



**Municipal Development Plan**  
**Bylaw # 2017-006**



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## **Part One: Purpose and Background**

### **Section 1: Purpose**

Development in the Village of Champion (Village) should respect and promote the communities vision and guiding principles.

#### **Vision:**

***For the Village of Champion to be a self-sustaining, autonomous municipality where residents take pride in their community.***

#### **Guiding Principles:**

***Common sense***  
***Ethical business practices***  
***Resourcefulness***  
***Trustworthy***

In order to achieve the Village's vision, development in the Village should be economically, environmentally, and socially balanced. The Village should be a community where residents can enjoy a high quality of life and where new residents come to live, work and play.

The goals and policies of the MDP apply to land within the Village boundary, and are intended to:

- 2.1 Define strategies for achieving the Village's aspirations and set priorities for the near and long term future;
- 2.2 Establish policies and recommendations that will delineate how the Village can move towards achieving its goals;
- 2.3 Protect and enhance past physical characteristics and traditions;
- 2.4 Guide the orderly and systematic physical growth of the community;
- 2.5 Establish the desirable direction for future community development;
- 2.6 Identify major current and potential constraints, issues and opportunities such as the need for jobs, variety in housing types and densities, and infrastructure expansion, amongst others;
- 2.7 Be consistent with Provincial Land Use Policy;

## Section 2: Policy Context

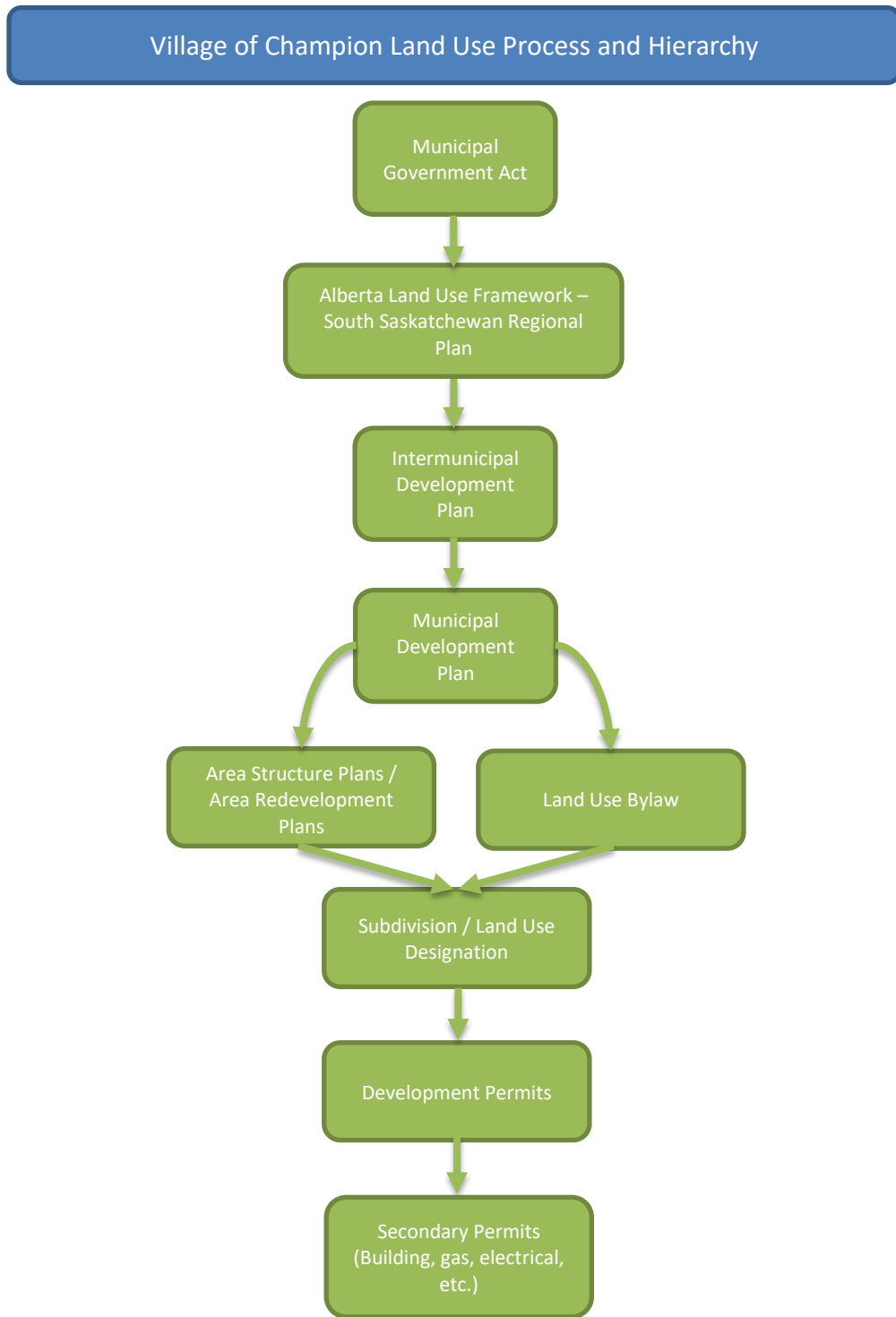
The Municipal Government Act (MGA), Statutes of Alberta, states that all municipalities within Alberta must prepare and adopt a Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

The MDP is primarily a policy document that can be utilized as a framework within which both public and private sector decision making can occur. The MDP covers issues of land use; transportation; allocation of municipal reserves; future development, etc. The MDP act as a framework in what the Village of Champion aims for in the future, based on current trends and desires. The MDP is an evolving document, which should be continually reviewed and updated as necessary.

