

County of Vermilion River and Villages of Kitscoty, Marwayne, Dewberry, and Paradise Valley Draft IDPs and ICFs

Key Messages

The County of Vermilion River and the Villages of Kitscoty, Marwayne, Dewberry and Paradise Valley hosted two open houses in January 2019, one in Marwayne and one in Kitscoty. The open houses provided an opportunity for interested residents and stakeholders to learn more about the provincial collaboration requirements, the work that the municipalities are undertaking to meet those requirements, and to express any questions, concerns or considerations about the requirements and the work being done.

The information gathered in the sessions has served to inform the intermunicipal collaboration conversations between the municipalities and the drafting of their new statutory plans required by provincial legislation.

Following is a summary of the key messages identified during the public engagement earlier this year, 2019, and where these have been incorporated within the plans and frameworks.

Resource Efficiency & Cost Sharing

- Municipalities will continue to collaborate to identify opportunities that will allow for efficiencies in matters of mutual interest. For example, servicing, subdivision and development.
- Municipalities have entered an agreement to enhance ongoing collaboration and capacity in planning & development services.

Desire for Additional Commercial Uses & Growth

- The IDPs Future Land Use Concept takes into consideration the development of lands within the IDP boundary over the next thirty years and provides an opportunity to attract non-residential development to intermunicipal areas.

Emergency Services

- Agreements are being developed between the County and Villages addressing fire rescue services and mutual aid in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Policing, Crime Prevention, Protective Services

- Protective services will continue to be independently administered by the municipalities.

Utilities & Infrastructure

- The Villages and the County or third parties will continue providing water, waste water, solid waste, and urban road maintenance services under existing and new agreements.

Recreation Facilities & Services

- Municipalities will continue to work together to ensure compatibility of land use interfaces and the future growth to provide healthy, outdoor-spaces within the IDP Area for the passive and recreational enjoyment of residents and tourists.

Protecting the Land

- The IDPs incorporate policies for the protection of existing agricultural, historic, cultural lands as well as for the preservation of water bodies and the areas around it.