

MUNICIPAL PLANNING: *BUILDING CAPACITY AND CREATING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES*



Overview

- The Importance of Planning
- Your role as a Municipality
- Regional Planning = Cooperation!
- Managing your assets
- Characteristics of a successful Municipality



How important do you feel it is for a municipality to plan the use of land, resources, facilities and services?

1. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!
2. Somewhat important
3. Who needs bylaws when we can function without?

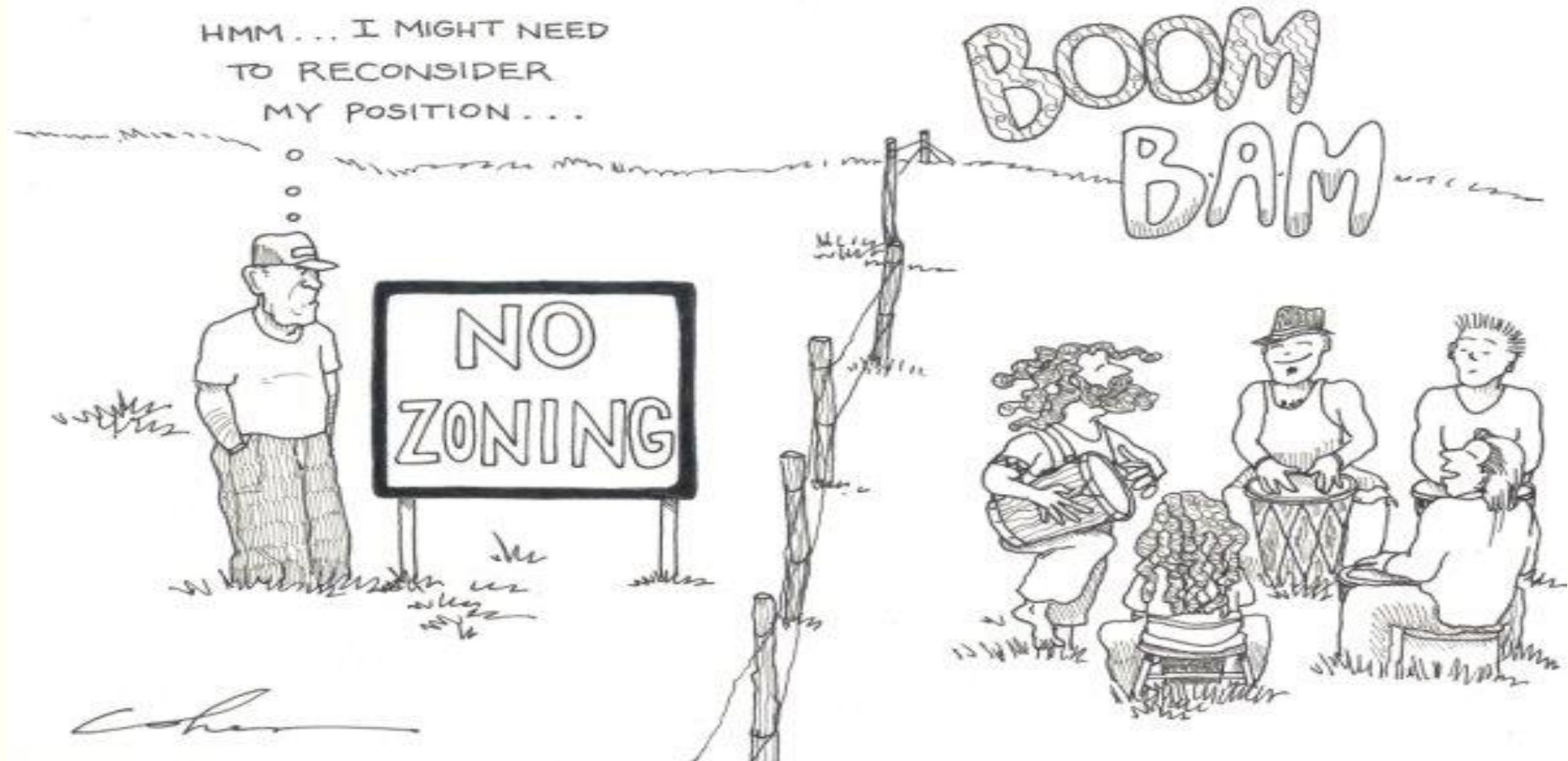
How familiar are you with the planning process?

