

SECTION 16: INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

Municipalities across Alberta are increasingly recognizing the benefits of regional collaboration to enhance the long-term sustainability of their communities. The Municipal District of Willow Creek acknowledges the importance of maintaining strong working relationships with neighbouring municipalities that share common economic priorities and development objectives.

Objectives:

- Foster effective collaboration on planning matters with neighbouring municipalities.
- Leverage shared opportunities to maximize the efficient use of transportation networks, infrastructure, and other regional assets.
- Maintain open communication and ongoing dialogue on issues of mutual interest and concern.
- Strengthen cooperative relationships with adjacent urban and rural municipalities.

Policies:

- 16.1.1 The Municipal District will maintain and strengthen collaborative relationships with neighbouring municipalities, including supporting mutually beneficial service agreements.
- 16.1.2 The Municipal District will actively identify and pursue new opportunities for collaboration in program and service delivery, facility operations, economic development, and land use planning.
- 16.1.3 The Municipal District will seek to establish partnerships with businesses, government agencies, school boards, post-secondary institutions, and non-profit organizations to support the development and operation of recreational, cultural, and community facilities.
- 16.1.4 The Municipal District will collaborate with adjacent rural and urban municipalities throughout all stages of the planning process—from concept to development—to ensure compatible land uses in accordance with adopted Intermunicipal Development Plans.