



WELCOME TO THE MDP RENEWAL

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE MD OF WILLOW CREEK

Our Community. Our Plan. Our Future.

WE ARE RENEWING THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (MDP)

The MDP is our community’s long-range plan that shapes how and where growth and development happen over the next 25 years.

It helps protect what we value most, supports a strong agricultural future, and ensures the MD of Willow Creek remains a great place to live, work and invest.



THIS PLAN WILL HELP US:



PROTECT
agricultural
land and our
rural character



GUIDE
responsible
growth and
development



STEWARD
our natural
resources and
environment



SUPPORT
strong
communities
and quality of life



BUILD
a resilient
and prosperous
future



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We want to hear from residents, landowners, farmers, businesses, and community members. Your input will shape the future of the MD of Willow Creek.



WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN

Share your ideas, ask questions and tell us what matters most to you and your community.

*Together, let's plan
for a strong future.*



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LEARN MORE. STAY INVOLVED
Visit the MDP Project Website for updates, resources and ways to get involved.

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WHAT IS AN MDP?



WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

A PLAN FOR TODAY. A VISION FOR TOMORROW.



THE MDP IS OUR COMMUNITY'S ROADMAP

The Municipal Development Plan is our long-range plan that sets the vision for how land is used and how our community grows and evolves over the next 25 years. It helps us:

- Direct growth to the right places
- Protect agricultural land and our rural way of life
- Care for our natural environment and water resources
- Plan for infrastructure, services and community facilities
- Support a strong and resilient economy and communities

THE MDP WORKS TOGETHER WITH:

- The Land Use Bylaw
- Other Municipal plans and strategies
- Provincial and Regional plans
- Community input and local knowledge



YOUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL

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OUR
COMMUNITY
TODAY

WILLOW CREEK TODAY

A strong rural community built on agriculture, natural beauty and a proud heritage.

The MD of Willow Creek is a diverse and vibrant rural municipality in Southern Alberta. We are home to productive farmland, picturesque landscapes, and welcoming communities and a resilient spirit.



AGRICULTURE

Fertile land and a strong agricultural community are at the heart of our economy and way of life



