

Municipal Development Plan

The Village of Foremost is developing a Municipal Development Plan (MDP) which will guide future growth and development for the next 30 years.

Prior to April 1, 2018, the Municipal Government Act (MGA) only mandated the creation of MDPs for municipalities with a population of 3,500 or greater. With the Modified Municipal Government Act, the requirement is now that all municipalities within Alberta must prepare and adopt a MDP by bylaw.

As a policy document a MDP, for the most part, is general in nature and long range in its outlook. The MDP is a framework that is intended to guide decision-making, bylaw development and investment for the future, providing a degree of certainty to the Council, administration, and the public, regarding the form and character of the community.

Funding

The Village of Foremost was successful in receiving a \$13,500 grant from the Local Land Use Planning Component of the 2017/18 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) from the Province of Alberta which provides grants to municipalities with populations less than 3,500 that are creating MDPs for the first time. This grant will cover the costs associated with developing the MDP.

With the funding, A2 Planning has been contracted to complete the development of the MDP on behalf of the Village of Foremost.

Project Timeline

1. **Project Kickoff – Complete**
 - Finalize work program and public participation plan.
2. **Background Material Review– Complete**
 - Compile and review all key documents and develop an outline for the plan.
3. **Vision and Goals – Complete**
 - Develop a vision and goals for the MDP
4. **Plan Development – February/March**
 - Based on vision and goals of community draft the MDP document including content and policies.
5. **Final Plan Approval – April/May**
 - Council approval through bylaw including 3 readings and public hearing.

Upcoming Public Participation Opportunities

Foremost residents, business owners and community groups are invited to the second open house and online survey to provide feedback on their priorities for future growth and development within the Village.

Presentation and Open House – Monday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. @ Foremost Community Hall
Online Survey – Open February 26 – March 22 @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZGZZRK>

For more information call the Village of Foremost Office: 403-867-3733.