

March 2018

Welcome to the Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network's new monthly newsletter in which we share information and resources about land use planning in Alberta.

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Land Use Topics *Alberta Regional Plans*

The Government of Alberta's **Land-use Framework** was developed to provide policy direction and guidelines that are founded on "seven basic strategies to improve land-use decision-making in Alberta" (p. 2) in order to manage pressures associated with growth. The primary desired outcomes for this process are to promote a healthy economy that is supported by our land and natural resources, to preserve the health of Alberta's environment and ecosystems, and to ensure the communities are people-friendly and include plenty of recreational and cultural opportunities.

The first strategy is to develop seven regional land use plans based on regions named for the dominant watershed in each part of the province. Two of these regions have completed the process of developing this plan and one region has completed the first consultation process. Click on the links below to find these plans and supporting documents and resources for these regions.

Lower Athabasca Region

Regional Plan (2012-2022) approved August 22, 2012

Lower Peace Region

Not started

North Saskatchewan Region

Phase one of the public consultations completed

Red Deer Region

Not started

South Saskatchewan Region

Amended Regional Plan (2014-2024) approved January 20, 2017

Upper Athabasca Region

Not started

Events

Click on the titles to learn more.

If you have any events that you would like included in future newsletters, please [email us here](#).

March

Alberta's Action on Caribou: Caribou Range Planning

These events began in February

March 1 Fort MacMurray

March 6 High Level

March 8 Grand Prairie

ARPA: Alberta Healthy Communities Symposiums

March 5-6 Edmonton

March 7-8 Calgary

Healthy Landscapes Program Webinar Series

How unique are fire patterns across the boreal forest?:
A means to exploring variability using the Landsat data
archive
March 7 Online

CWN Webinar: Community Engagement in a Federal Study of the Ottawa River

March 8 Online

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

March 8 High River/MD of Foothills (10:00-15:00)

ALIDP: Designing for Tomorrow

A Summit on the Future of Stormwater Management in
Alberta
March 12-14 Calgary

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

March 14 Coaldale/Lethbridge County (10:00-15:00)

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

March 16 Brooks/County of Newell (10:00-15:00)

AAMDC: Spring Convention

March 19-21 Edmonton

Upper Peace Region

Not started

Meet APPI

Alberta Professional Planners Institute



Each month we would like to spotlight one or more of the many organizations that contribute to land use planning in Alberta. For our first newsletter, we would like to introduce the **Alberta Professional Planners Institute** (APPI) the provincial arm of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)

APPI is the regulatory body for the planning profession and they take their responsibilities for promotion, advocacy, and governance of the title Registered Professional Planner seriously.

APPI works to support its members so its professional planners can

- *Support civic leaders, business interests and citizens to envision new possibilities and consider the short and long term consequences of decisions facing the community*
- *Lead in the development of innovations in regulation, programs and policy*
- *Anticipate change to help communities synthesize and meet the challenges of growth and development*
- *Design communities that create better choices for where and how people live and work*
- *Strike a balance between public and private, individual and community interest*

Source: [What We Do](#)

Check out APPI's [Upcoming Events](#) page for workshops and mini-conferences held in Edmonton and Calgary.

Additionally, APPI hosts an annual conference and the 2018 conference will be held in Kananaskis, Alberta from September 30 to October 2. The theme is **Revitalize** and will focus on how planners affect revitalizing change in their communities through their professional practice.

Check out their [call for presenters](#) and the [conference information](#) site.

LuKN was honoured to have the opportunity to video tape some of the sessions at a couple of APPI's past conferences. Check out the proceedings of each of these events.