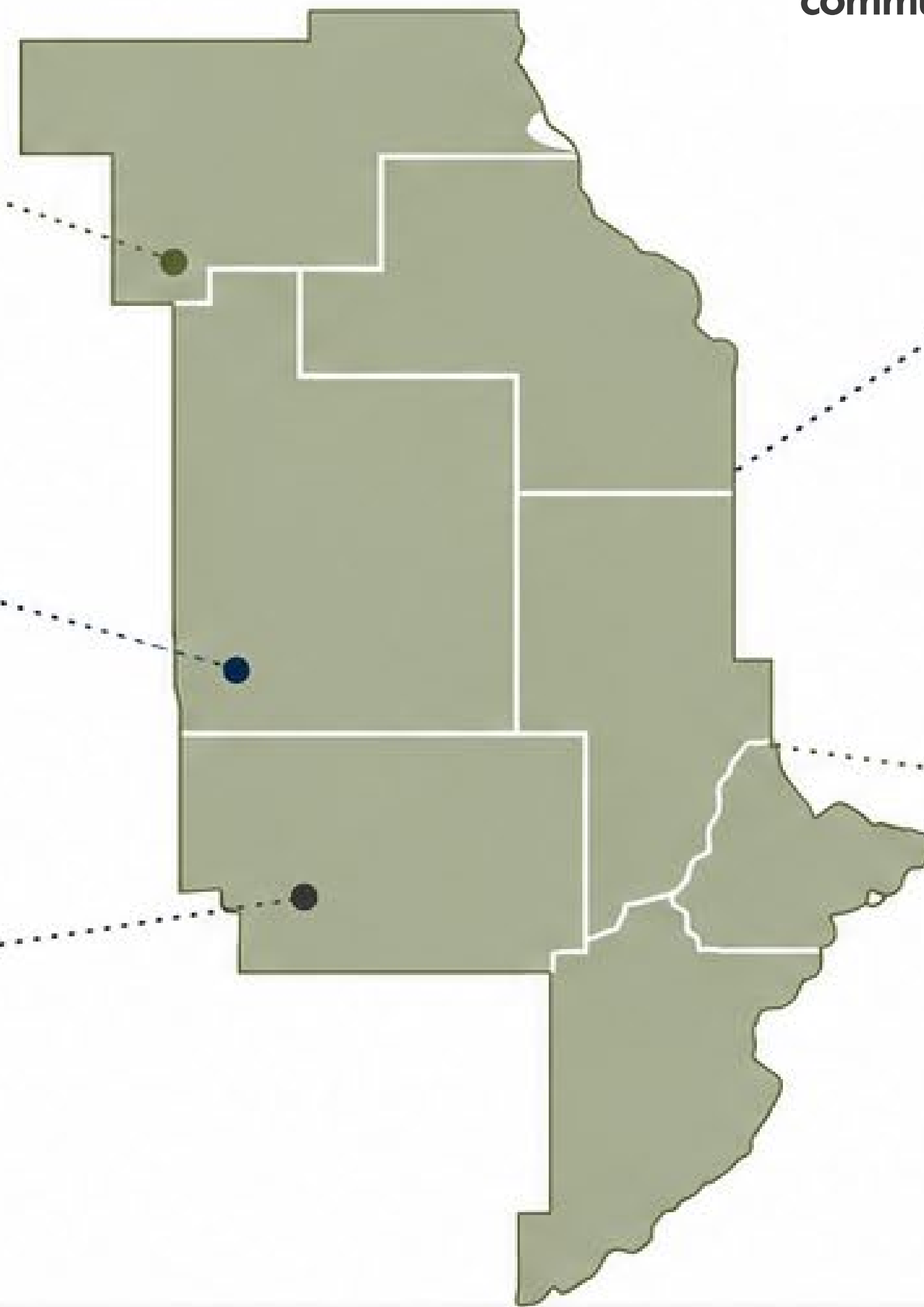
RURAL CHARACTER

Wide open spaces, scenic views and a peaceful rural lifestyle makes the MD of Willow Creek a great place to call home.



COMMUNITY

From our hamlets to our neighbourhoods, we value strong connections, volunteer spirit and looking out for one another



NATURAL LANDSCAPES

Rolling foothills, rivers and grassland shape our landscape and support a rich biodiversity.



STRATEGIC LOCATION

Located at the crossroads of Highways 2 and 3, we are well connected to regional markets and opportunities.

BY THE NUMBERS



6,600+
Residents (2024 est.)



~ 1,108,000
Acres of land



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Recognized Hamlets
Orton, Parkland, Woodhouse,
Moon River Estates, Granum



2 MAJOR HIGHWAYS
Highway 2 (N-S)
Highway 3 (E-W)

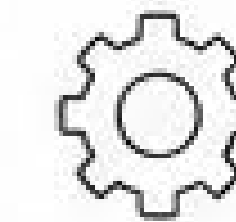


VAST NATURAL ASSETS
Rivers, coulees, grasslands
and diverse wildlife

OUR ECONOMY



AGRICULTURE



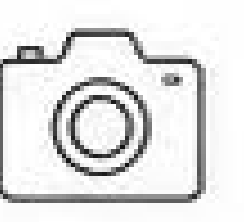
AGRI-BUSINESS
SERVICES



TRANSPORTATION
& LOGISTICS



RETAIL &
SERVICES



TOURISM &
HERITAGE

A diverse rural economy built on hard work, entrepreneurship and community.

WHAT WE VALUE



RURAL LIFESTYLE
& COMMUNITY



AGRICULTURAL
HERITAGE



NATURAL
LANDSCAPES



RESILIENT &
WELCOMING



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Your ideas and local knowledge are essential to creating a plan that reflects our community and prepares us for the future.



SHARE YOUR INPUT

Let us know what you love about the MD of Willow Creek, what challenges we face and what our priorities should be.

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and build a strong future for the
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WHAT WE HEARD



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IN SPRING 2026, WE ASKED FOR YOUR INPUT

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey, provided comments and shared ideas. Your input is shaping the future of the MD of Willow Creek.

HOW WE ENGAGED



ONLINE SURVEY

Open to all residents, landowners and stakeholders



ONLINE VIDEO SERIES

A series of short videos shared online to provide project updates and explain key topics.



DEDICATED PROJECT WEBSITE

A central place to learn about the project, access resources and share your feedback.

THEMES THAT MATTER MOST TO OUR COMMUNITY



PROTECT

AGRICULTURAL LAND & RURAL LANDSCAPES

Keep farming strong and preserve the open spaces and natural beauty that define Willow Creek.