1. Somewhat
2. Not very familiar
3. Doesn't matter
4. Very familiar

What is your municipality's biggest obstacle in implementing an official community plan/zoning bylaw? (select all that apply)

1. Do not have the financial resources to create/maintain a plan
2. Do not have the human capital required to implement a plan
3. Cannot get consensus on a plan
4. Cannot get buy-in

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Washed out road near Melville, SK on Sunday.

Source: <http://globalnews.ca/news/1427541/sask-flood-2014-in-photos/>

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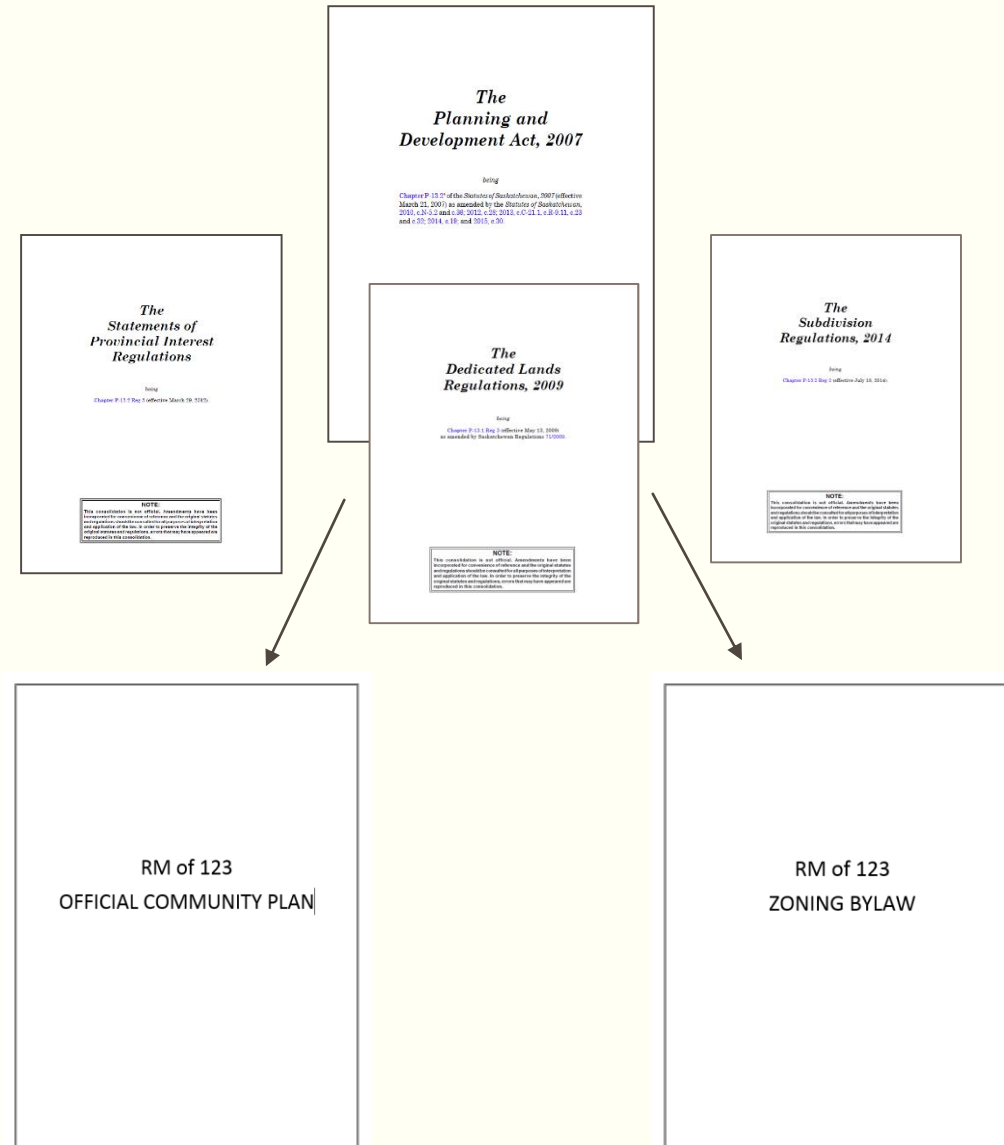


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Provincial Legislation and Municipal Bylaws



What is the Municipality's Role?



What happens if you do not have a plan in place?