As a policy document it is, for the most part, general in nature and long range in its outlook. The MDP is a framework that is intended to guide decision-making, bylaw development and investment for the future, providing a degree of certainty to the Council, administration, developers, and the public, regarding the form and character of the community. The MDP also formally provides the means whereby Council can evaluate immediate situations or proposals in the context of a long range plan for The Village. It is also a guide for administration, developers, residents, and adjacent municipalities in evaluating and understanding land-use decisions in the Village of Champion.

As such, all bylaws adopted and works undertaken in the community must be consistent with the MDP. Concerning land use decision-making, the Land Use Bylaw serves as the regulatory document and operates within the framework developed in the MDP process (refer to Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Planning Hierarchy



The overall purpose of the Village MDP is to guide future growth and development to ensure that it is sustainable, orderly, appropriate, complementary, efficient, and that it enhances the quality of life for the residents of the Village. In addition, the MDP puts an emphasis on economic growth while keeping the small community feel that has given the village its warm reputation. The MDP will take strategic measures with clear, realistic policies to help nourish growth, community responsibility and awareness, while respecting and maintaining the village's industrious past into the present.

It is envisioned that with increased development Champion will:

- 2.1 Be a safe, family-friendly, small-town atmosphere;
- 2.2 Be a community inclusive and welcoming to a diversity of individuals, with opportunities for each age cohort (young families);
- 2.3 Be a community with varied housing options to attract and provide for a diverse number of individuals with differing economic backgrounds;
- 2.4 Increase job opportunities and economic success through the encouragement and support of local businesses;
- 2.5 Revive the vibrant historic main street, in the form of improved aesthetics and business growth;
- 2.6 Continue to develop and provide maintenance of valued recreational amenities; and,
- 2.7 Provide future land uses that promotes maximum efficiency for compatible growth, while maximizing existing infrastructure.

### Section 3: Community Consultation

The MDP is a reflection of community values and objectives held by residents of the Village which have been determined through input and consultation with residents and council. In preparing this Plan, public feedback gathered at past community events was utilized. In addition, public consultation specific to the Municipal Development Plan was undertaken. Targeted stakeholder meetings with Council, Village administration, seniors, and students in Grades 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9. Community members were also invited to provide input at a community open house. At all public engagement events community members were asked to provide their feedback on future development of the Village. Additionally, in keeping with provincial requirements, a public hearing was held between First Reading and Second Reading.



## Part Two: Physical Environment

### Section 3: Community Context

Champion is a Village located along Highway 23 in southern Alberta (Map 1). The Village is boarded on all sides by Vulcan County. Champion is in close proximity to the Town of Vulcan, and the Village of Carmangay.

The Village is intersected by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Village transportation features are depicted in Map 2.

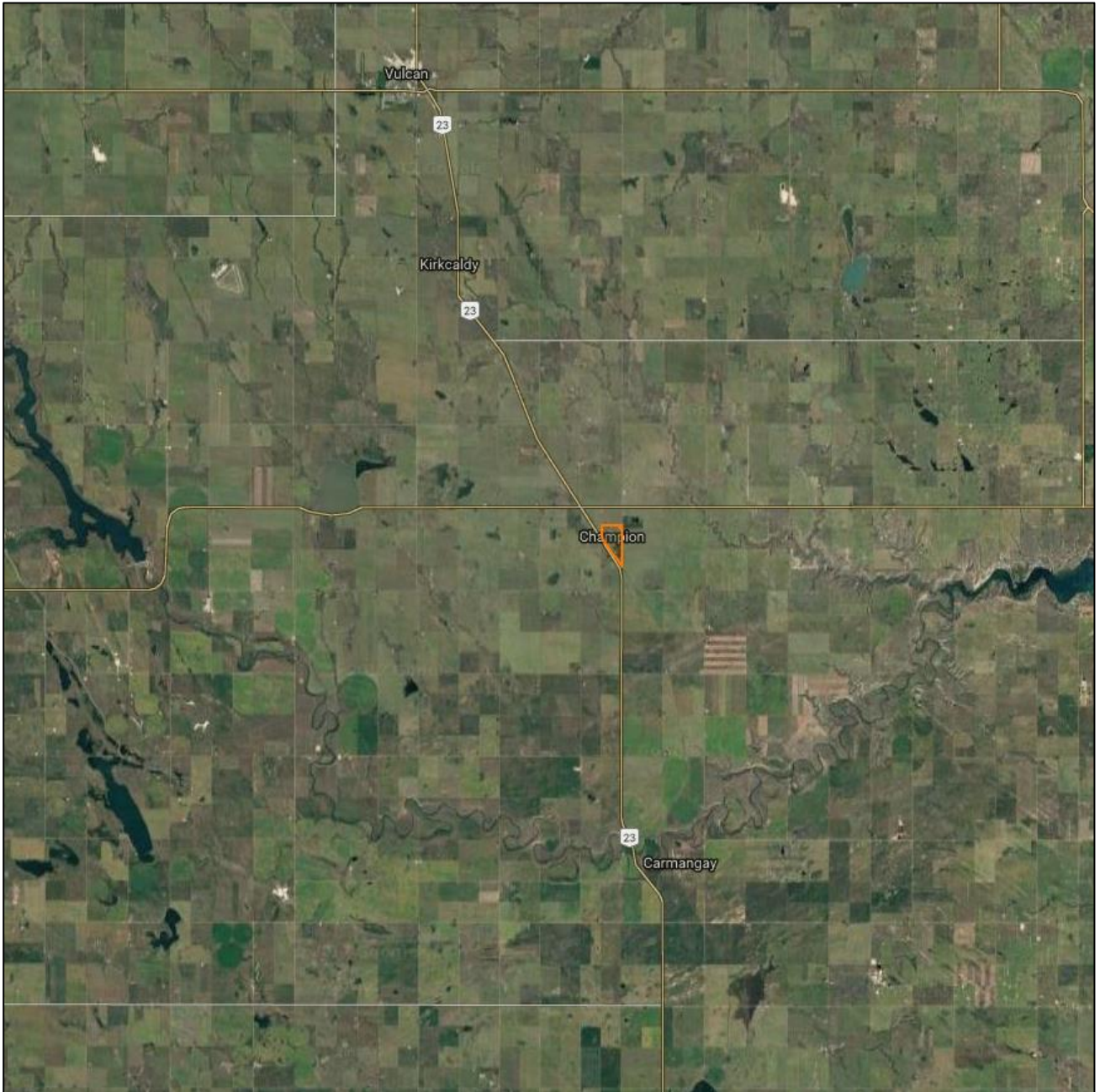
Agriculture is the main employers in the region. The Village has significant potential to support agricultural businesses which should be promoted with future development.