MAINTAIN

RURAL CHARACTER & LIFESTYLE

Support the rural way of life, quiet communities and the values that make Willow Creek home.



FOCUS

GROWTH IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS

Direct growth to the right places while protecting agricultural land and rural character.



STEWARD

WATER, LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES

Care for our water, land and natural systems for future generations.

OTHER TOP PRIORITIES



IMPROVE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



PLAN FOR HAMLETS & COMMUNITY SERVICES



ENHANCE EMERGENCY SERVICES & SAFETY



DOES THIS REFLECT WHAT MATTERS TO YOU ?

These themes highlight what we heard most often, but there may be other ideas we missed. We want to hear from you!



YOUR IDEAS HELP SHAPE THE PLAN

Your input is essential to building a plan that reflects our shared values and prepares the MD of Willow Creek for the future.

Thank you for sharing your voice!



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We will keep you informed throughout the process. More ways to participate are coming soon!

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OUR VISION



OUR VISION

A SHARED VISION. A STRONGER FUTURE.

The MD of Willow Creek envisions a vibrant, resilient and connected rural community where agriculture thrives, natural landscapes are protected, and people and businesses grow and prosper together.



OUR VISION

A resilient rural community that preserves, enhances and enriches our evolving rural way of life for all generations to live, work and prosper as members of this farming and ranching community.



A VISION WE BUILD TOGETHER

This vision will guide our decisions, shape our plan and help create a bright future for Willow Creek.

OUR VALUES GUIDE OUR PLAN



RURAL CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

We value our rural lifestyle, strong communities and a sense of belonging.



AGRICULTURAL & NATURAL LANDSCAPES

We respect and protect our fertile land, natural beauty and environmental assets.



RESILIENT & PROSPEROUS

We encourage smart growth, economic opportunity and long-term resilience.



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AGRICULTURE
OUR FOUNDATION



AGRICULTURE: OUR FOUNDATION

Agriculture is the backbone of the MD of Willow Creek. It shapes our landscapes, supports our economy, and defines our rural way of life. The MD is committed to protecting productive agricultural lands, supporting farm operations of all sizes, and encouraging diversification and innovation for a strong and sustainable future.



WHY IT MATTERS

Healthy farms and ranches support local jobs, provide food security, preserve open space and rural character, and strengthen the long-term prosperity of our communities.

A DIVERSE AND RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY



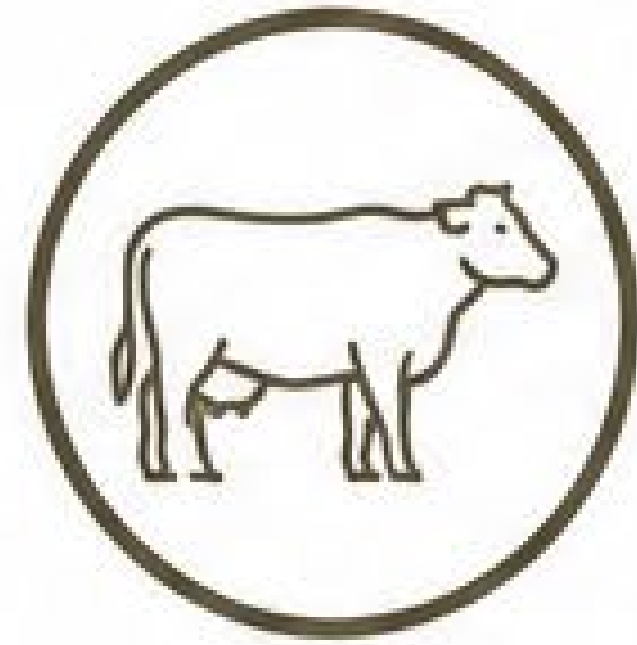
TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE

Supporting established farming and ranching operations that are the foundation of our local economy.



LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURE

Encouraging innovative and value-added agricultural enterprises that create local opportunities and jobs.



CONFINED FEEDING OPERATIONS

Working collaboratively with producers to support responsible development that minimizes land use conflicts and protects the environment.



AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Promoting the services, products and infrastructure that helps our farms and ranches thrive and grow.

OUR OBJECTIVES



PROTECT

Protect productive agricultural land for current and future generations



SUPPORT

Support farm viability, innovation diversification in agriculture.



PLAN

Ensure compatible development through good planning and responsible land use .



