

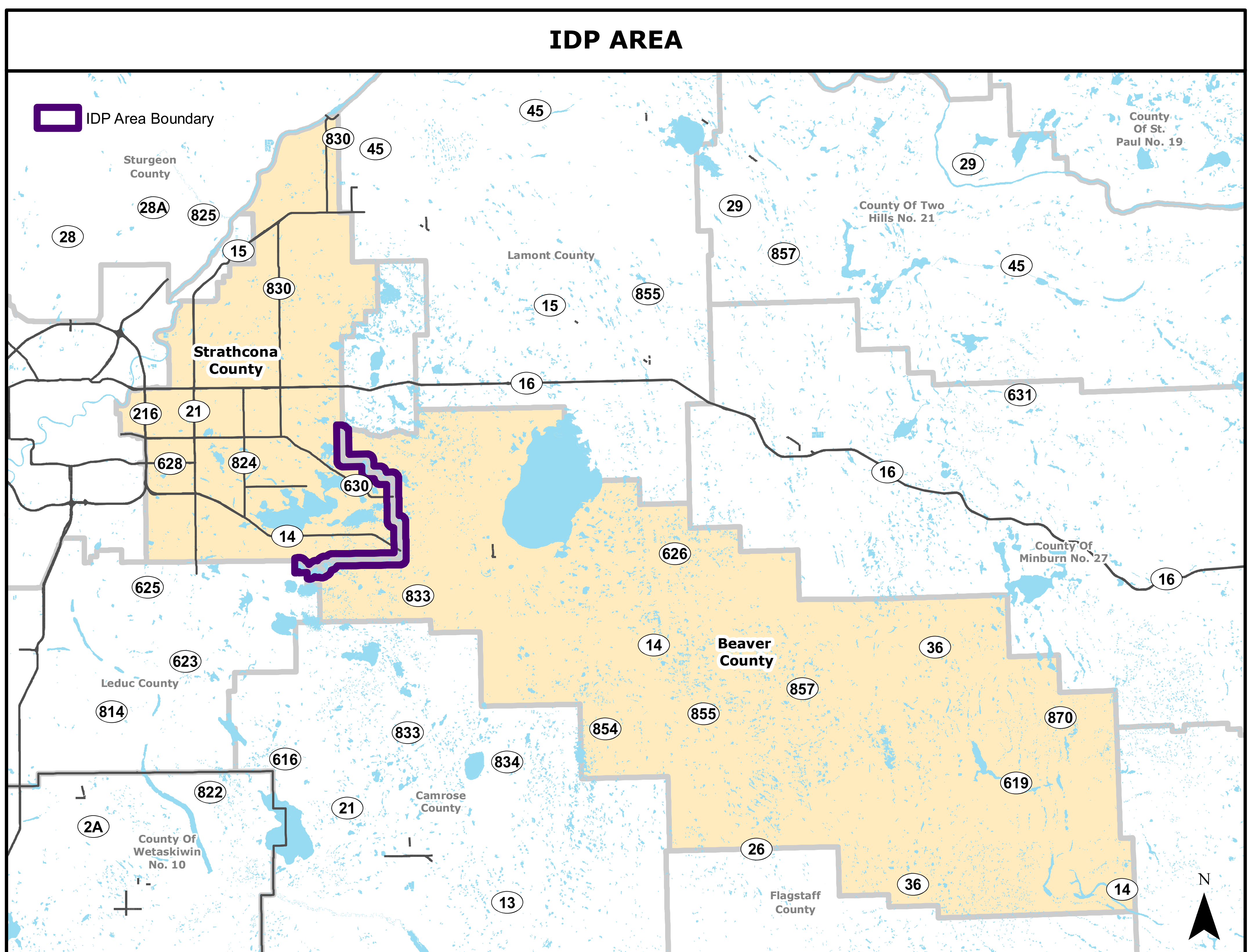
WELCOME

The purpose of this open house is to provide information on the draft Strathcona County and Beaver County Intermunicipal Development Plan

