

BUILDING TOMORROW

A PLAN to secure Alberta's future

A Capital Region plan

25 COMMUNITIES GROWING TOGETHER



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THE CAPITAL REGION IS GROWING LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

The population in its 25 communities from Legal to Leduc and from Wabamun to Lamont, will nearly double by 2041. So there's tremendous opportunity for municipalities to grow together and partner on a regional blueprint for the future.

To jumpstart this opportunity, the province has created a structure for a regional board to start building a regional plan. A long-range plan on regional land use and infrastructure such as roads and transit will be the priority. It can all be done in a deliberate and coordinated fashion, involving all the affected municipalities.

And, by working together municipalities will determine how to share costs on regional infrastructure that benefits every one of us who lives and works in the Capital Region.

"The regional plan will be subject to provincial approval, and we'll ensure that the interests of all residents of the region are protected. There's only one boss — Capital region residents — and they expect governments to preserve the quality of life they've worked so hard to attain."

— PREMIER ED STELMACH

MUNICIPALITIES

Beaumont
Bon Accord
Bruderheim
Calmar
Devon
Edmonton
Fort Saskatchewan
Gibbons
Lamont
Lamont County
Leduc
Leduc County
Legal
Morinville
New Sarepta
Parkland County
Redwater
St. Albert
Spruce Grove
Stony Plain
Strathcona County
Sturgeon County
Thorsby
Wabamun
Warburg

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The board

How will this regional blueprint be drafted?

A regional board of all 25 municipalities will create a long-range regional growth management plan by 2010.

"We think the growth management plan the province has put together is a fair way to handle what's a very difficult situation dealing with that many municipalities."

STONY PLAIN MAYOR KEN LEMKE

How will it work?
By making decisions based on a majority

vote with consideration to population. At least 17 of the 25 members representing at least 75 per cent of the region's population need to agree before a decision is approved. That means municipalities must cooperate and seek consensus. It also means the City of Edmonton, with 70 per cent of the region's population, will need the support of at least 16 of its neighbours for a decision to move forward.

Cost-sharing

Municipalities will not be expected to share revenues. However, municipalities can identify a project benefiting the region where cost-sharing may be appropriate. The province will work with the board to develop a cost-sharing model that would reflect the benefits received and ensures no municipality pays more than they are able. The province will continue to fund its share of required projects and will continue to advocate for federal funding.

The regional plan

The plan will deal with **FOUR MAIN PRIORITIES** that impact the region.

- 1 Regional land-use planning**
identifying residential, commercial, industrial and protected areas and core infrastructure including roads, rail, pipelines, transit and utility corridors.
- 2 Inter-municipal transit**
planning a public transportation network to include future high-growth areas.
- 3 Information services**
developing an electronic system for municipalities to share planning information.
- 4 Affordable housing**
determining the location and quantity of low-income and market-affordable housing required.

SECONDARY PRIORITIES include planning and monitoring of water and waste management, policing, emergency services, social services, recreation and economic development.

The plan will only apply to regional issues affecting more than one municipality.

The province's role

The Alberta government will take a leadership role in regional planning by:

- providing start-up funding and ongoing support to the board;
- sharing transportation plans and policies on process water for industries;
- advocating for federal funding;
- designating utility corridors;
- determining roles and responsibilities for ambulance services;
- continuing to work on housing, workforce challenges and environmental standards for air emissions and protection of land, water and ecosystems; and
- approving plans developed by the board.

"You've got to start somewhere. The board is a good place to begin to strengthen our region in the best interests of our respective municipalities."

LEDUC MAYOR GREG KRISCHKE



What will change?

- Municipalities will have an effective way to identify regional initiatives, make decisions and resolve disputes.
- Future needs can be identified and addressed.
- Combined expertise of a regional board will benefit municipalities.
- Future conflict and costly duplication will be minimized.
- Municipalities will be more effective in bringing issues to the provincial and federal governments.

What will stay the same?

- Residents will continue to be served by existing municipal governments.
- Residents will continue to elect their own municipal councils.
- Residents will continue to pay property taxes and fees determined and collected by their own municipalities.
- Municipalities will continue to determine and provide services for their communities.
- Local bylaws and licensing requirements will remain in effect.
- Existing approved municipal plans will go ahead.

"Many businesses are active throughout the entire region and will benefit from the consistency that will be created through the implementation of an Integrated Growth Management Plan."

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