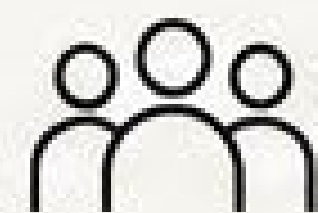
STEWARDSHIP

Promote sustainable land and water stewardship to protect our natural resources.

OUR POLICY APPROACH



Protect agricultural land from fragmentation and incompatible uses.



Protect agricultural land with producers, agencies and neighbouring municipalities.



Ensure access to sustainable water and reliable infrastructure.



Encourage value-added opportunities that build a resilient rural economy.



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RURAL CHARACTER & COMMUNITY

A rural character, strong sense of community, and relaxed lifestyle are what make the MD of Willow Creek a special place to live, work and raise a family. We are committed to preserving the natural beauty of our landscapes, supporting our Hamlets and neighborhoods, and encouraging a variety of housing options that meet the needs of our growing and diverse population.



RURAL LIFESTYLE & CHARACTER

Protecting the wide-open spaces, natural landscapes, and agricultural heritage that define our rural way of life.

- Protect scenic views, valued landscape and dark skies.
- Support agricultural operations and strong working landscapes.
- Minimize land use conflict to support peaceful rural living.
- Respect our history, heritage and culture.



HAMLETS: OUR COMMUNITY CENTRES

Our hamlets play an important role as local service and gathering places that support quality of life.

- Support the vitality and long-term growth of our recognized hamlets.
- Encourage compatible development that maintains their unique character.
- Plan for community services, infrastructure and amenities.
- Promote local events, traditions and volunteerism.

*Orton • Parkland • Woodhouse •
Moon River Estates • Granum*



RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Providing opportunities for residents to live and grow in the MD through the thoughtful residential development.

- Encourage a range of housing options to meet the needs of all stages of life.
- Direct residential development to appropriate areas with access to services and infrastructure.
- Ensure new development is compatible with the rural landscape.
- Support country residential living while protecting agricultural land



WHY IT MATTERS

Our rural character and strong communities are at the heart of our quality of life. Preserving open spaces, supporting our hamlets, and providing opportunities for diverse housing help our communities thrive for generations to come

OUR OBJECTIVES



PRESERVE

Protect our rural character, open spaces and scenic landscapes.



SUPPORT

Support the long-term vitality of our hamlets and rural communities



PROVIDE

Provide diverse and appropriate housing choices for our residents.



STRENGTHEN

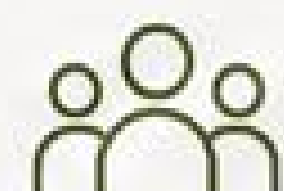
Strengthen community connections, culture and quality of life.



OUR POLICY APPROACH



Conserve natural areas, wildlife habitats and ecological connections.



Promote responsible development that respects the rural landscape.



Plan for residential growth that meets local needs and protects farmland.



Invest in infrastructure and services that support strong and sustainable communities.



Work together to build healthy, safe and welcoming communities.



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WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

WATER, WATERSHEDS, ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVES AND NATURAL SYSTEMS

Water and healthy ecosystems are the foundation of life, our rural lifestyle, and our economy. The MD of Willow Creek is committed to the responsible stewardship of water resources, protecting our watersheds and natural systems, and building long-term environmental resilience.



WATER: OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

Sustainable water management is essential for people, agriculture, industry and the environment.

- Recognize water as a critical limiting factor for growth and development.
- Protect the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater.
- Promote efficient water use and conservation.
- Encourage collaboration on water management and infrastructure.



WATERSHEDS: PROTECTION OUR SOURCE

Healthy watersheds support clean water, productive land and resilient communities.

- Protect the headwaters, riparian areas and natural drainage systems.
- Minimize development in areas of high environmental value.
- Support erosion control and responsible land use practices.
- Work with partners to manage cumulative impacts within our watersheds.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVES & OPEN SPACES

Environmental reserves and open spaces conserve biodiversity and provide natural benefits.

- Protect Environmental Reserves in accordance with Provincial legislation and best practices.
- Conserve natural areas wetlands and wildlife habitats.
- Maintain natural corridors and linkages across the landscape.
- Support the use of open spaces for low-impact recreation and education.



NATURAL SYSTEMS & BIODIVERSITY

Diverse natural systems strengthen ecosystems and increase climate resilience.