Existing land use patterns set the stage for development of adjacent lands. The distribution of existing commercial, industrial, recreational and educational facilities influences future development patterns. Map 3 identifies existing and future land uses as envisioned by the MDP.

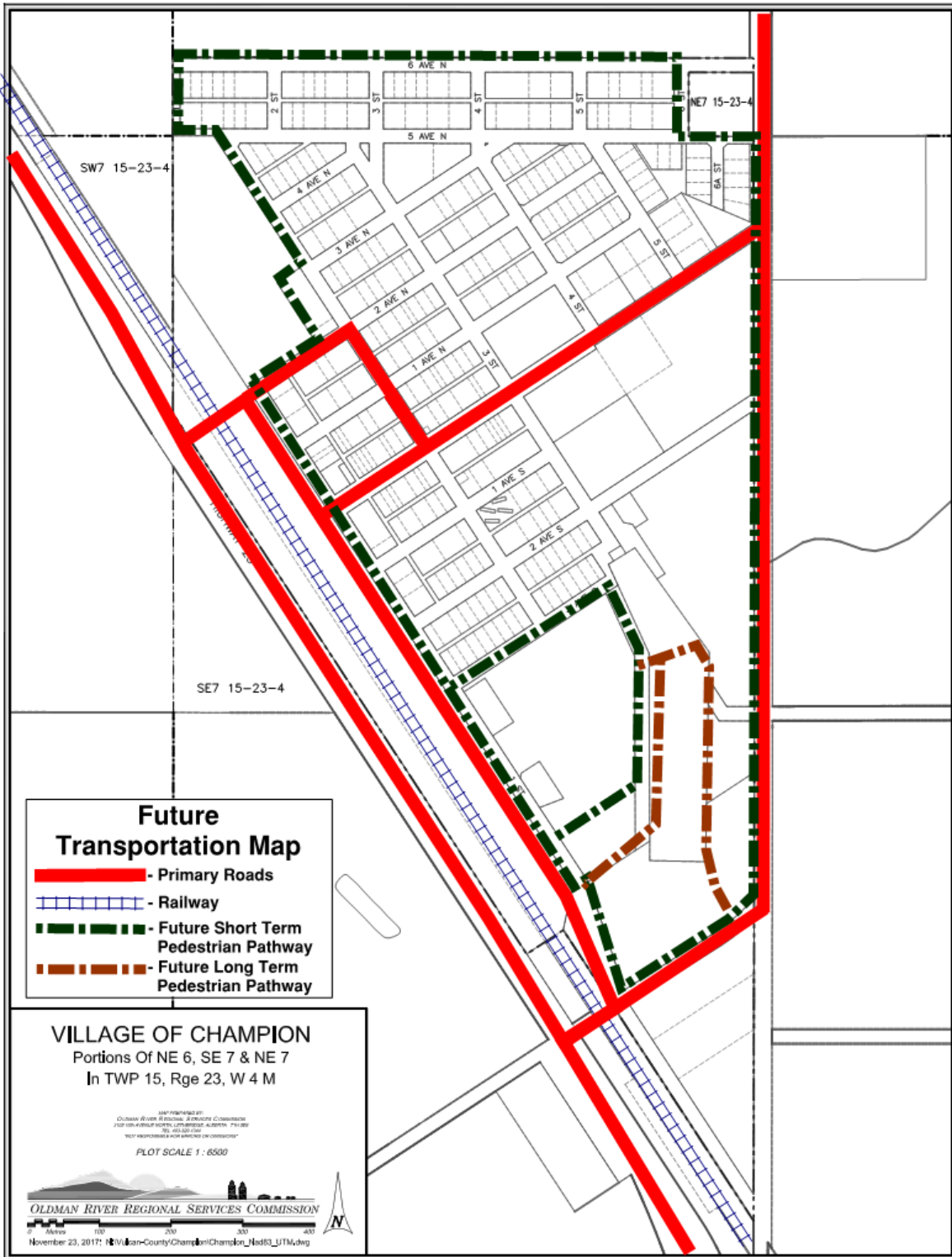




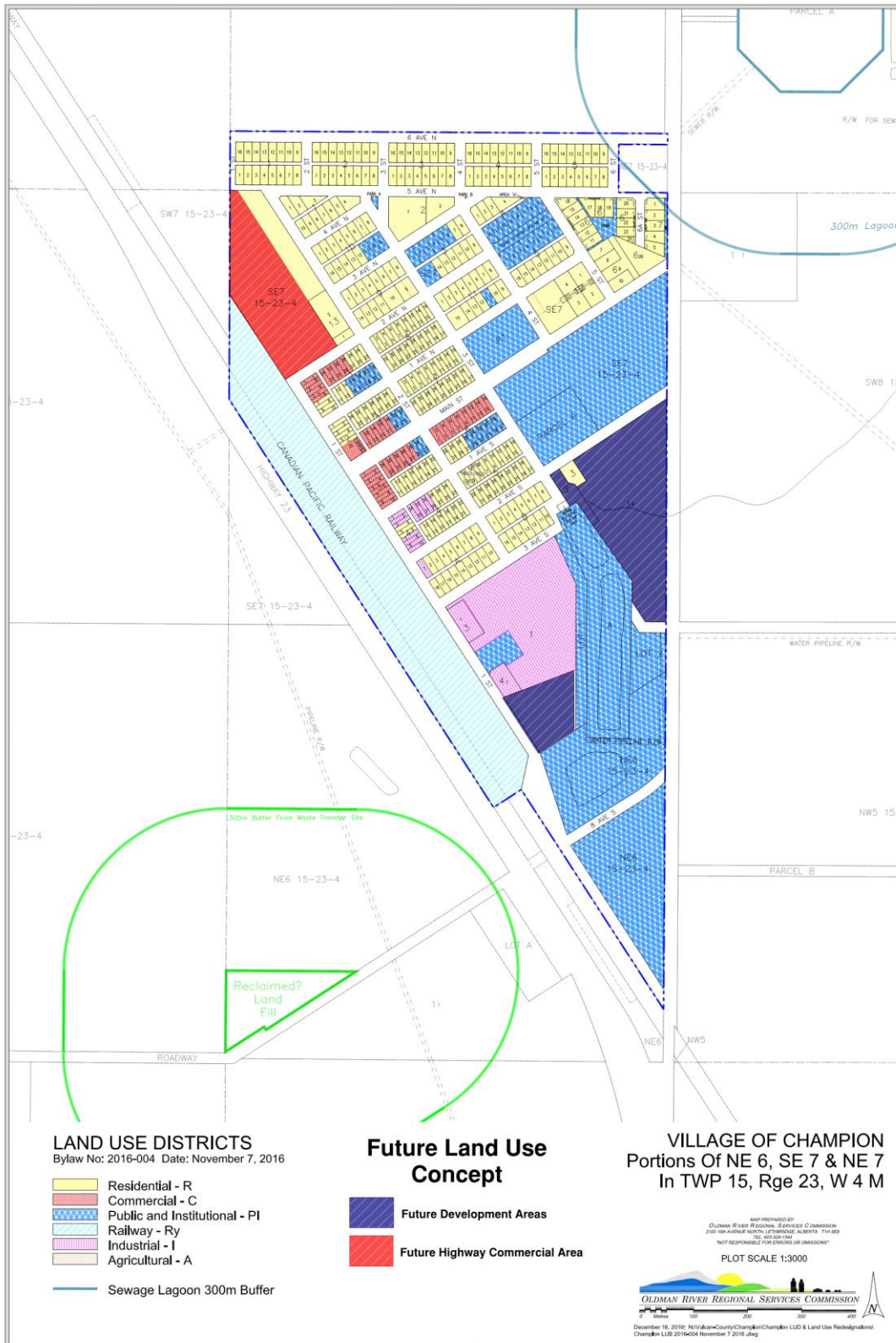
Map 1: Village of Champion Location



Map 2: Transportation Network



Map 3: Future Land Use Concept





## Section 4: Population & Demographics

Figure 2 illustrates the population for the Village since 1994. Census collection is for every five or so subsequent