



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)?

An IDP is a plan that is jointly developed by two municipalities that share a boundary. The purpose of an IDP is to minimize land use and development conflicts, provide opportunities for collaboration and communication, and outline processes for the resolution of issues that may arise within the area of mutual interest adjacent to the shared boundary.

The IDP may:

- Establish how the two municipalities will work together
- Address future land use, subdivision and development of land
- Identify potential opportunities to co-ordinate transportation, services, and utilities across the shared boundary

2. What is an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF)?

An ICF formalizes existing collaborative work between municipalities that share a boundary. The primary goal an ICF is to ensure that neighbouring municipalities work together to achieve efficient service delivery (transportation; water and wastewater; solid waste; emergency services and recreation). As well, it provides a clear set of expectations for how conflict should be resolved if service-related issues arises. Mountain View County and MD of Bighorn are working together to identify common services, and the best way to deliver them in a manner beneficial to residents of both municipalities.

3. What is the link between an IDP and an ICF?

Land use and development relies on the provision of services. In order to ensure that future and existing land uses are compatible with the services available to support them, an ICF is not complete unless an IDP is completed. As a result both documents must be developed in tandem so a complete picture of boundary land-use policies and servicing policies is created.

4. Why are Mountain View County and MD of Bighorn developing an IDP?

The Province introduced the requirement for municipalities to adopt an IDP with each adjacent municipality in order to improve intermunicipal relationships, planning processes, and local decision-making.

Mountain View County and MD of Bighorn worked collaboratively to prepare the IDP, and the plan will formalize the working relationship between the two municipalities. IDPs allow municipalities to be aware of each other's land use and development patterns, and adjust accordingly in order to align common interests. Ultimately, the plan aims to prevent land use conflicts and encourage opportunities of mutual benefit.

5. How was the IDP be prepared?

Administrations from both municipalities collaborated to draft the IDP in accordance with the direction of both Councils. A Review Committee consisting of area Councillors and senior staff from each municipality has been appointed to provide feedback and guidance. After completion of the document, both Councils will independently consider adoption at Public Hearings.

Review Committee	
Mountain View County	MD of Bighorn
Councillor Greg Harris – Division 2	Councillor Erik Butters Ward 4
Reeve Bruce Beattie – Division 4	Deputy Reeve Paul Clark Ward 3

Some key principles that guide the development of the IDP are:

- Both municipalities will retain the ability to make independent decisions within their boundaries
- Agriculture as the predominant use of the land
- Respect existing economic undertakings and protect future areas of economic interest in a mutually beneficial manner

6. What lands will be affected or impacted by the IDP?

The IDP Area is half (0.5) a mile on either side of the shared boundary except in the most northern extent where the Red Deer River forms the natural boundary; and in the most southern extent where a quarter section in Mountain View County is accessed from roads within Mountain View County’s and Rocky View County’s jurisdiction and is therefore, excluded from this IDP.

The IDP has minimal impact on landowners as the IDP does not change land designations or uses. Rather, the IDP aims to ensure that future land uses on either side of the boundary do not conflict with one another and allow municipalities to work together should any development conflicts arise along the shared boundary.

7. How can I participate in the development of the IDP?

The draft IDP is available on the webpage for your review and comment. Both Councils will consider the IDP through separate Public Hearings, and all landowners within the proposed IDP Area will receive written notification of the date of the hearing. Residents are welcome to attend and address Council if they wish. In the meantime, any comments or questions are welcome throughout the process.

Contact the Planner from your County for more information.

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