



July 2018

## Low Impact Development and Regional Boards

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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### North Saskatchewan Regional Plan (NSRP)

### Land Use Planning Hub

North Saskatchewan Region: Counties and Municipal Districts



The North Saskatchewan Region contains a diverse landscape encompassing Rocky Mountain, rolling foothill and prairie parkland ecosystems. The North Saskatchewan Region includes headwaters forests that provide clean water to downstream communities, mountains foothills, and parkland that support a diversity of habitats that provide homes for species at risk and serves as a major source of recreation and tourism.

The North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council Recommendations Report Survey is now closed.

Please stay tuned for the next steps.

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

**Recommendations Document from the North Saskatchewan Regional Advisory Council**

### Land Use Planning Hub Launches in June

The **Land Use Planning Hub** is an informal network that supports the implementation of Alberta's regional plans.

Launching in June 2018, the Land Use Planning Hub connects practitioners and planners from around the province to share information, stories, and feedback related to land use planning. This website was created and is operated by fRI Research, with support from the Land Use Secretariat.

Here is how to use the Land Use Planning Hub:

**See** how organizations are implementing Alberta's regional plans

**Connect** with land use practitioners throughout the province

**Learn** about land use strategies and approaches

**Keep up** on the latest land use news

**Share** your experiences to improve land use planning in Alberta

The Land Use Planning Hub complements the **Land-use Knowledge Network**, which was launched by fRI Research in June 2011. Together, the two websites offer resources, information, and support for planners and land use practitioners throughout the province.

For more information about the Land Use Planning Hub, contact the website's coordinator, **Jeff Wiehler**.

## Meet LuKN's Spotlighted Organizations



Their mission is to expand regional capacity to deliver regional geographic information services that support regional initiatives through the collaboration of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board and the Edmonton Metropolitan Region municipalities

The **Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB)** is a regional growth management board consisting of an elected official from the 13 member municipalities (Beaumont, Devon, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Leduc County, Morinville, Parkland County, Spruce Grove, St. Albert, Stony Plain, Strathcona County, Sturgeon County) from within the Region and was established in 2008 as the Capital Region Board.

### Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan Dashboard

Here you will find 26 KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) that are used to determine if the actions of EMRB member municipalities are achieving the desired outcomes of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan in the following policy areas: Economic competitiveness and employment, natural living systems, communities and housing, integration of land use and infrastructure, transportation systems, agriculture, and implementation. Check out the dashboard to see how your community is doing.

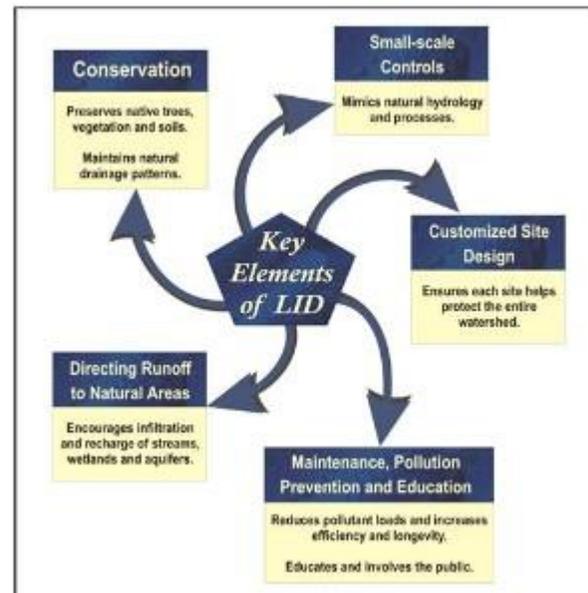
### Re-imagine. Plan. Build: Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (2016)

### Capital Region Energy Corridors Master Plan



The **Calgary Metropolitan Region Board** is committed to working towards ensuring long term, sustainable growth for the Calgary Region. The communities on this board consist of elected members from the following communities: Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, M.D. of Foothills No. 31, High River, Okotoks, Rocky View County, Strathmore, Wheatland County.

## Land Use Topics Low Impact Development (LID)



Low Impact Development (LID) is a land development approach that recreates natural landscape features in developed areas to minimize the hard surfaces that impede storm water drainage that leads to flooding. LID also manages the collection of storm water rather than just finding ways to dispose of it as well as managing and minimizing the pollutant loads that can be washed into the watershed.

Check out what the **City of Edmonton** and the **City of Calgary** are doing to promote LID in their communities

## Resources on the LuKN

Land Use Planning Topics: **Land Tools Compendium-Low Impact Development** (scholarly references)

### Municipal Management of Industrial Development

A new report developed through the Community Conserve project focuses on how municipalities can manage industrial development within their municipal boundaries.

## EVENTS

Click on the titles to learn more.

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

### July

#### **Vision Zero Edmonton: 10th Annual International Conference on Urban Traffic Safety**

July 9-12 Edmonton

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

Field Training

July 17 Calgary

July 19 Edmonton

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

July 26 County of Stettler and Town of Stettler

### August

#### **Canada Green Building Council: Intro to Energy Benchmarking and ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager**

August 1 Edmonton

### September

#### **Municipal Innovators Community (MIC) 2018 Conference- Re:Designing Government**

September 19-21 Calgary

Save the Date

#### **Okotoks Bioretention Research Facility Site Tour**

September 21 Okotoks

#### **AUMA 2018 Convention and AMSC Trade Show**

September 26-28 Red Deer

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

September 30- October 2 Kananaskis

## NEWS

#### **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 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.

#### **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.

Events continued...

## October

### **Canada Green Building Council: Alberta Sustainable Building Symposium**

October 11-12 Calgary

Save the Date

### **Remote Sensing Workshop**

Oct 24-25 Edmonton

*Early bird registration ends August 31!*

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

October 24 - 26 Canmore

## November

Save the date

### **RMA Fall 2018 Convention**

November 20-22 Edmonton

### **RMA Water and Agriculture Conference**

November 22 Crossfield

### **Canadian Storm Water Institute Conference**

November 26-27 Calgary

### **ALIDP Ready, Aim, Fire: Strategies to Target and Achieve Resilience** (half day workshop)

Part of the Canadian Storm Water Institute Conference

November 27 Calgary



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