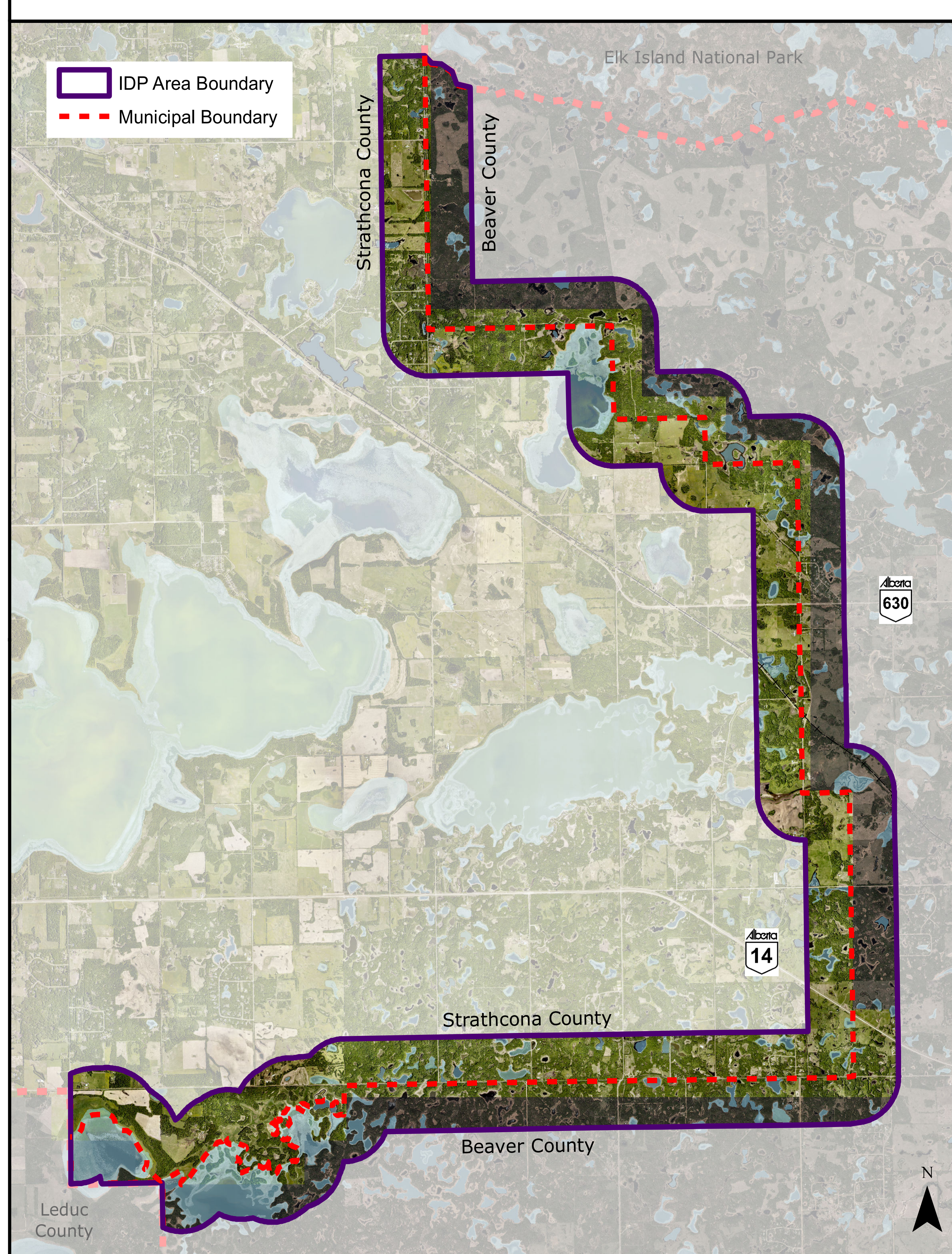
Do you have any questions?

Our project team members from Strathcona County and Beaver County are here to answer your questions about the project.