Regional Planning

- Inter-municipal Cooperation
- Thinking on a broader scale and beyond jurisdictions
- Deals with the placement of land uses, infrastructure, services, recreation and economic developments that goes beyond individual municipal borders.



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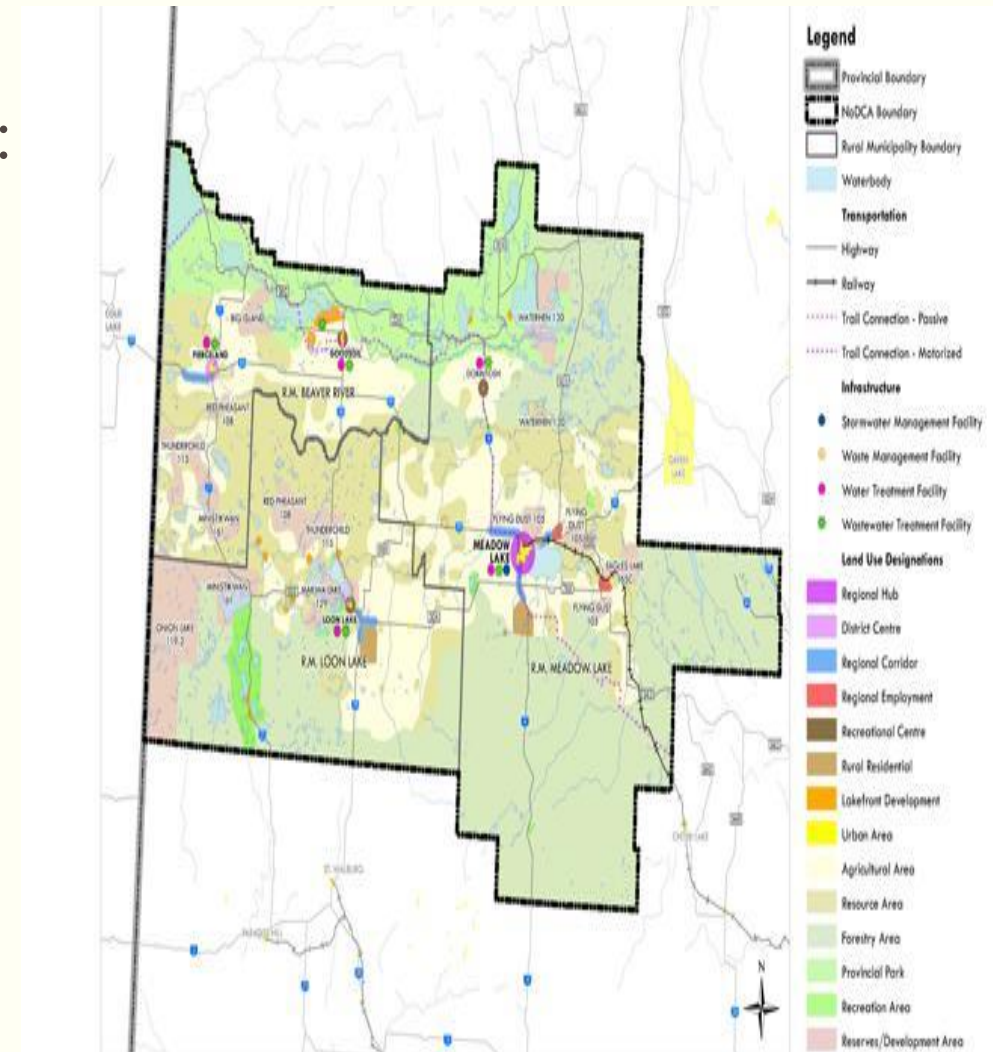
Regional Planning = Cooperation

- Saskatchewan people have a long, rich history of working together
- Have many unifying factors that bind people and communities together



