

## What We Did

On February 9, 2021, the Special Areas Board (“the Board”) held first reading of the Special Areas Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and directed Administration to proceed with advertising a virtual public hearing for February 23, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Public consultation on the draft MDP document included accepting written feedback until February 19, 2021 to [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca). In addition to emailed submissions, anyone impacted by the MDP document was encouraged to attend the February 23, 2021 virtual public hearing to share their feedback with the Board. All individuals wishing to attend the virtual public hearing were required to register by end of day on February 19, 2021. Four individuals have registered to attend.

A notice of virtual public hearing was advertised in local newspapers for the two weeks preceding the public hearing, including: Hanna Herald, Oyen Echo, Consort Enterprise, Hanna Coffee Break, Oyen Coffee Break. A copy of the notice of public hearing is included in *Appendix 1*.

Digital campaign posts were shared on Special Areas Board social media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram) and on the SAB website, including notices advertising the public hearing and information on how to share feedback prior to February 19, 2021. A copy of the draft MDP document was posted on the SAB website for download. Copies of digital notices are included in *Appendix 1*.

Written submissions were directed to Special Areas Board Communications Officer via email to [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca).

## What We Heard

There were no emailed submissions received by the [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca) email for the draft MDP document.

A virtual public hearing for the draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP) was held on February 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM, with four members of the public attending. No feedback related to the draft document was shared at the public hearing, and the interim report on public consultation indicated no written submissions were received during the consultation period.

## Summary

The MDP was approved by Ministerial Order (MSD:037/21) on March 23, 2021.

The MDP is a long-range statutory document that communicates the long-term desired land use for a community and serves a high-level blueprint showing how a community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

## APPENDIX 1

### Notice of Public Hearing – Paper Advertisement



**Special Areas Board**  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Special Areas Board has drafted a Municipal Development Plan and is requesting feedback from the public. The draft document is available for viewing online at [www.specialareas.ab.ca](http://www.specialareas.ab.ca) and at Special Areas District Offices during normal business hours.

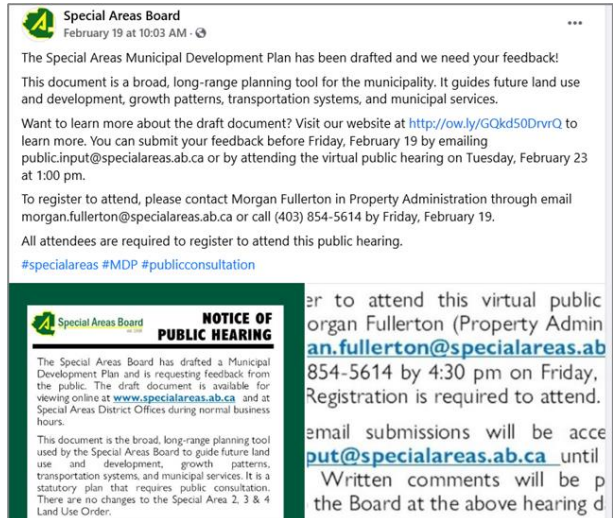
This document is the broad, long-range planning tool used by the Special Areas Board to guide future land use and development, growth patterns, transportation systems, and municipal services. It is a statutory plan that requires public consultation. There are no changes to the Special Area 2, 3 & 4 Land Use Order.

**A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 BEGINNING AT 1:00 PM.**

To register to attend this virtual public hearing, contact Morgan Fullerton (Property Administration) at [morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca) or call (403) 854-5614 by 4:30 pm on Friday, February 19, 2021. Registration is required to attend.

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### Digital Advertising – Public Hearing



**Special Areas Board**  
February 19 at 10:03 AM · 🌐

The Special Areas Municipal Development Plan has been drafted and we need your feedback!

This document is a broad, long-range planning tool for the municipality. It guides future land use and development, growth patterns, transportation systems, and municipal services.

Want to learn more about the draft document? Visit our website at <http://ow.ly/GQkd50DvrQ> to learn more. You can submit your feedback before Friday, February 19 by emailing [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca) or by attending the virtual public hearing on Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 pm.