- Protect native vegetation, wildlife habitat and species at risk.
- Promote land stewardship and habitat restoration.
- Reduce impacts of invasive species and land fragmentation.



WHY IT MATTERS

Water is our most valuable resource. Protecting watersheds, natural environments and biodiversity ensures clean water, healthy land, and a sustainable future for generations to come.

OUR OBJECTIVES



PROTECT

Safeguard the quantity and quality of our water resources and natural systems.



MANAGE

Promote sustainable water use and responsible Land Management.



COLLABORATE

Work with partners and neighbors on watershed and environmental initiatives



CONSERVE

Conserve biodiversity, environmental reserves and natural landscapes.



ADAPT

Build Community and ecological resilience.

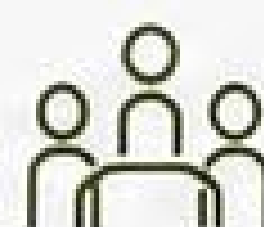


OUR POLICY APPROACH

Our policies and decisions will be guided by stewardship, science, and collaboration.



Apply proven best management practices and follow provincial legislation.



Engage landowners, communities and partners in solutions.



Protect natural infrastructure and watershed health.



Monitor, adapt and continuously improve our approach.



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GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT



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WHERE AND HOW GROWTH SHOULD OCCUR

The MD of Willow Creek will support growth that is thoughtful, well planned and sustainable. By directing development to the right locations and by using land efficiently, we will protect our agricultural land, natural areas and Rural character – while supporting vibrant communities and a strong local economy.



DIRECT GROWTH TO APPROPRIATE AREAS

Focus growth in and around our hamlets and in areas with existing or plant infrastructure and services.

- Concentrate residential, commercial and industrial growth in hamlets and along major transportation corridors.
- Discourage fragmented development in the agricultural areas.
- Support infill and redevelopment in existing developed areas



SUPPORT OUR HAMLETS

Strengthen our hamlets as the heart of our communities and centres for services and amenities.

- Encourage a mix of residential, commercial and community uses.
- Promote attractive, well-designed development that reflects local character.
- Plan for future infrastructure, servicing and community facilities.



RESPONSIBLE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Provide a range of housing choices that meet the needs of all ages and life stages while respecting our rural setting.

- Support first parcel out opportunities in appropriate areas.
- Ensure new development is compatible with surrounding uses.
- Encourage housing diversity and affordability in our hamlets.



PLAN FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Attract and support businesses that create jobs, provide services and strengthen our local economy.

- Support agricultural businesses, value-added industries and agribusiness.
- Plan for commercial and industrial development in suitable locations with good transportation access.
- Encourage innovation and diversification in our economy.



BUILD STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE

Invest in the infrastructure and services needed to support growth and the health of our communities.

- Plan and coordinate efficient transportation networks.
- Plan for water supply, wastewater management and stormwater.
- Advocate for high-speed Internet and utility infrastructure.



WHY IT MATTERS

Managing growth helps protect what we value most – our land, water and communities – while ensuring we have the services, infrastructure and opportunities needed for the future.

OUR OBJECTIVES



DIRECT

Guide growth to areas with existing or planned services and infrastructure.



BALANCE

Balanced growth with preservation of agricultural land and rural character.



PROVIDE

Provide a range of housing and economic opportunities for our residents.



COLLABORATE

Work with our neighbors and partners to support smart growth..



SUSTAIN

Ensure growth supports environmental stewardship and a resilient future.



OUR POLICY APPROACH

Our policies and decisions will promote smart growth, protect what we value and provide for a strong and sustainable future



Align with the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan and Provincial legislation.



Protect prime acre cultural land for future generations.



Use land efficiently and minimize land use conflict.



Engage the public, landowners and stakeholders in planning for growth



Monitor growth and trends and adapt plans and policies as needed.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGRICULTURE, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, TOURISM AND RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

The MD of Willow Creek's economy is built on a strong agricultural base, a strategic location along Highways 2 and 3, and a growing range of commercial, industrial, tourism and resource opportunities. A diverse and resilient economy creates jobs, supports our rural communities and Hamlets, and enhances the long-term prosperity of our residents.



WHY IT MATTERS

A strong and diverse local economy creates jobs, attracts investment and supports the long-term viability of our communities.



AGRICULTURE

Our foundation and strength.

