

Part 1: RAMP Framework, Policy Areas and Agricultural Areas

RAMP Framework	Consistency Requirement	MDP Response	Action Required
Policy Definitions		Existing MDP has definitions for Urban Agriculture.	N/A
Identify relevant RAMP Policy Areas		Existing MDP does not outline Policy Area 3 or Policy Area 4.	Update Section 13 Maps to include mapping of Beaumont's lands that are classified as Policy Area 3 and Policy Area 4
Identify relevant Prime Agricultural Areas		Existing MDP does not outline the locations of Prime Agricultural Areas in Beaumont.	Update Section 13 Maps to include mapping of Beaumont's Prime Agricultural Areas that fall into Policy Area 3
Identify relevant All Other Agricultural Areas		N/A - Policy Area 1 does not apply to the City of Beaumont.	N/A
Identify relevant Specialty Agriculture Lands		N/A - Policy Area 1 does not apply to the City of Beaumont.	N/A

Part 2: RAMP Policies

Policy Area	RAMP Policy	Consistency Requirement	MDP Response	Action Required
Policy Area 3: Agriculture in Future Transition Lands	1. Agricultural lands in Policy Area 3 will remain in agriculture use until the lands are needed for population and/or employment growth.		Existing Section 4.4.6. Discourage Fragmented and Inefficient Development satisfies this RAMP policy.	N/A

	<p>2. Subdivision and development should be limited to maintain large parcel sizes to support ongoing agricultural operations until the lands are needed for population and/or employment growth.</p>		<p>Existing Section 4.4 Discourage Fragmented and Inefficient Development has provisions for limiting premature fragmentation.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>3. Until the lands are needed for population and/or growth, agricultural producers must have access to their agricultural lands to farm their lands. This includes but is not limited to maintaining field approaches and local roads sufficient to accommodate agricultural machinery.</p>		<p>Existing MDP does not have provisions for ensuring agricultural lands have adequate access or local roadways can support agricultural machinery.</p> <p>MDP through Section 6.0 Effective Movement of People and Goods has the objective that ‘All areas of the community will be connected via appropriate and convenient links to the transportation network.’</p> <p>Beaumont’s Urban Agriculture Plan’s Goal “Agriculture” has the following Policy Statement: ‘Ensure that existing agricultural operations continue to have access to land, including access to agricultural lands through field approaches and local roads sufficient to accommodate agricultural machinery.’</p> <p>Existing Section 6.0 paired with the Implementation of Beaumont’s Urban Agriculture Plan satisfies this RAMP policy.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>4. Consideration must be given to public education about the daily and seasonal operational needs of agriculture and agricultural operators, in order to increase awareness and understanding and reduce conflict.</p>		<p>Existing MDP does not have provisions that encourage specific public education on agricultural operations or operators.</p> <p>MDP through Section 3.6 encourages 'continued pursuit of knowledge in the community by providing or supporting learning programs.'</p> <p>Beaumont's Urban Agriculture Plan has Goals and Actions supporting education and improved knowledge on agriculture and agricultural operators.</p> <p>Existing Section 3.6 paired with the implementation of Beaumont's Urban Agriculture Plan satisfies this RAMP policy.</p>	N/A
	<p>5. Existing agricultural operations shall be given consideration to be kept as an existing land use supported by an urban agriculture plan.</p>		<p>Existing Section 4.4.6. Discourage Fragmented and Inefficient Development satisfies this RAMP policy.</p>	N/A
<p>Policy Area 4: Urban Agriculture</p>	<p>1. Urban agriculture plans will be prepared for each member municipality with an urban or rural center and is encouraged for Hamlets with a minimum population of 500. (See Appendix 1 - Urban Agriculture Plan Guidelines).</p>	<p><i>Identify the requirement for an Urban Agriculture Plan</i></p>	<p>Urban Agriculture Plan is expected to be accepted by City Council in November 2023.</p>	<p>Update Section 10.1 Our Complete Community Action List to include Beaumont's Urban Agriculture Plan.</p>

	2. Existing agricultural operations shall be given consideration to be kept as an existing land use and supported by an urban agriculture plan.	<i>Identify potential operations for consideration</i>	Existing MDP encourages agricultural operations within Policy Area 4 through the promoting of value-added agriculture uses in Section 5.0 Economic Strength (MDP).	N/A
	3. Policies must be included in statutory plans to enable urban agriculture in suitable locations throughout Policy Area 4.		Existing MDP within the Section 3 Healthy Vibrant Community has the overall objective to “encourage opportunities for all types of urban agriculture.” In addition, section 3.2.4. encourages the trial of urban agriculture pilots.	N/A
	4. Value-added agriculture uses will be considered in this policy area.		Existing MDP within Section 5.1.2 has provisions to encourage value-added agriculture as an economic strength in Policy Area 4.	N/A
Implementation	5.1 Agricultural Land and Soils		Existing MDP does not have provisions to recognize soil as a non-renewable resource, manage soil or control soil exportation. The MDP contains: - Section 7.1.2. Implement the strategies to guide natural resource development, support economic growth, and protect the environment as set out in the Provincial Land Use Policies.	N/A

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 7.1.3 In addition to this plan, the environmental aspects of all new development and redevelopment shall be guided by Beaumont's Environmental Master Plan and Recreation, Parks and Facilities Master Plan. - Section 7.5.1. encourages all new/re-development to incorporate best practices to minimize soil erosion, protect and enhance riparian zones, and conserve and enhance areas that contain habitat for plants or wildlife species to support biodiversity, sustainability, and a functional ecological network. <p>COB is going to be creating a biodiversity strategy as directed by the Environmental Master Plan which will outline best practices to support Section 7.5.1 of the MDP and Section 5.1 of RAMP. Best practices for soil management, once identified in the biodiversity strategy, will be incorporated into new area structure plans for greenfield areas through the</p>	
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			<p>implementation of the biodiversity strategy.</p> <p>The COB will create a Biodiversity Strategy to guide soil management in the City of Beaumont.</p>	
	5.2 Land Use		<p>(3) 8.1.2. Safety and Emergency Management encourages land use compatibility.</p> <p>(4)(5) Section 4.5.5. Neighbourhood Design, 7.0 Environmental, and Stewardship encourages environmental reclamation, compatibility and connectivity to natural areas.</p>	N/A
	5.3 Agricultural System		<p>The implementation of Agricultural Systems will be achieved through the implementation of Beaumont's UAP, specifically through the encouragement of the plan's goals and the policies attached to the goals.</p> <p>The completion of a Biodiversity Strategy to provide guidance on best practices for soil management plans will satisfy (5.3.5)</p>	N/A