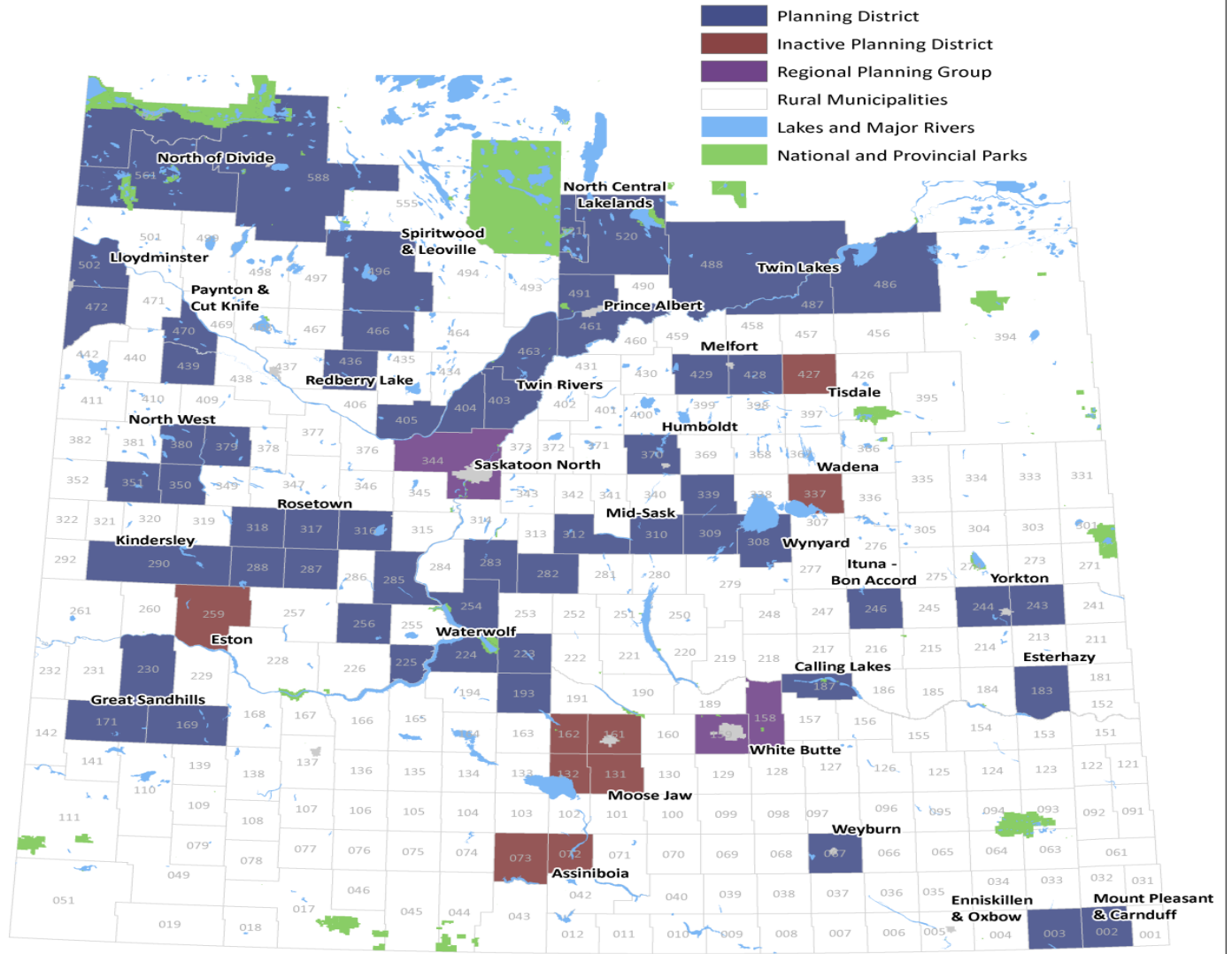
Regional Planning

- 2010: 17 Planning Districts
- 2015: 33 Planning Districts comprising:
 - 165 municipalities
 - 2 First Nations
 - 1 Regional Park Authority
- Population: 466, 185