- Support a viable and innovative agricultural sector.
- Protect prime agricultural land.
- Encourage diversification and value-added opportunities.



COMMERICAL DEVELOPMENT

Services for residents and visitors.

- Support business growth in hamlets and key locations.
- Maintain a strong retail and service sector.
- Encourage local investment and entrepreneurship.



INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Value-added growth and employment.

- Attract and support industrial development.
- Ensure appropriate land use and infrastructure.
- Promote job creation and economic diversity.



TOURISM

Showcasing our natural and cultural assets.

- Grow tourism and recreational opportunities.
- Support heritage and cultural attractions.
- Encourage visitor spending and local business growth.



RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

Responsible development of natural resources.

- Support responsible resource extraction.
- Work with industry to minimize land use conflicts.
- Ensure environmental stewardship.

OUR OBJECTIVES



DIVERSIFY

Build a diverse and resilient economy.



SUPPORT

Create an environment for business growth and investment.



BALANCE

Encourage economic opportunity while protecting our environment and rural character.



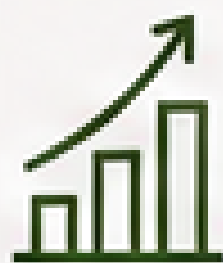
LEVERAGE

Take advantage of our strategic location along Highways 2 and 3.



OUR POLICY APPROACH

Build a strong, balanced and sustainable economy by:



Encouraging business and industrial growth.



Supporting agri- business and value-added opportunities.



Working with industry and regional partners.



Maintaining the transportation and infrastructure needed for economic success.



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ENERGY &
NATURAL
RESOURCES



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WIND, SOLAR, OIL & GAS, GRAVEL AND OTHER RESOURCES

The MD of Willow Creek recognizes the important role that energy and natural resources play in our economy and quality of life. We support the responsible development of these resources while protecting our land, water, environment and rural way of life for current and future generations.



WHY IT MATTERS

Energy and natural resources create jobs, generate revenue, and provide the materials and power we rely on every day – while supporting the long-term sustainability of our communities.

OUR OBJECTIVES



RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Ensure resource development is safe, responsible and well regulated.



PROTECT OUR LAND & WATER

Safeguard our soil, water, air, wildlife and natural landscapes.



MINIMIZE CONFLICT

Reduced land use conflicts and support good neighbor relations.



SUPPORT LOCAL BENEFITS

Promote economic opportunities and local investment.



PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

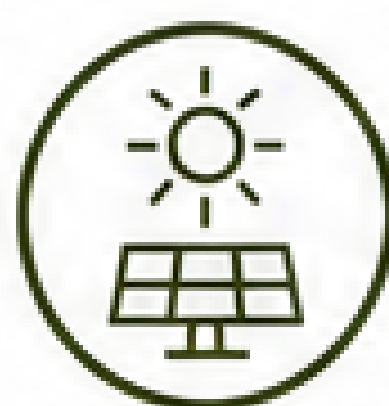
Plan for long-term sustainability and resource stewardship.



WIND ENERGY

A clean energy source that supports growing energy needs.

- Support responsible wind energy development in appropriate locations.
- Minimize impacts on agriculture, landscapes, wildlife and residents.
- Encourage benefits for the local economy.
- Require decommissioning and site reclamation.



SOLAR ENERGY

Capturing the sun's energy to power our communities.

- Support industrial scale and smaller scale solar projects in suitable areas.
- Minimize land use conflicts and visual impacts.
- Encourage colocation with compatible land uses where appropriate.
- Ensure reclamation at the end of project life.



OIL & GAS

A vital resource that supports energy for our daily lives.

- Support responsible oil and gas development.
- Ensure compliance with provincial regulations and setback requirements.
- Minimize impacts on residents, infrastructure and the environment.
- Support reclamation and well site abandonment.



GRAVEL & AGGREGATE

Building our communities and infrastructure.

- Support the availability of gravel and aggregate resources.
- Direct extraction to appropriate areas.
- Minimize impacts on agriculture, environment and transportation.
- Support reclamation and compatible land uses.



OTHER RESOURCES

A range of resources that create opportunities and value.

- Support exploration and development of other natural resources.
- Encourage innovation in renewable and alternative energy technologies (e.g., battery storage, biofuel, hydrogen).
- Ensure responsible management and land stewardship.



OUR POLICY APPROACH

Our policies guide energy and resource development to balance economic benefits with the protection of our land, water and communities.