Provide your comments! Talk to one of our team members or fill out a comment sheet.



OVERVIEW MAP



What is an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP)?

An IDP is a high-level statutory plan jointly developed by two or more neighbouring municipalities, and where at least one member is not part of a growth region. An IDP ensures that land use decisions within the IDP Area are thoughtfully considered through a cooperative planning approach to support the long-term interests of both municipalities.

Why are we doing an IDP?

Recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* require that municipalities with a shared boundary must complete and adopt an IDP.

Will the IDP affect my zoning?

The draft IDP has been developed using the existing policy areas of both municipalities' Municipal Development Plans (MDP), and as a result the proposed IDP will not affect existing land use zoning.

The Plan Area

The IDP Area extends approximately 800 metres from the Strathcona County and the Beaver County boundary lines. The IDP Area covers approximately 6,405 ha (15,826 ac) of land.



Current and Future Land Uses

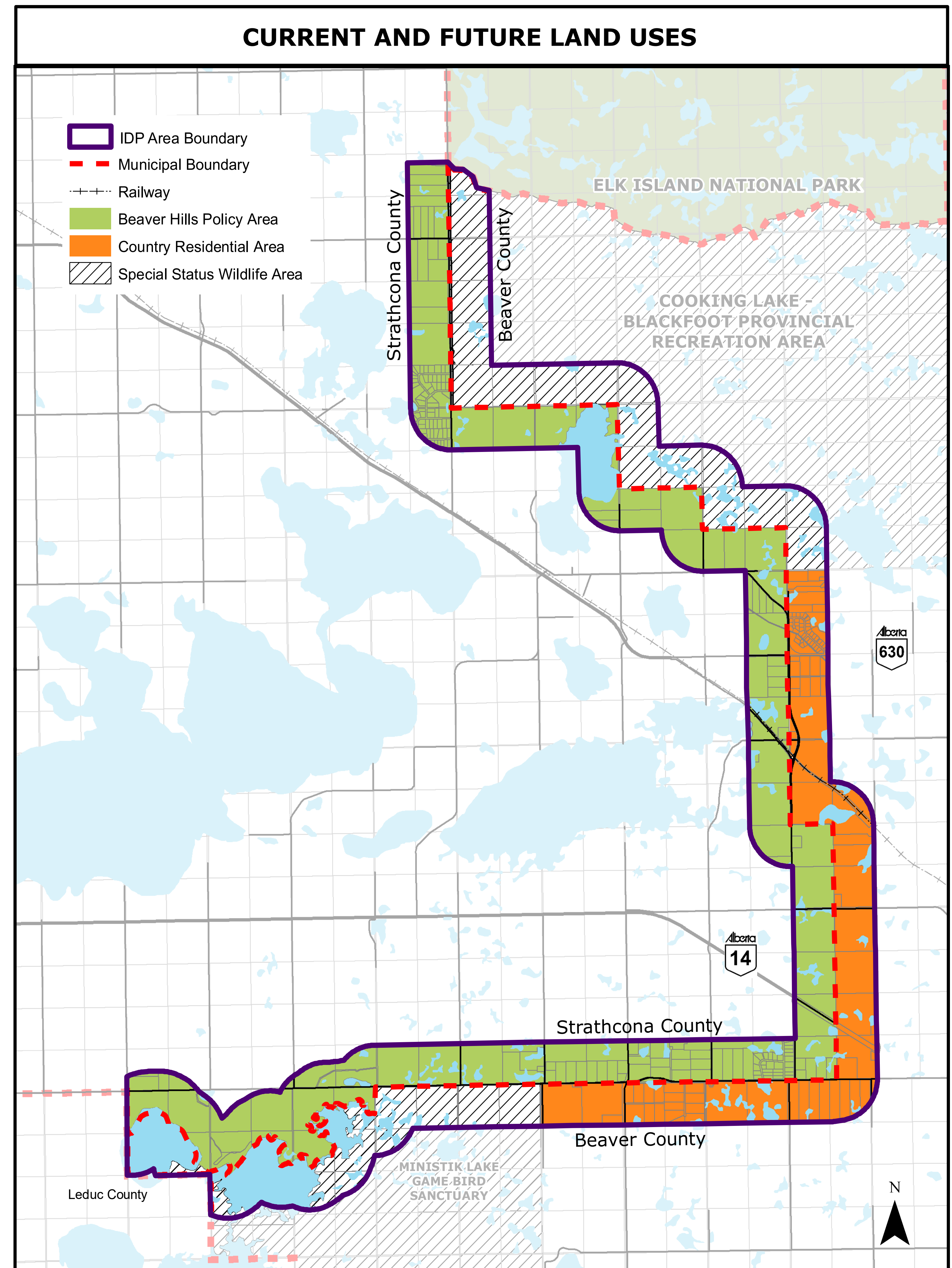
The Current and Future Land Uses are from the existing areas identified within each municipalities' Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

