agreement with Yellowhead County, to approximately 6,600 square kilometres of area around Hinton. Finally, Hinton's Disaster Service Agency is responsible for planning for and responding to large-scale emergencies.

Objective:

Provide community services, programs and facilities in a coordinated and equitable manner that builds a healthy, safe and sustainable community.

Hinton 2047:

7-1 HINTON'S RESIDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- a) Ensure the provision of effective social, health, protective and emergency services so that Hinton remains a safe place to live.
- b) Collaborate with Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) in their endeavours to provide preventative social services in Hinton.

- c) Encourage activities organized by residents such as block parties, to foster a sense of community in Hinton.
- d) Support community-based programs and organizations that make Hinton a safer place to live.
- e) Strengthen partnerships with organizations that improve the quality of life of Hinton's residents.
- f) Support opportunities for healthy living.
- g) Provide a range of community services for people of all ages.
- h) Support programs and training opportunities provided through local institutions and not for profit programs.

7-2 HINTON'S COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE

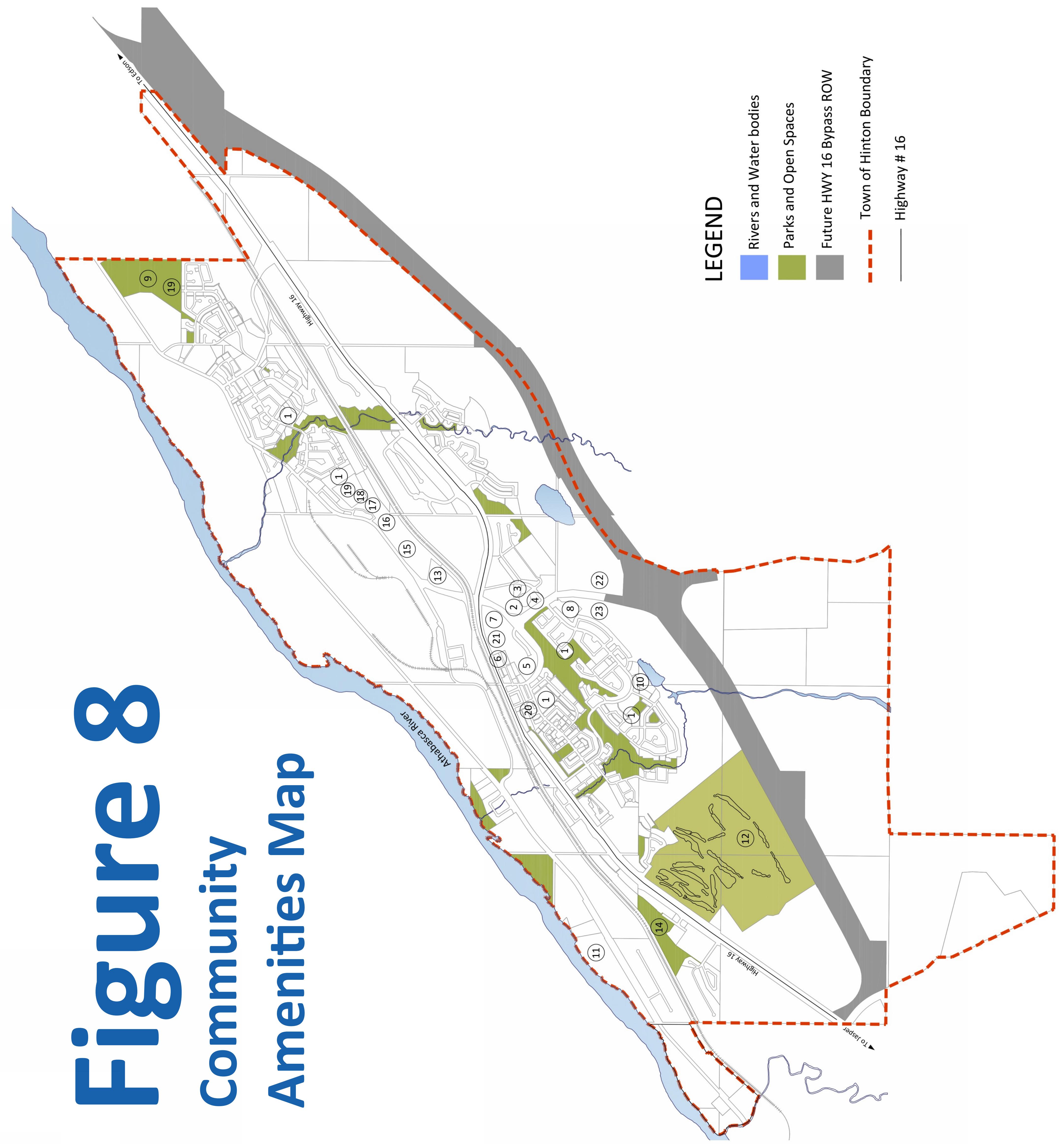
- a) Encourage higher-density seniors housing in Hinton.
- b) Support the development of age-friendly community amenities.
- c) Collaborate with private developers and other stakeholders to ensure that Hinton is an age-friendly community.
- d) Explore opportunities for the expansion of the cemetery.
- e) Locate, where possible, community amenities on arterial or collector roads.

7-3 HINTON HAS A RANGE OF HOUSING TO MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS

- a) Collaborate with other orders of government, private and non-profit sectors, to meet the needs for affordable and special needs housing in Hinton.
- b) Promote the development of complete neighbourhoods that provide for a wide range of housing forms for various income and age groups.
- c) Use Hinton's Integrated Housing Strategy (HIHS) and Social Development Strategy (SDS) to inform residential development as it pertains to housing affordability and housing choice.

Figure 8

Community Amenities Map



NORTH





SECTION EIGHT

Making It Happen

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This Section outlines policies designed to implement the vision and measure progress made towards achieving it.

Clear, consistent direction for the implementation of the MDP is required in order to achieve Hinton's vision. The responsibility for the implementation, monitoring, and review of the MDP rests with Council, committees of Council, administration, and (through their active involvement) the residents of Hinton. As outlined further in the Land Development Guidelines (Appendix A), the MDP shall be implemented through the approval of other more specific statutory and non-statutory plans such as:

- Established Area Guidelines (Appendix B)
- Area Structure Plans
- Outline Plans
- Subdivision Plans, and
- Development Permit Site Plans

All planning documents prepared for, and adopted by, Hinton must be consistent with the MDP.

Implementation will require strategic investment in planning, community infrastructure, amenities and services through the Town's operating and capital budgets on an annual basis. It is important to note that achievement of the goals and objectives of the MDP are subject to the budgetary considerations of Council on an annual basis. The MDP is meant to be a living planning document that needs to be monitored to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

8-1 IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

- a) Review existing plans on a regular basis to ensure conformity with the MDP.
- b) Ensure new long-term plans are prepared in conformance with the MDP.
- c) Require future municipal planning initiatives to demonstrate how they are consistent with the MDP.
- d) Require that Administration provide Council with a report on progress made towards the vision every four years.
- e) Require a major review of the MDP every ten (10) years to ensure that the goals, policy directions, processes and actions reflect current growth forecasts, market trends, overall community values and Hinton's financial capacity.

Land Development Guidelines

Appendix A



Appendix B

Established Area Guidelines