Regional Planning

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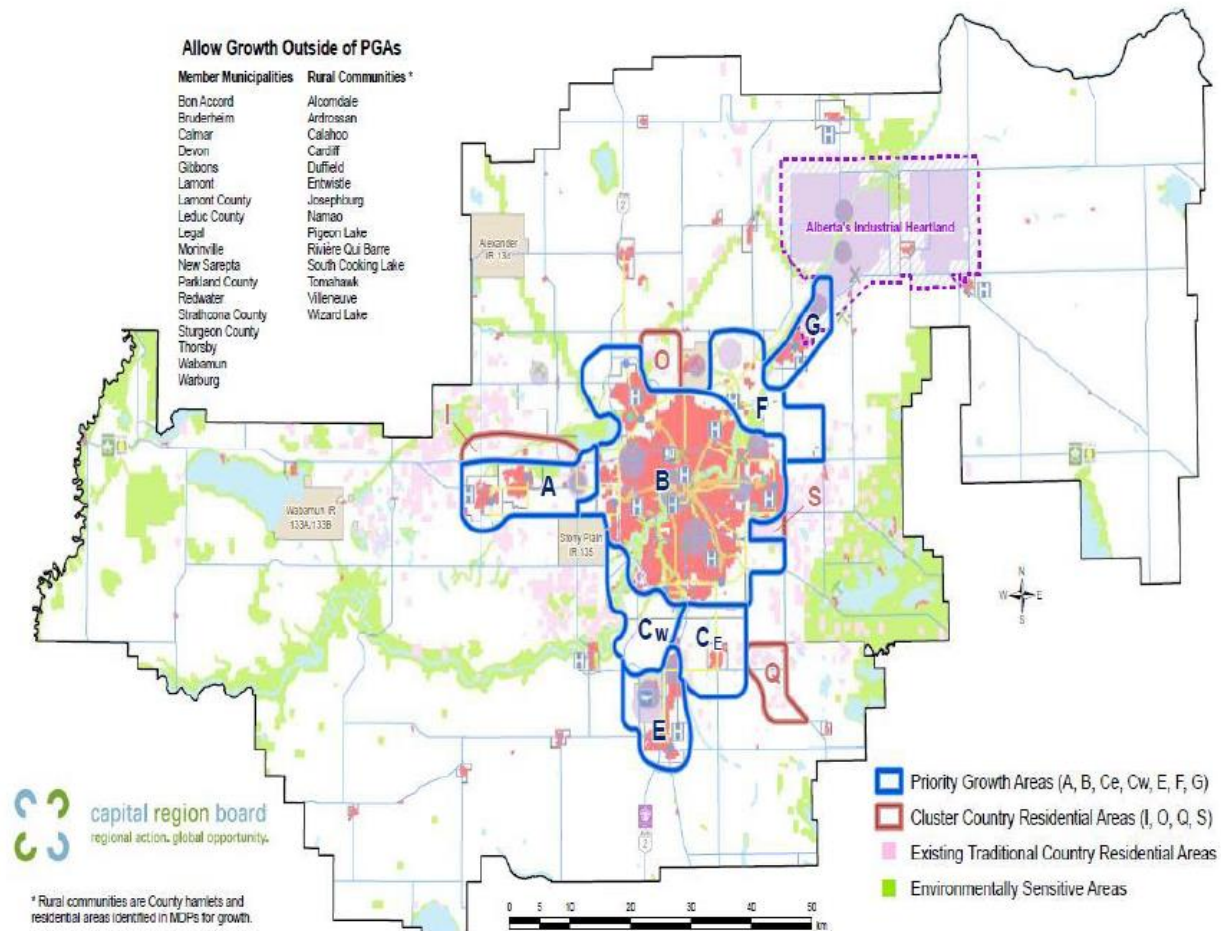
Regional Planning: What does it look like?

- Examples from across the country:
 - Edmonton
 - British Columbia
 - New Brunswick
 - Manitoba
 - Red Deer