Beaver Hills Policy Area

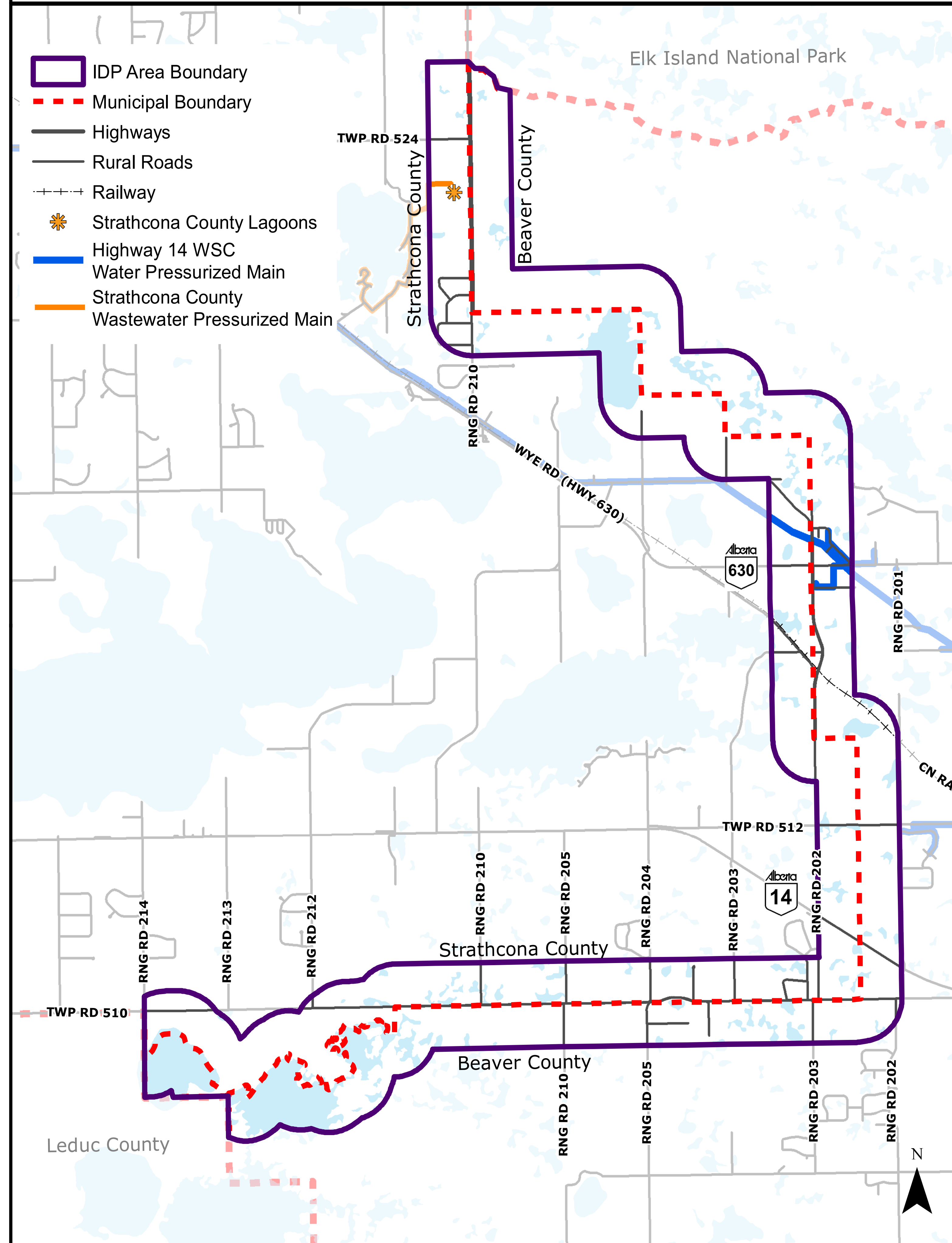
- Conservation of the Beaver Hills Moraine
- Opportunities for agricultural operations
- Limited subdivision of agricultural lands
- Limited subdivision for residential purposes

