



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 9, 2026

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## BYLAW No. 1825 – MDP UPDATE

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At the regularly scheduled meeting held by Town Council on January 12, 2026, Council carried a motion to give Bylaw No. 1825 the Town of Claresholm Municipal Development Plan Bylaw first reading.

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a long-range, general policy guide, which provides direction in terms of how, where and when the community should develop. The MDP guides development toward a community's desired future, as it serves as a basis for decision-making and the foundation for other municipal plans. The Municipal Government Act requires all municipalities in Alberta to have a Municipal Development Plan. This document provides the Town with a comprehensive, long range land use plan for future sustainable growth and development. This includes the Town boundaries and growth areas.

With the annexation of three-quarter sections of land on the west side of the Town in 2024, an amendment to the MDP is necessary to reflect the additional lands within the Town boundaries as well as currently adopted Area Structure Plans within the Town. Bylaw 1825 proposes amendments to all maps within the document in order to reflect the annexation, changes to land use that have taken place, and infrastructure that has been developed since 2018. Additionally, some minor clerical and grammatical errors and outdated policy references will be corrected, and some photos may be replaced with updated photos.

Following first reading, notice of the proposed bylaw amendment and Public Hearing were provided to the MD of Willow Creek in accordance with the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) and an IDP Committee meeting was held on February 11, 2026. No concerns were raised, however the MD indicated in interest in discussing the growth areas within the MDP in the future. This should be addressed through a formal IDP review which may inform further amendments to the MDP.

Notice of the Public Hearing was also provided to the public. At the time of writing, no comments from residents have been received. Any discussion through the Public Hearing should be considered prior to second and or third reading of the proposed bylaw.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to give Bylaw No. 1825, the Town of Claresholm Municipal Development Plan Bylaw second reading.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to give Bylaw No. 1825, the Town of Claresholm Municipal Development Plan Bylaw third and final reading.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw No. 1825 & Schedules

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 5, 2026

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