Building Resilience: 2017 National Planning Conference (APPI & CIP)

Meeting Change: 2016 Annual Conference

EOEP's Regional Partnerships and Collaboration Course

March 19 Edmonton
part of the AAMDC Spring Conference

Webinar: How to be Smart(er): Technology & Data in Mid-Sized Cities in Ontario

March 20 Online

Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA): Performance Update

March 20 Online

Communities in Bloom Registration Deadline

March 31

April

Healthy Landscapes Program Webinar Series

Altered fire regimes and reduced montane forest diversity
April 4 Online

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

April 11 Athabasca/Athabasca County (10:00-15:00)

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

April 13 Red Deer County (10:00-15:00)

fRI Research and CIF: 2018 Forest Forum

Alberta Forests Under Threat: A Call for Action
April 24-25 Edmonton

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA): Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs) workshop

April 13 St. Paul (10:00-15:00)

May

CWN: Blue Cities 2018

May 1-2 Toronto

Healthy Landscapes Program Webinar Series

Do the birds and the bees like NRV?: A simulation
experiment

May 2 Online

AUMA: Come Together Alberta Conference

Planning Tools

Efficient Use of Land: Implementation Tools Compendium

Created in 2014 by the Government of Alberta, this compendium outlines tools and practices to implement strategies for the efficient use of land. The strategies are targeted to planners, landowners and developers, public land managers, and public service providers – anyone involved in land use decision making. Some of the strategies have been tested and applied within Alberta and other strategies are adapted from planning practices around the world.

There are twenty-nine tools and best practices listed in the compendium. Each approach has the potential to contribute to more efficient use of land in every jurisdiction in the province. The compendium is designed to assist in selecting the tools and best practices that will be most effective for the context where they are applied.

This compendium is not an exhaustive list of land use tools, but rather it is the foundation for ideas to improve land use efficiency throughout Alberta.

[Read more about the Efficient Use of Lands: Implementation Tools Compendium resource.](#)

[Check out this list of resources related to the land tools compendium](#)

New on LuKN

Land Use Planning Resources

[Land-use Framework: Understanding Land-use in Alberta \(2007\)](#)

[Land Use Planning Topics: Policy-Collaboration, Planning, & Instruments](#) (scholarly references)

[Land Use Regional Plans: Alberta Environment and Parks \(AEP\)](#)

Resource List: [Land Use Planning in British Columbia](#)

Resource List: [Land Use Planning in Manitoba](#)

Resource List: [Land Use Planning in Ontario](#)

Resource List: [Land Use Planning in the Northwest Territories](#)

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Creating Hope and Taking Action

May 15-17 Edmonton

ALI: 2018 Land Use Conference

Land, Water, & Society

May 30-31 Edmonton

June

Healthy Landscapes Program Webinar Series

Can people change in a day? Measuring impacts from public dialogue on EBM in Alberta

June 6 Online

Save the Date

COSIA 2018 Oil Sands Innovation Summit

June 6-8 Calgary

September

APPI: Fall Conference

Revitalize

September 30- October 2 Kananaskis

News

AAMDC and U of A Survey: The role of land use tools as part of long-term strategy for local development

The University of Alberta, with the support of AAMDC and AUMA, is undertaking a survey to assist in development tools that will assist municipalities.

Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) Fall 2017 Conference Highlights

Check out the highlights of the AAMDC fall conference.

Alberta Municipal Affairs: Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Local Land Use Planning Grants Available

Alberta municipalities with populations under 3,500 who are working to complete a municipal development plan (MDP) for the first time are invited to submit a grant application under the new, limited-term Alberta

Community Partnership (ACP) Local Land Use Planning (LLUP) component from Municipal Affairs.

Landscapes in Motion: A Project of the Healthy Landscapes Program

The Healthy Landscapes Program at fRI Research brings together researchers from several fields, using different techniques as a window into the landscape's past. They are striving to figure out when and where forests burned in the southern Rockies of Alberta, before Europeans started putting fires out and suppressed deliberate burning by Indigenous peoples.

Smart Cities Challenge: Call for input from Calgary residents

Survey is open until April 2, 2018

The City of Calgary is asking citizens, academia, innovators, businesses, and community members to help us create Calgary's submission by identifying an important local issue in our community around two focus areas, economic opportunity and empowerment and inclusion.



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