Direct development to appropriate locations.



Engage the public and stakeholders early and often.



Require environmental stewardship and reclamation.



Align with Provincial legislation and higher order plans.



Work in partnership with industry, neighbours and communities.



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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

HIGHWAY, ROADS, UTILITIES, SERVICING AND REGIONAL CONNECTIONS.

Strong transportation networks and reliable infrastructure are essential for safe travel, efficient services and long-term growth. The MD of Willow Creek is committed to maintaining our roads, expanding servicing where needed and building connections that support our residents, businesses and communities.



WHY IT MATTERS

Good roads, reliable utilities and strong connections keep our community safe, support our economy and improve quality of life today and for generations to come.



HIGHWAYS & REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Connecting our municipality to the region and beyond.

- Support the safe and efficient operation of Highways 2 and 3.
- Advocate for ongoing maintenance, upgrades and improvements.
- Strengthen regional connections for people, goods and services.
- Collaborate with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors.



MUNICIPAL ROADS & BRIDGES

Safe, reliable roads for our rural lifestyle.

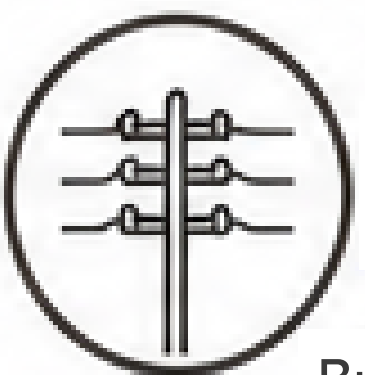
- Maintain and improve the municipal road network.
- Prioritize road and bridge safety and capacity.
- Plan for future upgrades based on growth and land use.
- Manage road use to protect infrastructure and public investment.



WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICING

Reliable services for healthy communities.

- Support efficient and sustainable water supply systems.
- Investigate wastewater servicing in Hamlets and growth areas.
- Protect water quality and promote conservation.
- Ensures servicing supports healthy safety and development.



UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Building the backbone for modern living and business.

- Support the expansion of the power, natural gas and telecommunications.
- Encourage the use of reliable and resilient utility systems.
- Plan for utility corridors that minimize land use conflicts.
- Promote broadband access for all communities.



SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Responsible services for a clean environment.

- Supports efficient waste collection and disposal services.
- Promote recycling, reduction and diversion initiatives.
- Plan for long-term, environmentally responsible solutions.



AIR & RAIL CONNECTIONS

Enhancing access and opportunity.

- Support the Claresholm Airport as a regional asset.
- Support rail access for agricultural and industrial needs.
- Explore opportunities to improve logistics and freight connections.

OUR OBJECTIVES



SAFE & EFFICIENT

Provide a safe, efficient and reliable transportation network.



SUPPORT GROWTH

Ensure infrastructure and servicing support current and future growth.



SUSTAINABLE SERVICES

Deliver sustainable utility and waste management services.



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Work with provincial agencies, neighbors and service providers.



GOOD VALUE

Plan and invest wisely to protect public assets and provide good value for residents.



OUR POLICY APPROACH

Our policies and decisions will guide investment, maintenance and planning to build a connected, resilient and well-served municipality.



Prioritize infrastructure investments that support safety, growth and livability.



Maintain and improve roads and bridges to protect public investment.



Ensure reliable servicing while protecting water resources.



Collaborate with partners and engage residents on infrastructure needs.



Plan for long-term sustainability and climate resilience.



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RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Strong communities are built on connection, opportunity and support. The MD of Willow Creek is committed to providing recreational opportunities and essential community services that enhance quality of life and help our communities thrive.



WHY IT MATTERS

Access to recreation, public spaces and reliable community services strengthens our health, safety and sense of belonging today and for future generations.



RECREATION & COMMUNITY SPACES

Parks, trails and recreational opportunities support active, healthy lifestyles and bring people together.

- Protect and enhance parks, open spaces and natural areas.
- Expand and maintain pathways and trail connections.
- Provide accessible, inclusive recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Support multi-use facilities and partnerships that maximize community benefits.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Essential services and facilities help meet daily needs and support a strong, safe and connected community.

- Support access to essential services and community facilities.
- Plan for future needs as our population grows and changes.
- Support our Fire, EMS and Protective Services.
- Promote public awareness, preparedness and community resilience.
- Encourage volunteers and local leadership.



