

Leduc County adopted its new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) in 2019. The MDP provides high-level guidance and direction for development in the county based on the vision and goals that were expressed by the community during the creation of the plan. The MDP also includes direction to implement a program to track our progress and identify areas where the county is succeeding, and areas where we need to adjust our processes and policies.

The MDP Monitoring Program will involve comparing the data from year-to-year and then reporting back to both council and the public on an annual basis.

This is the first report, so the data below is our baseline data set. A baseline data set is the initial set of numbers that will be used to compare future numbers to. What you see below represents a snapshot of Leduc County at the end of 2019, and does not include any comparisons.

**GOAL**

**Protect agricultural land and support diversity in agriculture**

Leduc County recognizes and champions the importance of agriculture, is committed to ensuring its long-term viability, and will minimize the loss of agricultural land and conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses.

Leduc County's foundation is agriculture, and the MDP reflects that history and seeks to ensure that agriculture is a priority focus for development decisions in the county. These KPIs are selected to provide a consistent measure of the rate at which agricultural land is being fragmented and/or converted to non-agricultural uses, as well as to track the growth of agribusiness in the county. The KPIs in this report represent raw data only, but you can look forward to future analysis which will look at both the rates of change in these KPIs as well as the totals for land changes.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS\***

**Remaining prime agricultural land**

Amount of agricultural land with a Canada Land Inventory rating of 1, 2 or 3.

**163,611**  
**hectares**

**Fragmentation of agricultural land**

Number of unfragmented quarter-sections designated for agricultural use.

**1,344\***

**Agribusinesses operating in Leduc County**

Number of agribusinesses operations.

**14**

**GOAL**

**Promote economic development**

Leduc County strengthens and enhances its reputation as a leader in business development and entrepreneurialism by creating synergies between businesses, transportation, and high-quality places to live and work.

Leduc County as a whole benefits from a strong assessment base. The businesses contained within the county not only employ county residents, but they also provide the municipality with the revenues that maintain the high standard of services that all businesses and residents enjoy. The MDP has identified the business community as a key component in the county's future prosperity and encourages the growth in both amount and diversity of businesses. The KPIs are selected to track the amount and variety of businesses in the county as well as the fluctuations in the county's assessment base. As you can see, we don't have accurate records at this time; watch for further detail in future reporting.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Businesses operating in Leduc County\***

Number of businesses operating in the county.

**824**

data source: Leduc-Nisku EDA (2016)

**Business diversity**

Concentration of business types sorted by NAICS code.

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**Not yet available**

**Distribution of businesses\***

Business location sorted by policy area (Employment Areas, Hubs, Hamlets, Rural, Urban Centre, etc.).

**Nisku**

**808**

**Other**

**16**

data source: Leduc-Nisku EDA (2016)

**Overall employment**

Reported employment (baseline from Leduc County's Economic Development and Growth Management Strategy).

**12,805**  
**people**

**Equalized assessment\***

Current year equalized assessment.

**\$8,362,526,524**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**GOAL**

**Develop complete communities**

Leduc County supports the development of complete communities within existing hamlets and the Urban Centre as part of its plan for sustainable development.

During the MDP's creation, we consistently heard that it would be to everyone's benefit if development were located within the county's hamlets and other comprehensively planned areas. This KPI measures the reality of development in relation to this goal.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS\***

**Percentage of development within comprehensively planned areas**

Development occurring inside of statutory plans as opposed to unplanned areas.

**88%**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**GOAL**

**Promote responsible use of natural resources**

Leduc County supports the responsible use and extraction of natural resources as a means of economic development and a way to provide lower cost materials to the regional market.

Leduc County is a rural municipality and natural resource extraction is a part of the day-to-day operations of the county. The MDP recognizes the importance of ensuring that these operations are meeting the expectations of the county through the development permit process, as well as the expectation of the provincial government with regards to reclamation of these lands when activities are completed. The KPIs selected will track the rate at which development permit conditions are being adhered to, as well as the amount of land being reclaimed through provincial reclamation processes.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Development permit and development agreement condition violations**

Number of enforcement actions taken related to conditions outlined in a development permit or development agreement.

**0**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**Reclamation of extraction areas**

Amount of natural resource land that has been reclaimed.