years, as the graph depicts. Population has remained relatively steady over the years, with slight fluctuation, but an overall downward trend. There has been an evident decrease seen in 2016 down to 317.

With expanded economic development initiatives and continued investment in the community, the Village hopes to increase the population with an approximate yearly growth rate of 1%. Within this projection, we expect fluctuations as some years will exceed expectations and other years may not.

**Figure 2 – Village of Champion Population 1994-2016**

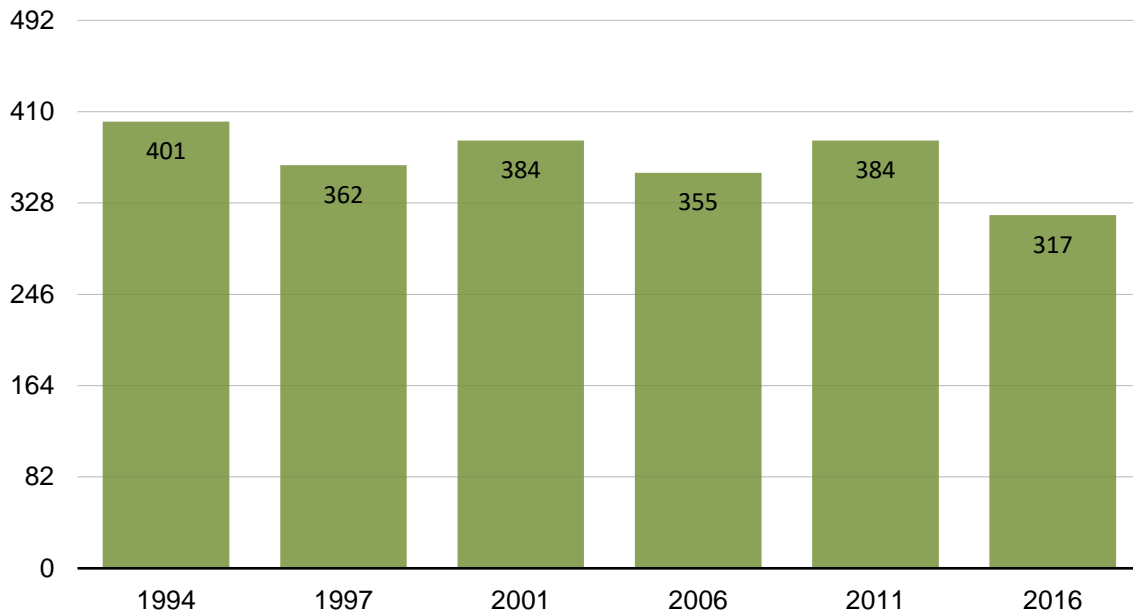
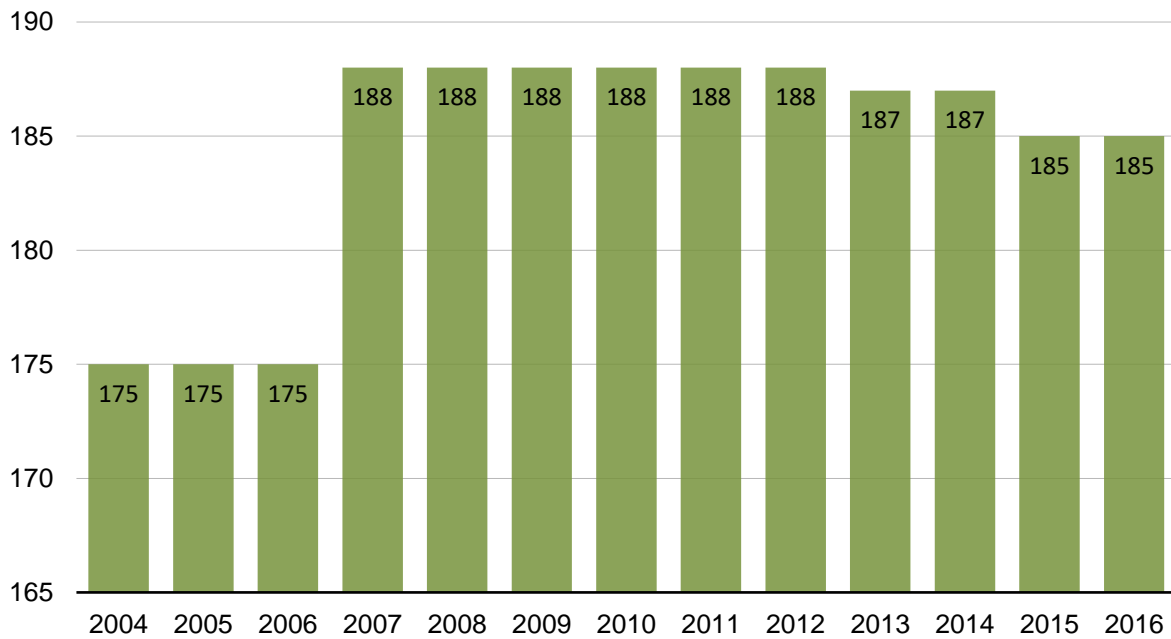