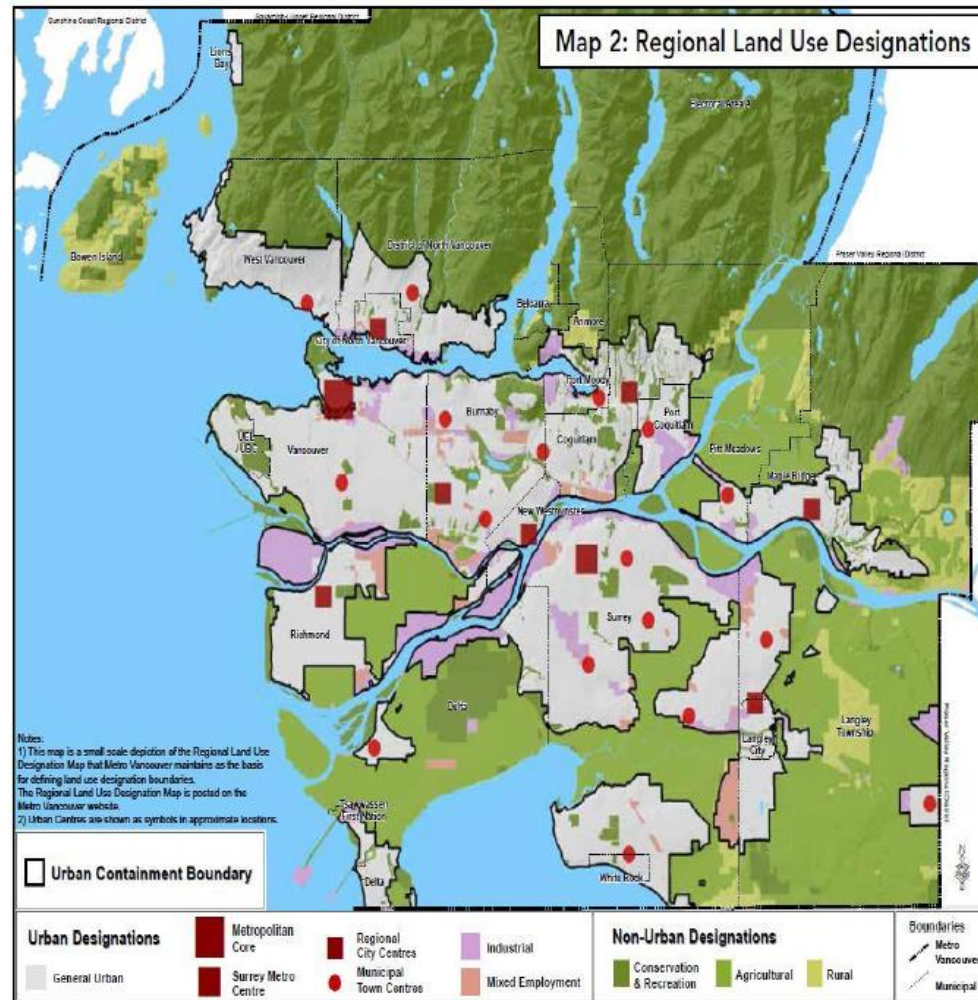
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Edmonton, Capital Region Board

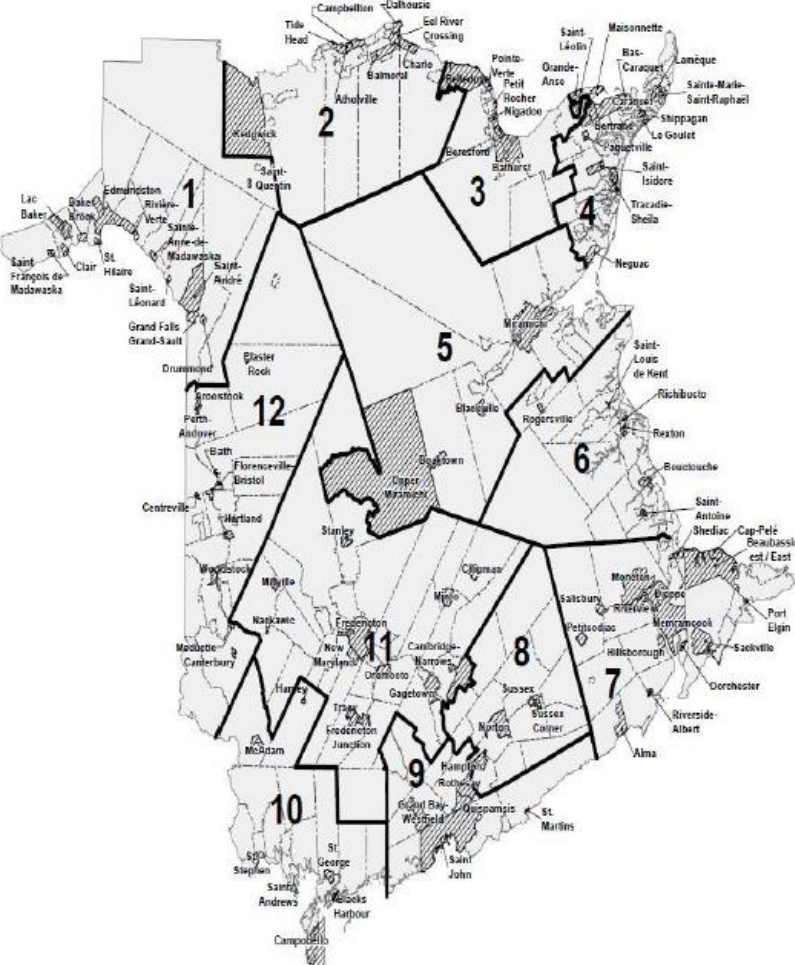


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Vancouver, Metro Vancouver Regional District



