



August 13, 2019

Attention: Landowner

Dear Sir/Madam:

### **NOTICE of OPEN HOUSE - August 28, 2019**

The Municipal District of Bighorn and Town of Canmore are working together to create an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP). We invite you to join us for an Open House from 4-7 p.m. on August 28, 2019 at the Mad Dog Café at 120 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Dead Man's Flats.

#### ***What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)?***

This statutory plan would establish a process for the Town of Canmore and the MD of Bighorn that ensures future land use/development is coordinated comprehensively, in planning and development of lands adjacent to their municipal boundaries. The aim of the IDP is to cultivate a respectful and consistent approach to matters of mutual interest along our common boundary.

#### ***Why are Town of Canmore and Municipal District 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. IDPs allow municipalities to be aware of each other's land use and development patterns, and adjust accordingly in order to align common interests.

#### ***What lands will be affected or impacted by the IDP, and how might it affect me?***

IDPs have minimal impact on landowners as **they do not change land designations or allowed uses**. Rather, IDPs aim to ensure that existing plans do not conflict with one another, and allow municipalities to work together to solve any problems that may arise. The IDP Plan area is a shared boundary between the Town of Canmore and the MD of Bighorn at Dead Man's Flats, as shown on the map below. The entire Plan Area can be seen in the IDP document.

#### ***How can I see the Draft IDP?***

More information is available at our webpage, which will also feature updates and a draft of the IDP. The noted link will take you to the draft IDP.

**[mdbighorn.ca](http://mdbighorn.ca) → Services → Planning Services → Intermunicipal Development Plans**

Comments received at the Open House will be considered in preparing the final draft IDP. The IDP process requires three (3) bylaw readings and a Public Hearing by each Council in order to



be approved. All landowners will receive written notification of the Public Hearing date. Residents are welcome to attend and address each Councils' Public Hearing if they wish.

In the meantime, comments or questions are welcome throughout the process. To share your thoughts, provide feedback, or receive clarification, please contact the below noted representatives from your municipality.

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