Country Residential Area

- Opportunities for country residential development
- Retaining character, amenities and quality of life of existing country residential subdivisions
- Respect agricultural land and the natural environment
- Reduce conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses
- Encourage development within existing country residential subdivisions
- Appropriate safety measures adjacent to rail lines
- Recognition of the Beaver Hills Moraine for its significant and sensitive environmental features



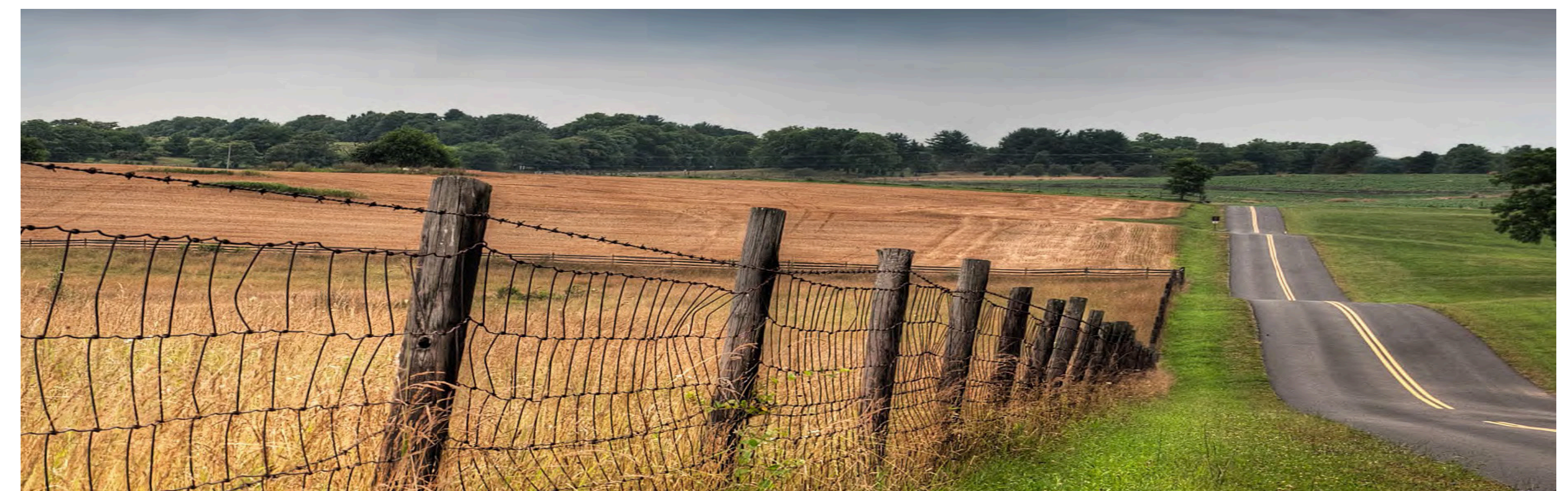
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Transportation and Infrastructure

