

## Sturgeon County Regional Context Statement

### Part 1. Metropolitan Regional Structure

Metropolitan Regional Structure	Consistency Requirements	MDP Response	Action Required
Table 1A (Rural Area) and Table 1B (Metropolitan Area)	Rural Tier Metropolitan Tier Sturgeon Valley Special Study Area  <i>Built-up urban areas, sub-regional centres, rural centres, depiction and recognition of major employment areas.</i>	<u>Land Development Concept</u> Figure 4: Growth Strategy Concept Map  <u>2009 Capital Region Land Use Plan – Priority Growth Area B and Cluster Country Residential Area O</u> Map 12: Neighbourhood G Context Map	Figure 4 and Map 12 to be updated based upon planning outcomes of City of St. Albert annexation and Sturgeon Valley Special Study Area.

### Part 2. Growth Plan Objectives and Policies

Policy Area	Growth Plan Objectives	MDP Response	Action Required
#1: Economic Competitiveness and Employment	1.1: Promote global economic competitiveness and diversification of the regional economy	Economic Health 5.2 <i>Promoting an Integrated Economy</i> and Economic Health 5.5 <i>Fostering a Diverse Economy</i> supports economic competitiveness and diversification.	No action required
	1.2: Promote job growth and the competitiveness of the region's employment base	Economic Health 5.1.2 refers to Growth Plan employment projections and support for long-range employment forecasts.	
	1.3: Enhance competitiveness through the efficient movement of people, goods and services to, from and within the Region	Economic Health 5.4.11 supports efficient movement of goods and services with compatible land-use and transportation networks within Sturgeon County.	No action required.
	1.4: Promote the livability and prosperity of the Region and plan for the needs of a changing population and workforce	Section 2.0 Residential Character supports the considerations for an increasing population and promotes quality living through the delivery of complete communities.	No action required
#2: Natural Living Systems	2.1: Conserve and restore natural living systems through an ecological network approach	Section 4.0 Environmental Stewardship supports maintaining healthy natural environments, valuing sites of environmental significance and ensuring environmental risk management.	Additional map referencing wildlife and biodiversity zone to be added to added as part of MDP update.
		Map 12 and 12A Environmentally Significant Areas outlines the Provincial Environmentally Sensitive Areas listed in Schedule 4.	

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3: Communities and Housing	2.2: Protect regional watershed health, water quality and quantity	Section 4.0 Environmental Stewardship supports overall health and protection of the Sturgeon County watershed and water quality	No action required.
		Watershed Management Plan for the Sturgeon subwatershed in development through Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance.	
	2.3: Plan development to promote clean air, land and water and address climate change impacts 2.4: Minimize and mitigate the impacts of regional growth on natural living systems	Map 7 and 7A Sturgeon Subwatershed.	
		Environmental Stewardship 4.1 <i>Maintaining Healthy Environments</i> includes a wide range of policies that promote clean air, land and water quality.	No action required.
	3.1: Plan and develop complete communities within each policy tier to accommodate people's daily needs for living at all ages	Responsible Governance 1.1.1 supports targeted growth areas for residential, non-residential and primary industry development.	References to Priority Growth Area and Cluster Country Residential Policy Areas of Capital Region Growth Plan will be removed as part of MDP update.
		Residential Character 2.1 <i>Creating Attractive and Complete Communities</i> supports the allocation of amenities that improve the quality of living of Sturgeon County residents and that reflect the needs of its diverse communities.	
		Residential Character 2.3 <i>Accommodating Diverse Housing Options</i> supports land use policies that encourage a variety of residential types in an effort to achieve complete communities.	Additional minimum greenfield residential density policies to be added based upon the planning outcomes of Sturgeon Valley Special Study Area.
	3.2: Plan for and promote a range of housing options	Residential Character 2.3 <i>Accommodating Diverse Housing Options</i> supports a variety of residential types to achieve complete communities.	No action is required