Figure 3 indicates that while the population has decreased recently, the number of private dwellings has followed a slightly different trend. The number of private dwellings steady increase from the early 2000's, and a slight drop from 188 to 185 in recent years.

**Figure 3 - Private Dwellings 2004 - 2016**



## Part Three: Setting the Stage for Growth

As the Village intends to grow it is important that we explore where future growth will occur in the Village. It is anticipated that a portion of future growth will occur within existing areas where vacant lots exist, while at the same time the majority of new development will expand into currently undeveloped municipal areas.



### Section 6: Goals

- 6.1 To ensure the orderly, complementary, contiguous, and efficient development of the physical environment within the Village.
- 6.2 To encourage the orderly and complementary use and development of the physical environment adjacent to Vulcan County.
- 6.3 To identify future growth needs and directions for the Village and endeavour to ensure an adequate supply of developable land.

### Section 7: Policies

- 7.1 All development and subdivision of land shall, whenever possible, adhere to the goals and policies of this plan and follow the land use concepts as shown on Map 3.
- 7.2 Development and subdivision proposals that do not comply with the goals and policies of this plan will require amending this plan to accommodate such proposals.
- 7.3 A high level of quality and aesthetic appeal will be encouraged in all development and redevelopment.
- 7.4 Map 3: Future Land Use Concept depicts the long-term development concept for the Village.
- 7.5 Future development areas on Map 3 are designed to be flexible in nature to accommodate the most efficient and best future land use possible at the time of development. Future subdivision and development in these areas shall:
  - 7.5.1 Provide adequate buffering between new developments and existing developments to reduce potential conflicts.
  - 7.5.2 Demonstrate community need for the desired land use.
  - 7.5.3 Any other requirements as deemed necessary by the Development Authority.
- 7.6 All statutory plans, non-statutory plans and non-statutory policies adopted by Council shall be consistent with this plan.

- 7.7 The Village encourages innovative developments. To facilitate such innovation, the Village encourages early and ongoing conversations with administration and council.
- 7.8 The Village encourages the use of Commercial Development Incentives to stimulate and encourage existing businesses to expand their operations.
- 7.9 The Village encourages the use of Commercial Development Incentives to attract new business, industry, and commercial enterprises to establish within the Village.
- 7.10 The Village should give consideration to the following matters when reviewing proposed developments and/or amendments to the Land Use Bylaw:
  - 7.10.1 The goals and policies of this and other applicable statutory and non-statutory plans and/or non-statutory policies adopted by Council;
  - 7.10.2 The views of the public;
  - 7.10.3 The physical characteristics of the subject and adjacent land;
  - 7.10.4 The use of other land in the vicinity;
  - 7.10.5 The availability of and possible impact on public and private utilities;
  - 7.10.6 Access to and possible impact on the transportation systems;
  - 7.10.7 The overall design; and
  - 7.10.8 Any other matters which, in the opinion of Council, are relevant.
- 7.11 In compliance with the *Subdivision and Development Regulation*, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, no applications for subdivisions and/or development of schools, hospitals, food establishments, or residences will be approved within 300 metres of the working areas of the disposal area of the solid waste transfer station without the written consent of the Deputy Minister of the Department of Environmental Protection.
- 7.12 Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, the Village shall require that development and subdivision applications in close proximity to oil and gas facilities meet the standards of the *Subdivision and Development Regulation* and *Energy Resources Conservation Board* guidelines.
- 7.13 Higher utilization of existing infrastructure is encouraged through the appropriate infill development.
- 7.14 The Village may assume a role in land development, including acquisition, servicing and subdivision, in order to ensure an adequate supply of land.
- 7.15 Upon the subdivision of land, the Village will require the provision of municipal reserves to the maximum amount provided for in the *Municipal Government Act*. The Village's preference is for land dedication; however, money or a combination of money and land may be considered in unique circumstances.