The IDP intends to maintain safe, reliable, and efficient transportation and infrastructure through:

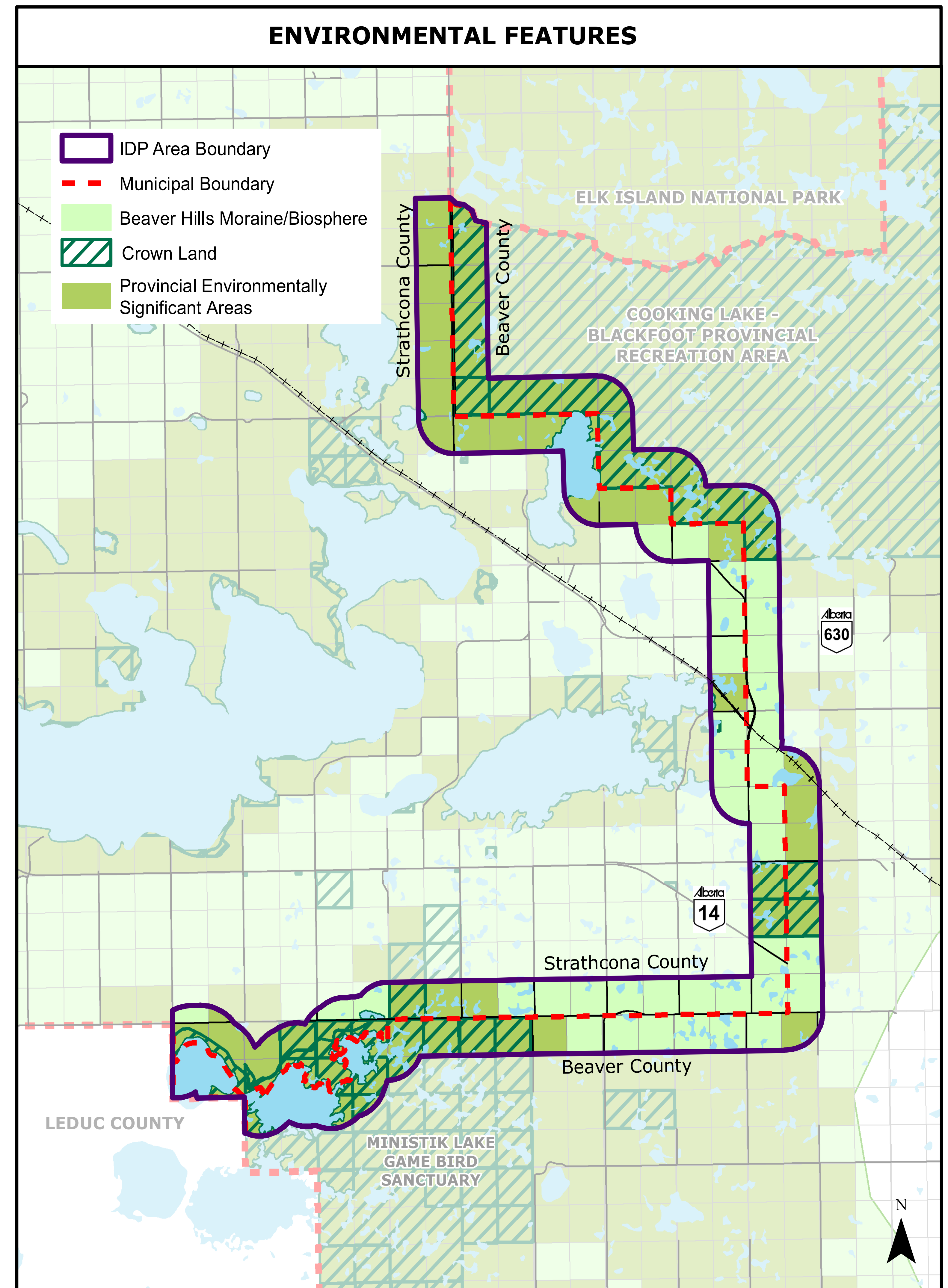
- Municipalities maintaining their own transportation infrastructure or in accordance with an agreement
- Municipalities planning for maintenance and upgrading of roads to engineering standards
- Coordination and integration of transportation networks and facilities
- Cooperation and consultation between municipal, provincial and federal governments, commissions, and the oil and gas industry, where applicable
- Securing long-term transportation corridors with new and expanding developments, where necessary
- Providing water servicing, wastewater servicing, drainage corridors and infrastructure to the satisfaction of the municipality(s)



