

# Village of Foremost

## Listing of Planning Policy Documents

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In alignment with the *Municipal Government Act* s.638.2 the following is a listing of policies that may be considered in making planning decisions (decisions made under Part 17 of the *MGA*). This includes policies that have been approved by council by bylaw or resolution or policies that have been made by a person or body whom powers duties or functions have been delegated by council or by the chief administrative officer.

### Hierarchy of Plans

The *MGA* provides that statutory plans (Intermunicipal Development Plan, Municipal Development Plan, Area Structure Plans, and Area Redevelopment Plans) adopted by a municipality must be consistent with one another. Statutory Plans must also be consistent with regional plans (South Saskatchewan Regional Plan) adopted under the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act (ALSA)*.

The *MGA* identifies the hierarchy and relationship of statutory plans, so that each plan will be consistent with the plans above it and, in the event of an inconsistency, which provisions in what plan will prevail.

### South Saskatchewan Regional Plan

In September 2014, the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan, or SSRP, became the second Regional Plan to be adopted by the Government of Alberta. The SSRP applies to some 84,000 square kilometers of southern Alberta, and incorporates 84 municipalities and First Nations and nearly two million people.

The SSRP outlines environmental, economic and social values and outcomes for this region of the province in line with the Land Use Framework. The Land Use Framework is a provincial level strategy document designed to reduce conflict between competing demands for our land and resources.

All land use planners and decision-makers within the South Saskatchewan region, including at the Village of Foremost, are required to demonstrate compliance with the strategic vision and outcomes of the SSRP when carrying out their normal functions and duties.



### **Intermunicipal Development Plan (coming soon)**

An Intermunicipal Development Plan is proposed to be developed by the Village of Foremost and the County of Forty Mile. The plan would be approved by Council in both municipalities and would provide the framework for managing or changing land use, and to address growth issues in a way that respects the interests of both municipalities. In absence of the IDP the Urban Rural Fringe Agreement should be utilized.

### **Municipal Development Plan (in development)**

Municipal Development Plans (MDPs) identify future development patterns within municipal boundaries, and facilitate local planning and economic growth. These plans provide citizens and businesses information on how the municipality will address the current and future needs of the community, including land use, transportation systems, municipal services and environmental considerations.

Previously under the *MGA*, the creation of MDPs was mandatory only for municipalities with a population of 3,500 or greater. Due to this, the Village of Foremost does not currently have an MDP in place. With the Modernized Municipal Government Act all municipalities, no matter, their population, are required to create an MDP. The Village of Foremost will have this in place by April 1, 2021 as per the requirement.

### **Area Structure Plan/Area Redevelopment Plan**

The Village of Foremost does not have any Area Structure Plans or Area Redevelopment Plans.

### **Urban Rural Fringe Agreement**

The influence of the Village can extend beyond its boundary into the surrounding rural area. In addition, the influences of the surrounding rural area often extend into the urban area. This area of overlapping land uses is referred to as the rural-urban fringe. The purpose of this document is to identify rural-urban fringe land uses that currently create, or may in the future cause, conflict. Once identified this document provides general and operational policies designed to prevent existing problems from getting worse while recognizing that existing land uses that are creating problems cannot be reasonably moved to a more appropriate location. Naturally, this plan also contains policies designed to prevent future problems from arising through the provision of planning policies governing control of specific land uses in the rural-urban fringe. Finally, the plan contains policies designed to improve co-operation and communication between the Town and County when dealing with urban fringe land use issues.

### **Land Use Bylaw**

The Land Use Bylaw is the key tool used to regulate and control the use and development of all land and buildings in Foremost. It is at the heart of the development permit approval process and all land use redistricting applications. The Land Use Bylaw defines a number of land use districts and assigns these districts to areas of land in the Village's boundaries. The Land Use Bylaw divides the town into land use districts and establishes procedures for processing and deciding upon development applications. It regulates the use and development of both land and buildings within the municipality, in order to ensure orderly, efficient development. The rules or regulations governing development are interpreted and enforced by the Development Authority, which may either be the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission.