AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SSRP

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What is the SSRP?

The **South Saskatchewan Regional Plan**, or SSRP, was adopted in 2014 by the provincial government. The SSRP establishes a regional vision and outcomes that the provincial government, municipalities and other agencies that make land use decisions must work towards. The SSRP is one of seven **Regional Plans** in the province that will be created in the coming years. The purpose of the regional plans is to balance the many competing interests for our limited land base and environmental and historic resources.

The City of Lethbridge, like all municipalities in the region, is bound to consider the vision and outcome policies of the SSRP when planning and decision-making—we must also be able to demonstrate how that consideration was made. As well, all legislative "tools" that the municipality uses to inform planning and decision-making must be compliant with the SSRP.

The policies of the SSRP are broken down into eight outcome areas:

Economy: *Diversify regional economy*

Air: *Manage air quality to support environmental and human needs*

Biodiversity & Ecosystems: *Sustain biodiversity and ecosystem function*

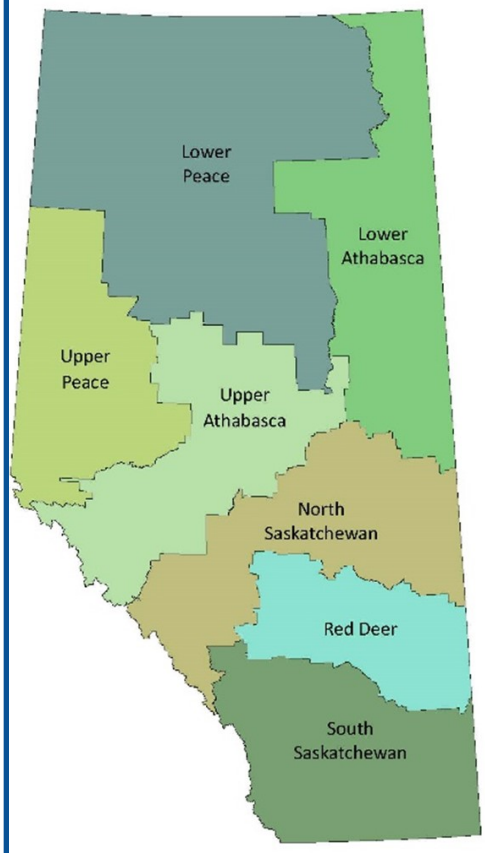
Water: *Manager water quality and quantity to support environmental and human needs*

Efficient Use of Land: *Use land as efficiently as possible*

Outdoor Recreation & Historic Resources: *Enhance quality of life through increased recreation and heritage preservation*

Aboriginal Peoples: *Work collaboratively with Aboriginal Peoples*

Community Development: *Anticipate and accommodate community needs*



Through 2019, Planning and Development Services will be spearheading cross-functional project teams to gather baseline data in each of these eight outcome areas. The **SSRP Compliance Initiative** will gather data and feedback from residents and other key stakeholders to support the City's compliance with the Regional Plan.

Under the umbrella of the Compliance Initiative there are four baseline data gathering projects.

Efficient Land Use Strategy

Environment Strategy

Economy & Tourism Strategy

Relationship Strategy

For more information on the SSRP and Compliance projects contact Maureen Gaehring, Community Planning Manager or Perry Stein, Community Planner.