- 7.16 The Village may require that new development and re-development be required to pay its fair share of expanding existing or creating new public facilities and services for sanitary, water storm water, roads and other community facilities through off-site levies.
- 7.17 The Village shall allow farming as a permitted use on lands designated Agricultural in the Land Use Bylaw until such time that future development is approved by the Development Authority. Farming means the raising or production of crops, or animals and includes a single residence for the farmer, but does not include marijuana crops or a “Confined Feeding Operation” as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Board.



## Part Four: Economic Development

The Village is committed to economic development within the Village and the region. The Village recognizes that diversification of business development is important to the economy and will support and promote opportunities for growth of a variety of commercial and industrial uses. Tourism is an important future economic development consideration for the Village as the Village is frequently visited by individuals travelling to and from Little Bow River.



Highway commercial is an important type of business development in the Village. It should be provided with special consideration to ensure transportation corridors remain safe and efficient.

### Section 8: Goals

- 8.1 To further the economic vitality and sustainability of the local and area economy.
- 8.2 To develop a strong tourism sector in the local and area economy.

### Section 9: Policies

- 9.1 The Village supports, in principle, private economic development initiatives.
- 9.2 The Village may support economic development initiatives, whether on its own or in partnership with the private sector.
- 9.3 The Village supports, whenever possible, joint economic development initiatives with other municipalities in the region.
- 9.4 The Village should consider the development of an Economic Development Marketing Plan to coordinate marketing efforts, both public and private, and to attract more businesses and tourists and increase the length of their stay.
- 9.5 The Village encourages the development of the tourism industry in and around Champion. Such development should not have adverse social, economic, or environmental impacts.
- 9.6 Tourism oriented development should benefit the residents of the Village and area by providing greater economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities.
- 9.7 The Village and/or related agency should develop and maintain a registry of local businesses and services in order to identify and then actively seek to fill gaps.

## Part Five: Residential Development

The Village is composed of a multiple housing types including apartment, duplex, moved-in, multi-unit, single detached, townhouse/row, and semi-detached or two-unit dwelling. The Village will promote the continued development of multiple types of housing to accommodate a diverse population. Additionally, the Town will support the continued development of home occupations within residential homes.



Future residential development shall provide the day-to-day needs of residents within residential neighbourhoods. Therefore the design and development of these areas may include convenience retail stores, live-work units, churches, parks, schools and other local community services.

### Section 10: Goals

- 10.1 A mixture of residential densities and tenure will be encouraged in the Village so that a variety of housing is available.
- 10.2 High quality housing design, layout, site amenities and development will be promoted for all new residential housing projects.
- 10.3 Provide for separation and buffering of residential neighbourhoods from incompatible land uses.

### Section 11: Policies

- 11.1 Future residential should be accommodated through:
  - 11.1.1 Infill developments within the existing community; and
  - 11.1.2 Comprehensively designed residential developments within the future development areas as depicted on Map 3.
- 11.2 In residential areas, upon subdivision, the Village will require the provision of municipal reserves be in the form of land in order to provide adequate buffering, open spaces, trail development and school sites.
- 11.3 Although detached housing will be the dominant housing type, the Village supports the provision of a wide range of housing types (including but not limited to, secondary suites, duplexes, townhouse/row, semi-detached or two-unit dwelling) in order to meet all of its housing needs.

- 11.4 Higher density housing is encouraged to develop in small clusters with good access to major roads. Consideration should also be given to proximity to schools, open spaces, commercial developments and community facilities.
- 11.5 Innovative residential designs are encouraged. The external design and finish of all residential buildings should be of high quality and reflect or complement existing development in the vicinity.
- 11.6 Residential development within 1.5 kilometres of a sour gas facility shall be discouraged.

## Part Six: Commercial Development

The Village supports continued development of commercial enterprises to serve the Village and area residents. Future commercial development shall be encouraged and should be designed in an aesthetic manner to enhance the streetscape and community.



### Section 12: Goals

- 12.1 To promote and encourage the provision of a full range of goods and services for the residents of the Village.
- 12.2 To minimize potential conflicts between commercial and non-commercial land uses.
- 12.3 To encourage aesthetically pleasing commercial development.

### Section 13: Policies

- 13.1 Future commercial development should be accommodated through:
  - 13.1.1 Infill developments within the existing community, with a focus on redevelopment on Main Street.
  - 13.1.2 Future highway commercial should be encouraged to locate and front onto Highway 23 as per Map 3.
  - 13.1.3 Comprehensively designed commercial developments within the future development areas as depicted on Map 3.
- 13.2 The Village will encourage and promote expansion of existing commercial enterprises within the Village.
- 13.3 The Village will encourage and promote the creation of new commercial enterprises within the Village.
- 13.4 The Village supports the concept of small convenience type commercial development, serving the needs of the community.
- 13.5 The external design and finish of all commercial development should be of high quality and reflect or complement existing development in the vicinity.
- 13.6 The Village will strive to develop and implement an overall downtown streetscape plan to ensure the downtown commercial area is pedestrian friendly and aesthetically pleasing while providing adequate vehicular access and parking.

- 13.7 Home based businesses will be allowed as discretionary uses in residential districts provided they are secondary to the residential use and do not detract from the amenities of the surrounding residential neighbourhood. Specific standards and requirements will be governed by the Land Use Bylaw.
  
- 13.8 In commercial areas, upon subdivision, the Village will require that the provision of municipal reserves be in the form of money, except in cases where the site borders on a non-commercial use in which case the Village may consider the dedication of land to provide adequate buffering.