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#4: Integration of Land Use and Infrastructure	3.3: Plan for and promote market affordable and non-market housing to address core housing needs	Residential Character 2.2.8 supports options for market and non-market affordable housing.	No action is required
	4.1: Establish a compact and contiguous development pattern to accommodate employment and population growth	Responsible Governance 1.1.1 supports targeted growth areas for residential, non-residential and primary industry development.	No action is required
	4.2: Enable growth within built-up urban areas to optimize existing infrastructure and minimize the expansion of the development footprint	Residential Character 2.2 supports growth opportunities in identified built-up urban areas in Sturgeon County (Hamlets and the Sturgeon Valley).	
	4.3: Plan and develop greenfield areas in an orderly and phased manner to contribute to complete communities	Responsible Governance 1.1.1 supports targeted growth areas for residential, non-residential and primary industry development.	Additional minimum greenfield residential density policies to be added based upon the planning outcomes of Sturgeon Valley Special Study Area.
		Residential Character 2.3.1 supports prioritization and phasing in conjunction with infrastructure servicing, financial sustainability; along with the amount, location and phasing of residential growth.	
	4.4: Plan for and accommodate rural growth in appropriate locations with sustainable levels of local servicing	Responsible Governance 1.4 <i>Enacting Responsible Subdivision and Development Practices</i> and Residential Character 2.3 <i>Accommodating Diverse Housing Options</i> supports appropriate levels of growth in rural areas.	No action required.
	4.5: Plan for and develop mixed use and higher density centres as areas to concentrate growth of people and jobs	Residential Character 2.3.6 supports mixed-use developments in accordance with the Growth Plan strategic principles.	No action required.
	4.6: Prioritize investment and funding of regional infrastructure to support planned growth	Economic Health 5.1 <i>Ensuring Municipal Fiscal Responsibility</i> supports continued evaluation of development impacts on municipal resources to ensure that future capital investments align with the Municipal Development Plan.	No action required.
		Responsible Governance 1.2 <i>Establishing Effective and Collaborative Processes</i> supports continued participating with municipal neighbours regarding land use, infrastructure and regional collaboration.	

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#5: Transportation Systems	4.7: Ensure compatible land use patterns to minimize risk to public safety and health	Responsible Governance 1.4 <i>Enacting Responsible Subdivision and Development Practices</i> support policies and procedures to ensure compatible land use patterns.	No action required
	5.1: Develop a regional transportation system to support and enhance the growth of the Region and regional and global connectivity	Responsible Governance 1.2.4 supports working with regional and provincial stakeholders on roads of regional significance.  Responsible Governance 1.3 <i>Developing and Adopting Management Plans, Master Plans and Strategies</i> addresses the development and implementation of an infrastructure Master Plan and associated Transportation Master Plan to support current infrastructure needs and to address future identified growth areas within the Region.  Map 17 Long Range Transportation Network and Map 18 Regional Transportation Network.	No action required.
	5.2: Encourage a mode shift to transit, high occupancy vehicles and active transportation modes as viable and attractive alternatives to private automobile travel, appropriate to the scale of the community	Neighbourhood G Policy G.1.1.3 supports an integrated public transportation system and additional public transportation options through identification and incorporation of transit linkages.	Addition policies to be added based upon the planning outcomes of Sturgeon Valley Special Study Area.
	5.3: Coordinate and integrate land use and transportation facilities and services to support the efficient and safe movement of people, goods and services in both urban and rural areas	Economic Health 5.2 <i>Promoting an Integrated Economy</i> supports growth and expansion of transportation and logistics sectors.  Economic Health 5.4.11 supports the efficient movement of goods and services with compatible land-use and transportation networks.	No action required.
	5.4: Support the Edmonton International Airport as northern Alberta's primary air gateway to the world	The Villeneuve Airport, owned and operated by the Edmonton Regional Airport Authority, supports the Edmonton International Airport. Policies are in place to ensure that the Federal Government development	No action required.

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		restrictions are enforced and that proposed developments do not negatively infringe upon Villeneuve Airport operations.	
	5.5: Ensure effective coordination of regional transportation policies and initiatives between all jurisdictions	Responsible Governance 1.2.4 <i>Establishing Effective and Collaborative Processes</i> supports working with regional and provincial stakeholders on roads of regional significance.	No action required.
#6: Agriculture	6.1: Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural lands to provide a secure local source of food security for future generations	Figure 4: Growth Strategy Concept Map identified Primary Industry as its largest land base.  Responsible Governance 1.4.4 supports the “right-to-farm legislation” by applying the requirements outlined within the Province of Alberta’s Agriculture Operations Practices Act (AOPA)  Environmental Stewardship 4.3 <i>Ensuring Effective Environmental Risk Management</i> supports the protection of high-quality soil for agriculture.	Based upon planning outcomes of the Regional Agricultural Master Plan process, an update to the MDP may be required. This may include the addition of a section specifically related to Agriculture.
	6.2: Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands for non-agricultural uses	Residential Character 2.3.5 and Economic Health 5.3.1/5.4.1 support discouraging premature fragmentation of Primary Industry lands for non-Primary Industry development.	No action required.
	6.3: Promote diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food systems	Economic Health 5.2.1 and 5.3.7 support promoting growth of value-added agriculture and expanding local food production.	No action required.