AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ICSP/MDP

What is the ICSP/MDP?
The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan / Municipal Development Plan, or ICSP/MDP, was adopted in 2010 by Lethbridge City Council. The ICSP/MDP provides a legislative framework for Council, City Administration and the community as a whole to plan for the growth and the changing needs of residents through 2050. The ICSP/MDP contains broad policies intended to guide all aspects of municipal operations, not just those of land use planners.

These policies, and the recommended actions that come from them, were developed after extensive community consultation and reflect the values and aspirations of a broad cross-section of Lethbridge residents.

The policies of the ICSP/MDP are broken down into six areas:

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A Prosperous City: Lethbridge supports local and regional business and strong financial stewardship

A Healthy and Diverse City: Lethbridge is welcoming, diverse and inclusive—providing opportunities for personal and social development

A Culturally Vibrant City: Lethbridge celebrating history, the arts and recreation

A Well Designed City: Lethbridge uses land and infrastructure efficiently, and maintains a strong park and open space system, a vibrant downtown, and quality urban design

An Environmentally Responsible City: Lethbridge conserves and uses resources as efficiently as possible

A City that Supports the Region: Lethbridge builds strong relationships with neighbouring communities

The ICSP/MDP is prepared in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. Approximately ever ten years the City updates the Plan. All statutory (passed by bylaw) and non-statutory plans, policies and guidelines must be consistent with the policies of the ICSP/MDP.

Due to our obligations under the SSRP, we will be updating the Plan sometime in 2019. The ICSP/MDP update will build on our current Plan and enhance our ability to track progress and be accountable to residents. The planned update of the ICSP/MDP also coincides with our City surpassing 100,000 residents, offering a unique moment for reflection on our past and dream about our future—together.

For more information on the ICSP/MDP contact Robert McKay, Senior Community Planner.

ICSP/MDP Vision Statement
We will continue to work together to ensure that Lethbridge is a leader in environmental stewardship, innovation and active leadership. We are recognized as being safe, healthy, vibrant, prosperous, economically viable and a place where all people can fully participate in community life.

How the pieces fit together: each piece of legislation complies with the level above

Land Use Framework | PROVINCIAL VISION

Alberta Land Stewardship Act | PROVINCIAL TOOL

South Saskatchewan Regional Plan | REGIONAL VISION

Municipal Government Act | PROVINCIAL TOOL

Intermunicipal Development Plan | SUB-REGIONAL VISION

Integrated Community Sustainability Plan/Municipal Development Plan | CITY VISION

Area Structure Plan/Area Redevelopment Plan | NEIGHBOURHOOD(S) VISION

Land Use Bylaw, Outline Plans, Master Plans, Guidelines | CITY/NEIGHBOURHOOD(S) TOOLS