

## ***INTERMUNICIPAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT***

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### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Edmonton, Leduc County, and Town of Beaumont (the “Parties”) recognize that by working together they can achieve more sustainable and livable communities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. This Framework is a commitment to joint planning and an acknowledgement of the interconnected and interdependent relationships among the Parties.

The purpose of this Framework is to allow the Parties to proceed collaboratively to discuss joint planning. This Framework will strengthen the response by these Parties and this region to uphold collaboration and bring an enhanced level of value to residents and taxpayers.

An annexation application is being advanced by the City of Edmonton which includes Leduc County and Town of Beaumont lands. The City and County have signed an agreement supporting the application.

Based on the mutual acceptance of this Framework, the City of Edmonton will remove the nine quarter sections that lie within the boundaries of the Town of Beaumont from the City’s annexation application. The Town of Beaumont will submit a letter of support for the City’s amended annexation application. Further, all Parties to this Framework recognize the benefit of only proceeding with future planning and development of lands adjacent to their common boundaries with timely intermunicipal consultation, collaboration, and joint planning. Existing statutory plans, zoning permissions and development rights will be respected and future decisions will be made collaboratively to ensure the area gradually aligns to a shared long term vision. The agreed upon sub-region will include North Nisku, East Vistas, Beaumont and the South East Edmonton annexation area, with a particular focus on coordinating land use and infrastructure planning around boundary interfaces.

### **PRINCIPLES**

- Considering the whole is important.
- Think about the “big picture”.
- We commit to priorities based on collaboration.
- Work for the sub-region versus alone to maximize the benefit to the sub-region.
- Whoever can do it best should be charged with doing it.
- Minimize duplication and maximize benefits to the sub-region.

Strategic Interests are recognized and include the following:

**Town of Beaumont**

- A need to change the tax ratio from 95:5
- Settle the annexation

**City of Edmonton**

- Expedite the larger annexation by resolving the impasse with Beaumont over 9 quarter sections
- Annex 50<sup>th</sup> Street right of way two miles south of 41 Avenue SW
- Doing sub-regional planning for compact, contiguous, complimentary growth

**Leduc County**

- Collaborative, cohesive, contiguous growth in the sub-region.

**LIMITATION**

This Framework does not supersede or extinguish any rights or obligations that any of the Parties have under existing or future legislation, regulations, or agreements of any nature unless a Party, insofar as is possible, explicitly agrees to subordinate its rights.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1 PURPOSE

- a) The aim of this Framework is to develop workable high-level conceptual frameworks for four identified focus areas. These frameworks together will constitute a joint development approach for the Framework area.
- b) The Town of Beaumont, City of Edmonton and Leduc County agree the work plan will address the following four areas:
  - i) Land Use Framework,
  - ii) Transportation and Servicing Framework,
  - iii) Cost and Benefit Sharing Framework, and
  - iv) A commitment and plan for cost-sharing of 50th Street and any other major transportation corridors as agreed by the partners.
- c) Once the high level conceptual frameworks are approved, additional phases could commence to complete detailed planning for framework.

2 COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Time is of the essence – the parties agree to appoint oversight and working committees by Q1 2018, and prepare a work plan by Q2 2018.
- b) Funding - Costs associated with this initiative will be shared and grants will be pursued.
- c) Administrative Support - Each Party will contribute to the administrative support for this Framework.

- d) Communications and Information Sharing Amongst the Parties - Direct liaison and full disclosure of information (including hard and soft data) among the Parties, as required, is authorized. All discussions and information sharing is considered WITHOUT PREJUDICE unless otherwise unanimously agreed to by the Parties as directed by respective municipal councils.
- e) Confidentiality - Unless otherwise unanimously agreed to by the Parties, work done under the umbrella of this Framework is to be considered CONFIDENTIAL except as between the Parties themselves.
- f) Public Engagement - Notwithstanding the need for confidentiality, intermunicipal and municipal public engagement may from time-to-time be useful. Such engagement will be mutually determined and agreed upon, as required, by the Parties.
- g) Media – Messaging to the media regarding this Framework and the associated discussions shall be reviewed and unanimously agreed to by the Parties.
- h) Reporting - Each party is responsible for reporting the status of this Framework to their respective Councils.
- i) Approval - Outcomes are not concluded until agreed upon by the respective Councils.

**CONCLUSION**

The success of the collaborative initiative under this Framework will require good faith on the part of each Party, a commitment to meaningful collaboration, a focus on achieving mutual benefit for the Parties and the Edmonton Metropolitan Region and a willingness to make shared investments for shared benefits.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_, Alberta.

For the City of Edmonton:

For Leduc County:

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Mayor Don Iveson

Mayor Tanni Doblanko

For the Town of Beaumont:

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