



COUNCIL REPORT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING September 10, 2024

Bylaw 1059-24 – Our Complete Community: Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw – First Reading

RECOMMENDATION	
THAT Bylaw 1059-24, Our Complete Community: Municipal Development Plan, Amending Bylaw, be given first reading.	
REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION	Decision required
STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT – BUILDING OUR TOMORROW, TODAY	Future-proof growth for a safe, inclusive, and vibrant community.
COUNCIL BYLAW, POLICY, MASTER PLAN	Our Complete Community: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 938-19
COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE HISTORY	March 26, 2019 Council approved <i>Our Complete Community</i> Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 938-19

Report

The purpose of this amendment is to align Beaumont’s Municipal Development Plan (MDP) with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) Rural Agriculture Master Plan (RAMP) (<https://www.emrb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/RAMP-2021.pdf>). The RAMP was endorsed by the Government of Alberta in late 2022. The RAMP requires members of EMRB to complete a RAMP Regional Context Statement within one year of the approval of RAMP by the province and to update our respective MDPs within two years of the approval (i.e., end of 2024). The RAMP also required members, such as Beaumont, who have lands that are within Policy Area 4 Urban Agriculture to prepare an Urban Agriculture Plan and submit it to EMRB for review and comment.

Bylaw 938-19 - Our Complete Community: Municipal Development Plan (https://www.beaumont.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Schedule-A_Our-Complete-Community_201903200925282054-compressed.pdf) was approved by Council on March 16, 2019. A MDP is a statutory planning document that sets out a clear vision for a community’s future and serves as an important decision-making tool for Council, Administration, and all interest groups and rights holders to guide the future growth and development of the entire community. Section 632 of the Municipal Government Act requires all municipalities to adopt a Municipal Development Plan, which all statutory plans must be consistent with.

Administration completed the Urban Agriculture Plan (https://www.beaumont.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/20231023_Beaumont_UrbanAgPlan-compressed.pdf) and the RAMP Regional Context Statement in November 2023. The Regional Context Statement was submitted to EMRB for information before the deadline. The Statement identified three (3) areas that the MDP will have to be updated to be consistent with RAMP.

These are:

- Update Section 13 Maps to include mapping of Beaumont's lands that are classified as Policy Area 3 Agriculture in Future Transition Lands and Policy Area 4 Urban Agriculture, and
- Update Section 13 Maps to include mapping of Beaumont's Prime Agriculture Areas that fall into Policy Area 3, and
- Update Section 10.1 Our Complete Community Action List (p. 72) to include Beaumont's Urban Agriculture Plan

Administration recommends first reading of Bylaw 1059-24, as it complies with all higher level plans and policies, including the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, including the RAMP and will continue to achieve the vision and goals of Our Complete Community.

Following first reading of Bylaw 1059-24, the amendment package will be circulated to the EMRB for review and approval through the Regional Evaluation Framework process. Once it is approved by the EMRB and is not appealed, Bylaw 1059-24 will be brought back to Council for the Public Hearing and second and third readings.

Financial Analysis

There is no financial impact to the city if Council approves this amendment.

Risk Analysis

There is no risk in Council approving this Bylaw amendment. However, if Council does not approve this first reading of the bylaw, there is the risk of not meeting the EMRB RAMP timeline to update the MDP within two (2) years of the approval of the RAMP by the Government.

Community Insight

There is no public engagement to this administrative amendment to the MDP. The amendment package was circulated to City Departments and affected external agencies for comments between May 28, 2024, to July 17, 2024. There are no concerns received from this referral.

Attachments

- 1 Bylaw 1059-24 Municipal Development Plan Amending Bylaw
- 2 Beaumont RAMP Regional Context Statement (2023)
- 3 EMRB Regional Evaluation Framework Fact Sheet