## Part Seven: Industrial Development

The Village has a wide range of industrial land uses and business. Much of this development has been established to support the agricultural and the oil and gas industry.

Future industrial growth shall be encouraged by the Village to provide services and employment opportunities. Such growth should be balanced against any negative externalities that could impact adjacent landowners.



### Section 14: Goals

- 14.1 To accommodate a broad range of responsible industrial development.
- 14.2 To minimize potential conflicts between industrial and non-industrial land uses.

### Section 15: Policies

- 15.1 Future industrial development should be accommodated through:
  - 15.1.1 Future highway commercial should be encouraged to locate and front in the newly development Industrial Park.
  - 15.1.2 Comprehensively designed industrial developments within the future development areas as depicted on Map 3.
- 15.2 The Village will encourage and promote expansion of existing industrial enterprises within the Village.
- 15.3 The Village will encourage and promote the creation of new industrial enterprises within the Village.
- 15.4 The Village will seek to minimize potential negative externalities associated with industrial developments.
- 15.5 In industrial areas, upon subdivision, the Village will require that the provision of municipal reserves be in the form of money, except in cases where the site borders on a non-industrial use in which case land may be dedicated to provide adequate buffering.
- 15.6 The Village may require an independent Environmental Impact Assessment to be completed before permitting an industrial use that may potentially cause environmental or health problems.

## Part Eight: Transportation

A balanced, multi-modal transportation network which accommodates and balances the needs of automobiles, pedestrians, cyclists shall be developed in the Village. The Village values streets and roads as quality public streets and will strive to ensure future development safely and efficiently accommodates all users.

The road network should not be compromised by adjacent development.



### Section 16: Goals

- 16.1 To identify short and long term transportation needs of both the Village and the surrounding region and strive to ensure that these needs are adequately met in a manner that is compatible with existing and future development.

### Section 17: Policies

- 17.1 Map 2 identifies the Village's main transportation network.
- 17.2 Highway 23 is a provincial highway under the jurisdiction of Alberta Transportation. The Village will endeavour to assist Alberta Transportation to protect this highway from uses and development that may be detrimental to the flow and safety of traffic.
- 17.3 The Village may establish bylaws concerning off-site levies in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* to finance the provision of off-site municipal infrastructure.
- 17.4 All roads servicing new development shall be developed in accordance with the Village's approved servicing standards.
- 17.5 The Village will endeavour to develop a long term strategy to upgrade the roads and sidewalks in a cost effective and efficient manner.
- 17.6 In future development areas road surfacing shall be done at the developer's expense upon 60% development or within two (2) years of subdivision, whichever is sooner.
- 17.7 In future development areas new pedestrian sidewalks shall be installed at the developer's expense upon 60% development or within two (2) years of subdivision, whichever is sooner.
- 17.8 The Village may require that developers subdividing lands adjacent to highways and collector roads provide lands for future road widening.
- 17.9 The Village may restrict driveway access to developments along major transportation routes.

- 17.10 Any plans including lands within Alberta Transportation highway right-of-way's will be prepared in partnership with Alberta Transportation.



## Part Nine: Municipal Utilities, Servicing and Improvements

The provision and maintenance of infrastructure in the Village improves the quality of life for residents and visitors. Water systems, waste water systems and solid waste management systems should be facilitated so that they do not negatively impact the natural environment or pose hazards to Village residents.

The community's need for police/fire/ambulance service shall be considered in the Municipality's land use planning decisions.



### Section 18: Goals

- 18.1 To support the adequate, safe, and efficient provision of municipal and private utilities.
- 18.2 To ensure municipal services are provided in a timely and efficient manner.

### Section 19: Policies

- 19.1 Development in new areas must be preceded by the provision of utilities and services, or satisfactory arrangements made for their provision.
- 19.2 The Village may establish bylaws concerning off-site levies in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act* to finance the provision of off-site municipal infrastructure.
- 19.3 The Village may require that developers install certain municipal improvements in excess of the requirement for their particular development; if such a requirement is needed the Village will endeavour to collect monies from the owners of benefiting lands with respect to new construction which will utilize the municipal improvements.
- 19.4 The Village supports, whenever possible, the protection of regionally and locally significant utilities from incompatible development.
- 19.5 New developments encroaching onto utility right-of-ways and Village owned lands should not be permitted. Existing encroachments shall require encroachment agreements.
- 19.6 The Village supports the development, whenever possible, of partnerships neighbouring municipalities for the efficient provision of municipal services.

- 19.7 The residents of the Village should, whenever possible, be provided with adequate, timely, and efficient administrative services. This includes but is not limited to infrastructure development and maintenance, snow removal, and garbage removal.
- 19.8 Proposals for re-designation, subdivision and development shall accommodate design elements that consider safety factors and facilitate accessibility by police, fire and ambulance services and shall be reviewed and approved by police, fire and ambulance.
- 19.9 When considering proposals for subdivision or development, the Village shall require the developer to seek appropriate measures to provide the proposed development with fire protection.
- 19.10 In accordance with the Subdivision and Development Regulations, a subdivision and/or development application located within 1.5 kilometers of a sour gas facility must be circulated to Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and the development must be consistent with the requirements set out in the Subdivision and Development Regulations.

## Part Ten: Environment

The protection and management of environmental resources is important to quality of life. The biophysical characteristics and environmental significance of lands shall be considered in land use decisions.

In accordance with all provincial legislation the conservation of environmentally significant areas should be encouraged, including unique vegetation, riparian areas, topography, fish habitat and wildlife habitat. The presence of significant archaeological and historical sites should be considered in the Municipality's land use planning decisions.



### Section 20: Goals

- 20.1 To protect and preserve, whenever possible, existing natural areas.
- 20.2 To ensure that development does not unduly impact the natural environment.
- 20.3 To ensure that the natural environment does not jeopardize the health, safety, and quality of life of the residents of the Village.