**None**

**GOAL**

**Protect and enhance the natural environment**

Leduc County values the environment and is committed to ensuring its long-term health and viability. The environment supports biodiversity, helps sustain human life and is a source of natural beauty.

The county is fortunate to contain many natural areas and environmentally significant areas. The MDP directs that these areas be protected and maintained wherever possible. The KPIs selected represent an overview of the amount of activity occurring within these areas, as well as measure the amount of alternative energy options being used by developments within the county.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Environmentally Significant Area retention\***

Amount of development in or adjacent to Environmentally Significant Areas.

**63**  
**permit applications**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**Beaver Hills protection\***

Amount of development within or adjacent to the Beaver Hills Biosphere Reserve.

**5**  
**development permits**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**Watershed protection**

Percentage of development adjacent to watercourses or wetlands that incorporates protective and/or restorative measures.

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**Not yet available**

**Energy efficiency**

Percentage of safety codes electrical permits that incorporate alternative sources of energy (geothermal, solar, etc.).

**0.90%**

**GOAL**

**Identify and act on opportunities for recreation and tourism**

Leduc County values recreation and tourism throughout the County as a way of enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors.

We believe that recreation is an important aspect of providing a high quality of life to our residents and visitors. Opportunities for art, culture, heritage education and activities that appeal to our increasingly diverse population will be explored. The KPIs selected will allow the county to track the success of the goals of providing recreation options to the community.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS\***

**Open space and recreation corridor development**

Total amount of land protected in accordance with Map 7 on page 62 of the MDP. This will be revisited upon completion of a comprehensive trail and open space corridor plan.

**0**

**Public access to waterbodies**

Total amount of land adjacent to waterbodies protected for public use.

**131.12**  
**hectares**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**GOAL**

**Develop cost-efficient and cost-effective transportation and utility service infrastructure**

Leduc County encourages new development to be located in close proximity to existing development and infrastructure to maximize municipal service delivery efficiencies and promote a cost-effective pattern of development.

The MDP identifies the need for expanded transportation options and regional connectivity with a specific focus on Edmonton International Airport. The selected KPIs will measure the county's success with moving people and products around the region.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Regional connectivity**

Regional roads constructed as per Map 8 on page 70 of the MDP.

- East section of Highway 19 completed (construction began in 2018)
- Intersection improvements completed on Highway 625 between Nisku Business Park and Highway 21
- Signals installed and intersection improvements made on Highway 814 between Beaumont and Highway 616

**Multi-modal network development\***

Total amount of multi-modal network constructed. This will be revisited upon completion of the Greater Nisku Major Area Structure Plan and/or the Transportation Master Plan.

**0**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**Infrastructure investments that support development at EIA\***

Percentage of transportation and utility investments that connect to EIA.

**0%**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**GOAL**

**Collaborate and seize opportunities to create efficiencies**

Leduc County will continue to work with its residents, key stakeholders, intermunicipal neighbours, regional partners and other levels of government to ensure decisions are based on dialogue, common understanding, and informed decision-making as part of good governance.

Leduc County does not exist in a vacuum, and the MDP reflects the importance of maintaining strong relationships with our regional partners as well as leveraging these connections to explore opportunities for cost savings. The selected KPIs will reflect the extent to which the county is maintaining these relationships and agreements.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS\***

**Intermunicipal planning**

Percentage of completed or updated intermunicipal collaboration frameworks and intermunicipal development plans.

**86%**

**Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) participation**

Total number of EMRB meetings attended (between Leduc County council and municipal staff).

**60**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019

**GOAL**

**Implement the policies of the municipal development plan**

Leduc County is committed to the consistent and equitable implementation of the Municipal Development Plan and its supporting studies.

The county's updated MDP represents the direction and vision for our future, and is the overarching policy document for land use in the county. The selected KPIs will demonstrate that the MDP's vision is being implemented in other related plans and documents.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Statutory plan review\***

Percentage of statutory plans updated to align with the MDP.

**30%**

**Land Use Bylaw review\***

Number of amendments undertaken to align with MDP policies.

**0**

**MDP monitoring**

Has the monitoring report been delivered to council?

**yes**

\* data current as of Dec. 31, 2019