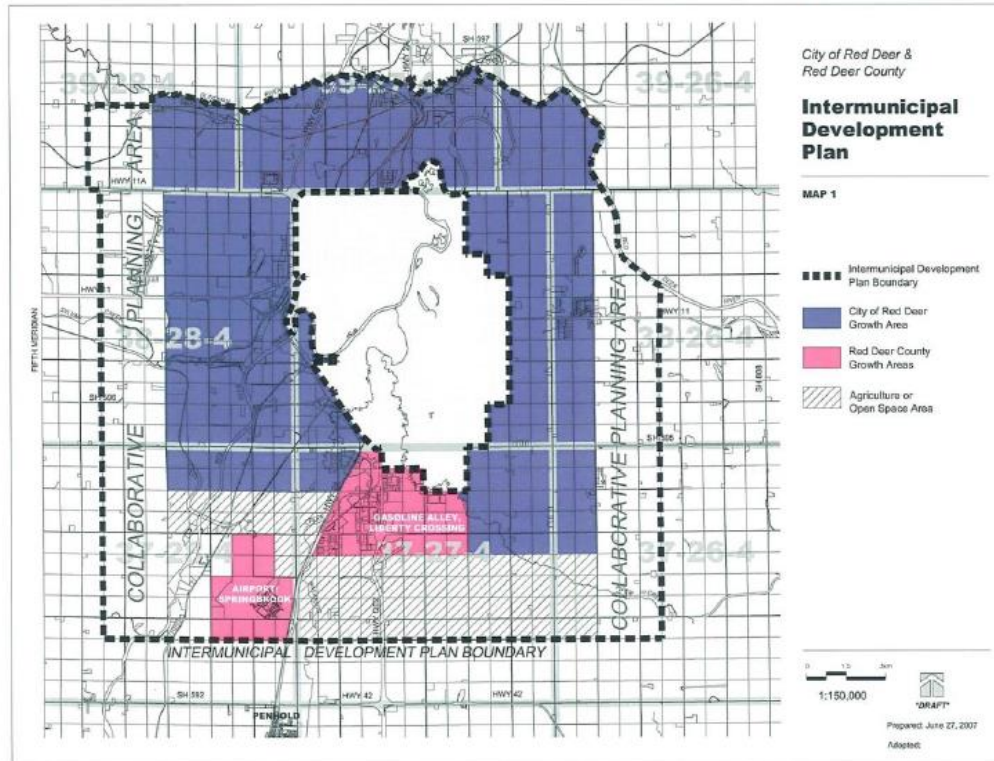
New Brunswick, Regional Service Commissions



January 1, 2007

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Red Deer Inter-Municipal Development Plan



County refuses to back down in land dispute

City and county officials should hang heads in shame

Annexation spat needs local fix

The brawl for Gasoline Alley officially on

City 'tax grab'
Gasoline Alley merchant says annexation is just an attempt to gain revenue

Regional Planning: Principles for Success

8 Principles

The T.R.U.E Test:

- Trust
- Respect
- Understanding
- Equity

The 4 C's:

- Cooperation
- Collaboration
- Coordination
- Communication

Regional Planning: Common Themes?

- Regional Planning is common across Canada
- There are multiple methods
- Close relationship with service delivery
- Challenges and struggles are okay- embrace them because it means you care!
- **Think bigger than your borders**



Asset Management

An Asset Management Plan should:

- Develop and maintain asset inventories of all infrastructure
- Reduce overall life cycle costs of infrastructure
- Provide risk assessment of infrastructure systems
- Identify critical assets and impacts with loss of service
- Maintain and manage infrastructure at appropriate service levels

Do you have an Asset Management Plan for your RM?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