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#specialareas #MDP #publicconsultation

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### Special Areas Website - Public Consultation – Municipal Development Plan

#### Current Public Consultations

The Special Areas Board is looking for your feedback about the draft Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

The MDP is a long-range statutory document that communicates the long-term desired land use for a community and serves a high-level blueprint showing how a community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

The MDP will address:

- the future land use within the municipality;
- the manner of and the proposals for future development in the municipality;
- the co-ordination of land use, future growth patterns, and other infrastructure with adjacent municipalities, if not addressed in an intermunicipal development plan;
- the provision of the required transportation systems, either generally or specifically, within the municipality, and in relation to adjacent municipalities;
- the provision of municipal services and facilities either generally or specifically;
- the coordination of intermunicipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the area;
- policies compatible with the Subdivision and Development Regulation to provide guidance on the type and location of land uses adjacent to sour gas facilities;
- policies respecting the provision of municipal, school, or municipal and school reserves, including but not limited to, the need for, amount of, and allocation of those reserves and the identification of school requirements in consultation with affected school authorities;
- policies respecting the creation of joint use agreements; and
- policies respecting the protection of agricultural operations.

The MDP may address:

- proposals for the financing and programming of municipal infrastructure;
- the co-ordination of municipal programs relating to the physical, social and economic development of the municipality;
- environmental matters within the municipality;
- the financial resources of the municipality;
- the economic development of the municipality; and
- any other matter relating to the physical, social or economic development of the municipality.

You can provide your thoughts through emailed submission by February 19, 2021 to [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca).

If you would like to attend the February 23, 2021 virtual public hearing on the draft MDP document, please contact Morgan Fullerton, Property Administration to register. You can contact Morgan through email [morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca) or by calling (403) 854-5614. Attendees are required to pre-register to attend.



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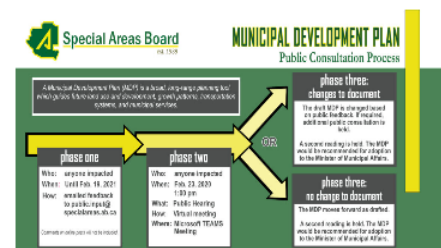
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### MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

How To Share Your Feedback

You have until February 19, 2021 to share your feedback on the draft municipal development plan. You can provide feedback through:

**EMAIL:** [public.input@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:public.input@specialareas.ab.ca)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 - 1:00 pm  
Virtual Microsoft TEAMS Meeting

Register by calling Morgan Fullerton at (403) 854-5614 or through email to [morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca](mailto:morgan.fullerton@specialareas.ab.ca).

All attendees are required to register by February 19.

## Special Areas Board MDP Public Hearing – February 23, 2021

1:01 PM

A public hearing was held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM with the following in attendance:

Brad Slorstad, Doug Noble and Daryl Swenson, Board Members; Jordon Christianson, Chair; Trent Caskey, Darcy Ferguson and Owen Francis, Directors; Maeghan Chostner, Communications; Morgan Fullerton, Assistant to Director of Property Administration, Shyanne Jones, Recording Secretary; Jonathan Schmidt, Consultant; Elaine Michaels and Brenda Barr from the Village of Cereal, and Jonathan Cooper from ABO Wind.

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 1:01 PM and explained the purpose and process of the hearing. Introductions were made.

Mr. Caskey noted the *Municipal Government Act* requires Special Areas to have a Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

The purpose of an MDP is to identify priorities of the municipality. An MDP promotes development and finds opportunities to communicate a municipality is open for business by explaining the development process.

As this is a statutory document, Special Areas will be requesting a Ministerial Order.

Ms. Chostner reviewed the Public Consultation Summary noting the steps taken. The public had opportunity to provide written comments, however no written comments were submitted by the submission deadline.

Mr. Christianson opened the floor to discussions and comments. None were received.

Mr. Christianson asked if there were any other questions from the public. There were no further comments.

Mr. Christianson thanked everyone for attending.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 1:50 pm.

  
Chair, Special Areas Board