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## ***Municipal Planning & Urban Agriculture***

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

# Municipal Planning in Alberta

### **Municipal Government Act (2000)** Current as of 1-Apr-2018

The MGA regulates the subdivision and development of land in Alberta. It provides guidance on land use planning in Alberta.

### **Land Use Policies (1996)**

Established by Lieutenant Governor In Council Pursuant to Section 622 of the Municipal Government Act Order in Council 522/96. Section 622 of the MGA provides for the establishment of provincial land use policies that identify common issues to be considered in municipal planning. The *Land Use Policies* will help municipalities to harmonize provincial and municipal policy initiatives at the local land-use planning level.

### **The Legislative Framework for Regional and Municipal Planning: Subdivision and Development Regulation**

The SDR was adopted under the MGA, outlines the information required for subdivision applications, referral agencies, relevant considerations for approvals of subdivision applications, and the time limits for issuing a decision on a subdivision application.

### **How do Municipalities Work Together and Plan for Growth?**

### **Alberta Municipal Affairs: Planning and Development Resources**

### **Resources for Providers of Accessible Transportation Services: A Toolkit**

### **Municipal Plans**

### **Edmonton Region**

### **Calgary Region**

*Continue to watch the LuKN as we upload the plans of other municipalities in Alberta*

## Meet LuKN's Spotlighted Organization



Launched in 2014, the **Alberta Smart City Alliance** is a cross-sector collaboration between community leaders and city builders, forward-thinking governments, corporations, entrepreneurs, and academic innovators. The Alliance is the only organization in Alberta dedicated to the advancement of innovative technological and data-based solutions to many of the complex issues facing provincial municipalities.



**Evergreen** is dedicated to making cities flourish. Since 1991, they have been hard at work, transforming spaces into great places so communities can thrive.

## Planning Tools *Our City, Our Spaces*

Many communities in Ontario have been experimenting with approaches to reanimate spaces, reinvigorate neighbourhoods, and encourage innovation. Our City, Our Spaces report analyzes 4 case studies of innovative uses of public space.

Experience is one of the best ways to learn. In land use planning, the experiences of other jurisdictions can showcase effective strategies without the costs and risks associated with testing new strategies at home.

***Our City, Our Spaces: Adaptive Reuse for Community Benefits*** is a 2017 report that highlights land reuse strategies used by four Ontario municipalities. The four case studies – for Brantford, Peterborough, Kitchener and Hamilton – highlights the diversity of solutions employed by the mid-sized cities through concrete examples. Each city had its own context and challenges, but the various strategies resulted in lasting transformations.

The four case studies demonstrate that every community has its unique land use challenges, but solutions arise from focusing on local priorities, leveraging engaged individuals or groups, and ensuring there is sustainable funding.

## Resources on LuKN

**Land Use Planning Topics**  
(scholarly references lists)

**Land Tools Compendium: Accessibility**

**Land Tools Compendium: Low Impact Development (LID)**

**Land Tools Compendium: Urban Growth**

**Accessibility Planning**

**Urban Planning**

**Urban Sustainability**

**Land Tools Compendium: Transit**

**Urban Agriculture**

**Sustainability: Urban Agriculture** (scholarly references)

**Urban Agriculture, Local Food & Permaculture: A List of Web Resources**

In November 2012 Food Secure Canada held its 7th National Assembly in Edmonton. Called **Powering Up! Food for the Future**, the event featured workshops, presentations, and discussions related to local food, food security, agriculture, and the environment. Check out some of these presentations on LuKN.

Find other resources on **Urban Agriculture** on the Land-use Knowledge Network.

## EVENTS

## NEWS

If you have an event or announcement that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email **Linda** with the details.

### May

**CWN: Blue Cities 2018**

May 1-2 Toronto

**CIF e-Lecture - How Restoration Best Practices can Support Caribou Habitat**

May 2 Online

**CIF e-Lecture - Catch 22 in Boreal Forest (or how we Force Caribou to Make a Choice and Die)**

May 9 Online

**Alberta Society of Professional Biologists (ASPB) Annual Wetland Workshop**

May 14 Cochrane

**AUMA: Come Together Alberta Conference**

Creating Hope and Taking Action

May 15-17 Edmonton

**Canadian Water Network (CWN) Leveraging Asset Management Data for Improved Water Infrastructure Planning Webinar**

May 23 Online

**Tamarack Institute: Adaptive Leadership Masterclass**

May 24 Edmonton

May 25 Calgary

**ALI: 2018 Land Use Conference**

Land, Water, & Society

May 30-31 Edmonton

### June

**Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF) and Inter-municipal Development Plans (IDP) Workshops**

June 1 Hanna/Special Areas



Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN) Two Open Funding Calls for Proposal

**Rural Homelessness Data Estimation Counts: Call for Proposal**

*Deadline to apply is Friday, May 4, 2018*

In order to help communities in rural Alberta meet these challenges and provide support throughout the process of conducting a homelessness estimation survey, the FCSSAA has now created a small grant program (maximum of \$5,000) to be made available to eligible communities to help to offset some of the costs.

**Rural Opioid Education and Outreach: Call for Expressions of Interest**

*Deadline to apply is Monday, May 7, 2018*

The Rural Community Opioid Outreach Program (RCOOP) will provide rural communities throughout Alberta with funding and support for local, community-driven opioid public awareness and education outreach.



**Bill 10: Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) legislation**

Bill 10: *An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements* was introduced on April 12, 2018, to let municipalities

June 20 Leduc  
June 21 Hardisty/Flagstaff County

*Registration now open*

### **COSIA 2018 Oil Sands Innovation Summit**

June 7-8 Calgary

### **Cities Innovating to Reduce Poverty - A Western Summit**

June 12-13 Vancouver

### **fRI Research Workshop: From Concept to Reality: Creating a Road Map for Ecosystem-Based Management**

June 19-20 Edmonton

## July

### **Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool-Actual Training Course**

*Field Training*

July 17 Calgary

July 19 Edmonton

## September

### **APPI: Fall Conference: Revitalize**

September 30- October 2 Kananaskis

## October

*Save the date*

### **Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium 2018**

October 24-26 Canmore

establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program that would make it more affordable for Albertans to upgrade their properties without having to put money down.

Under PACE, municipalities would install and pay for upgrades on private property and recover costs through the owners' property taxes.

The Government of Alberta is looking for your input on the **North Saskatchewan Regional Plan**. The NS Regional Advisory Committee's **recommendations document** is available now and you can add your voice to the process by completing an **online survey** before *May 4, 2018*.

Check out our resource list related to the **North Saskatchewan Regional Planning** process.

### **Government Funding for the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre**

In order to expand on the programs, that fund solar panel installations, energy-efficiency audits and retrofits, and climate change resilience workshops, Alberta Environment and Parks has pledged \$54 million to enable the addition of multi-year programs for small-scale community generation, energy-efficiency upgrades for buildings, solar energy for schools and more.



The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) has rebranded to make it easier for people to comprehend who they are and what they represent. It will provide greater flexibility for marketing and advocacy as they expand their business for the benefit of all their members. Their new name is now the **Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)**.



The Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced new funding to help municipalities take action on climate change and resilience. **Read the details.**