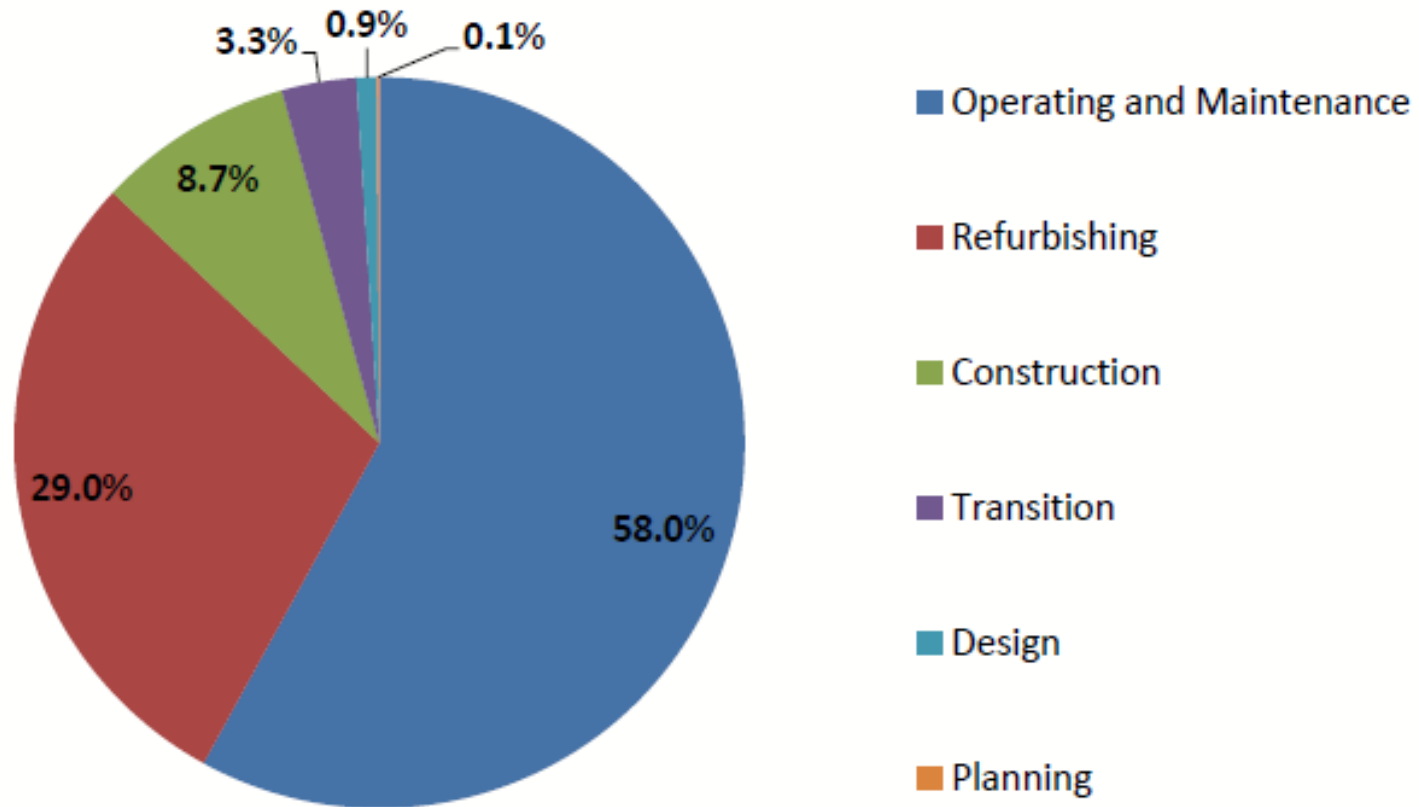
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Questions municipalities need to answer when planning infrastructure and growth:

1. What do you own or are responsible for? (Asset inventory)
2. What is it worth? (Asset inventory)
3. What is the condition and capacity? (Asset inventory)
4. What does it need? (Planning – Use of Data)
5. When does it need it? (Planning – Use of Data)
6. How much is it going to cost to maintain, replace, upgrade or increase service? (Planning – Use of Data)

Asset Management

40 Year Infrastructure Life Cycle Costs



Characteristics of a Successful Community

1. Have a vision for the future
2. Inventory community assets
3. Build plans on the enhancement of existing assets
4. Use education and incentives, not just regulation
5. Pick and choose among development projects
6. Cooperate with neighbors for mutual benefit
7. Pay attention to community aesthetics
8. Have strong leaders and committed citizens

“Planning is the process of choosing among those many options. If we do not choose to plan, then we choose to have others plan for us.”



- Richard I. Winwood

Web Links

The Planning and Development Act, 2007

<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=23220>

The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations

<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=63700>

Statements of Provincial Interest Website

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/community-planning-land-use-and-development/resources/statements-of-provincial-interest>

Government of Saskatchewan Website

<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/community-planning-land-use-and-development>

Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute

<http://sppi.ca/>

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