OUR OBJECTIVES



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Encourage active lifestyles and social connection for all.



QUALITY SERVICES

Provide accessible and reliable services and facilities.



SAFE & PREPARED

Strengthen emergency services and community preparedness.



STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Work with partners and volunteers to build resilient communities.

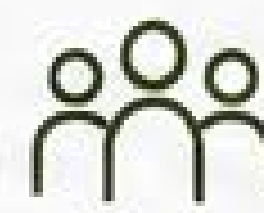


OUR POLICY APPROACH

We will invest in recreation and community services that build stronger, healthier and more resilient communities.



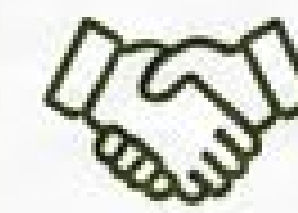
Expand and maintain recreational facilities, trails and parks.



Plan for the long term needs of our growing communities.



Support emergency services and public safety.



Partner with community groups, neighbors and agencies.



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COUNCIL, MPC, ADMINISTRATION, APPLICATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING

The MDP is the Municipality's long-term policy plan for growth and development. It provides directions for decisions about land use, infrastructure, services and investment. It guides all planning and development decisions to ensure they reflect our vision, values and goals for the future.



WHY IT MATTERS

The MDP ensures that decisions are consistent, transparent and focussed on what's best for our communities – today and for generations to come.



COUNCIL

Set direction and makes the final decisions

- Adopts and amends the MDP.
- Makes decisions that align with the MDP's goals, policies and strategies.
- Considers the MDP when approving budgets capital projects and partnerships.



MPC (MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION)

Provides recommendations and considers the MDP in reviews.

- Reviews and mixed decisions on subdivision and development applications.
- Evaluates proposals based on the MDP, Land Use Bylaw and other applicable plans and policies.
- Provides advice to counsel on planning matters and amendments.



ADMINISTRATION

Applies the MDP in daily planning and operations.

- Reviews applications and proposals for consistency with the MDP.
- Prepares reports and brings forward recommendations.
- Manages implementation, coordinates with other plans and departments, and monitors progress.



APPLICATIONS & DECISION-MAKING

The MDP is a key tool in all planning decisions.

- Used to evaluate land use redesignations, subdivisions, development permits and variances.
- Helps ensure decisions are consistent, equitable and in the best interests of the community.

THE MDP GUIDES EVERYDAY DECISIONS



Where and how growth should occur.



Infrastructure and service investments.



Protection of agricultural lands and natural areas



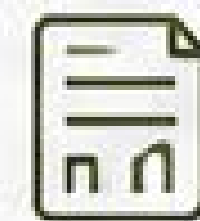
Economic development and job creation.



Strong, safe and connected communities.

IN PRACTICE

When a proposal is submitted, Administration reviews it for consistency with the MDP policies and the Land Use Bylaw. The MPC evaluates the proposal and makes a decision or provides a recommendation to Council. Council makes the final decision in the best interest of the community.



Application
Submitted



Administration
Review



MPC Review &
Decision/Recommendation



Council
Decision



Decision
Implemented



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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE MD OF WILLOW CREEK

This is your opportunity to help shape a municipal development plan that reflects our shared values, supports our communities and prepares us for the future.



WHY GET INVOLVED?

Your input helps ensure the MDP reflects local priorities, addresses challenges and creates opportunities for a strong resilient and connected community for generations to come.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE

Learn more about the project, view information boards, videos, project updates and timelines.

 <http://whatshappening.mdwillowcreek.com>



ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING

Join us for the mandatory public hearing later in 2026.

Details on the date, time and location will be shared on the project website and in the newspaper.



SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK

Email, mail or drop off your comments.

All input is important and valued

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



1

WE LISTEN

We gather input from residents, landowners, businesses and community groups.



2

WE REVIEW

Your feedback is analyzed and used to identify opportunities and refine ideas.



3

WE REFINE

The draft MDP is updated to reflect what we heard.



4

WE SHARE

The updated draft MDP will be shared with the public for review and comment.



5

WE DECIDE

Council considers input and adopts the final MDP.



TOGETHER, WE CAN PLAN FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

Thank you for being part of this important conversation. Your knowledge, experiences and ideas will help guide thoughtful decisions that shape the future of the MD of Willow Creek.

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