Environment

The IDP intends to conserve the natural landscape, environmentally significant areas, Crown Lands, and the Beaver Hills Moraine through:

- Regulating development in accordance with municipal policy and provincial legislation
- The continued recognition of the Beaver Hills Moraine as a UNESCO Biosphere
- Regard for sensitive areas when making development decisions
- Dedication of reserves in accordance with provincial regulations and subject to environmental studies
- Referring land use matters on Crown lands to the Province of Alberta



Economic and Social Developments

The IDP intends to diversify the economy and provide opportunities for tourism and recreation through:

- Encouraging tourism that has minimal onsite environmental impacts which are mitigated
- Encouraging nature based tourism within the Beaver Hills Biosphere, where impacts are mitigated
- Considering Seasonal Resorts within the Strathcona County portion of the IDP, where minimal impacts are mitigated and required approvals are completed.
- Agricultural opportunities and innovative agricultural support services, where the scale is appropriate

Responsible Intermunicipal Coordination

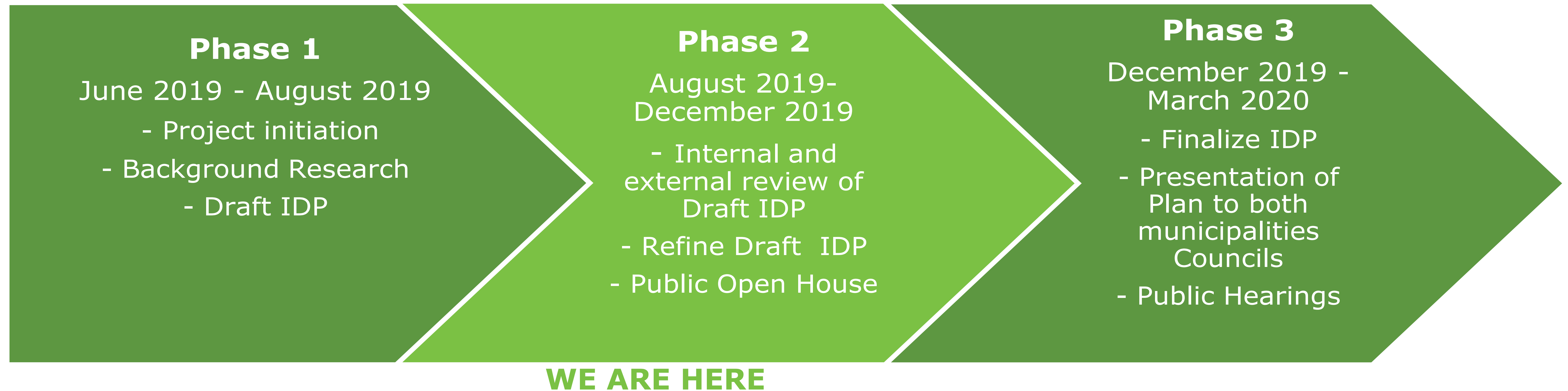
The IDP intends to facilitate coordination and communication on land use matters and future growth and development within the IDP Area through:

- Referrals between the municipalities
- The coordination of intermunicipal programs
- Implementation and administration of the IDP
- A dispute resolution process



Thank You for coming!

Next Steps



Have Comments? Questions?

Learn more

www.strathcona.ca/IDPs

www.beaver.ab.ca/departments/planning-development/rural-idps-project-strathcona



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