### Section 21: Policies

- 21.1 The Village supports the protection of environmentally sensitive and significant areas in their natural state, more or less. Development in these areas may be limited to such things as public trails, public signs, public parking facilities, and any development necessary to ensure public safety.
- 21.2 The Village may require an environmental assessment/audit to be carried out on a site that is the subject of a development proposal.
- 21.3 The Village will work with developers to ensure that developments do not have a significant negative environmental impact on the Village.
- 21.4 The Village will utilize environmental reserve and environmental conservation easements as mechanisms to protect environmentally significant areas.
- 21.5 The Village discourages the use of Conservation Reserves to protect environmentally significant features.
- 21.6 Through the subdivision process, the Village shall require that lands considered unsuitable for development area dedicated as environmental reserve with the provisions of the MGA.

- 21.7 Lands dedicated as environmental reserve shall remain in their natural state and/or be used as part of the public trail system where necessary to ensure a continuous integrated trail system.
- 21.8 The Village may require landscaping plans prepared by a Registered Landscape Architect as a component of non-single family residential development permit applications.

## Part Eleven: Community & Recreational Development

The Village aspires to maintain and improve the range and quality of community institutional facilities and services as the provisions of community services enhances the quality of life of residents and visitors.

Natural areas, recreational parks are also important parts of life in the Village. With future growth, the programming of recreational and community services should be designed to accommodate the needs of a growing community and diverse population.



### Section 22: Goals

- 22.1 To strive to provide community facilities that will enhance the provision of community services associated with the social, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the residents of The Village.

### Section 23: Policies

- 23.1 The Village supports the development of short and long term pathways as depicted on Map 2.
- 23.2 The Village supports the development of linear green spaces which may be developed as walkways to act as linkages between residential areas, schools, open spaces and community facilities.
- 23.3 Local playgrounds should be provided in residential developments as part of the municipal reserve dedication resulting from future subdivisions. Whenever possible playgrounds should be centrally located within each residential area and linked via walkways.
- 23.4 The Village supports the preservation of natural areas and natural vegetation within open spaces whenever possible.
- 23.5 Public and quasi-public uses, such as nursing homes, churches, and community centres, will be permitted in residential areas provided they are located at or near neighbourhood entry points and adequate buffering or separation is provided.
- 23.6 The Village encourages cooperation between the Village, Vulcan County, Palliser Regional Schools, and other community groups on the sharing of facilities and resources.
- 23.7 The Village will endeavour to work with Alberta Health to ensure the adequate provision of health and medical care services and facilities.

- 23.8 The Village will endeavour to develop pedestrian linkages in the form of sidewalks to all Village amenities.

## Part Twelve: Education

The Village is dedicated to providing opportunities for education to all residents and visitors.

### Section 24: Goals

- 24.1 To encourage the provision of the broadest and fullest range of educational opportunities for the residents of The Village.



### Section 25: Policies

- 25.1 The Village will endeavour to cooperate with Champion School, Palliser Regional Schools and the Champion Municipal Library concerning the provision of educational resources and opportunities to the residents of the Village.
- 25.2 The Village supports entering into or continuing joint use agreements with Palliser Regional Schools respecting sharing of recreational facilities.
- 25.3 At the time of subdivision the Village will work with the Champion School, Palliser Regional Schools to determine the allocation of future municipal reserve required for future school development.
- 25.4 The Village supports the continued growth and development of the Champion Municipal Library.

## Part Thirteen: Intermunicipal Cooperation

The Village recognizes the need for cooperative intermunicipal and regional planning. The Village is surrounded on all sides by Vulcan County and is within close proximity to a number of other municipalities including the Village of Carmangay, Hamlet of Kirkcaldy, and the Town of Vulcan.

The Village is committed to good working relationships with regional municipalities and is committed to joint ventures that ensure efficient and cost effective provisions of shared services within the region, enhance natural systems, promote economic development and ensure compatibility between land uses.



### Section 26: Goals

- 26.1 To undertake cooperative planning with Vulcan County.
- 26.2 To coordinate land use policies for the fringe areas which are mutually beneficial to both the Village and the County.
- 26.3 To coordinate the provision of roads, facilities, and other services that serve residents of both municipalities.
- 26.4 Be engaged with regional municipalities to take advantage of synergies between municipalities.

### Section 27: Policies

- 27.1 The Village will support the development of a Village/County Intermunicipal Development Plan to address issues of mutual concern and to ensure that development in either municipality complements the existing and future land uses of the other municipality.
- 27.2 The Village will discourage, whenever possible, development or uses that may have a negative impact on adjacent uses in Vulcan County.
- 27.3 The Village will endeavour and collaborate with Vulcan County to establish suitable “agriculture equipment” routes.
- 27.4 The Village will endeavour and collaborate with the Vulcan County to minimize conflicts between development in the Village and development and agricultural operations in the County along the municipal boundary.

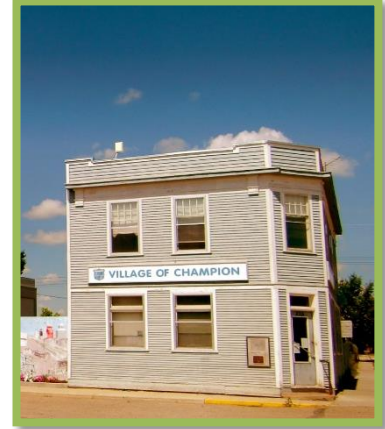


- 27.5 The Village supports the development of Highway Commercial businesses both within and adjacent to the Village boundaries. As such, the Village will work with Vulcan County to support the growth and development of additional Highway Commercial businesses along Highway 23 in the immediate future and Highway 529 in the more long term future.

## Part Fourteen: Administrative Matters

### Section 28: Interpretation

- 28.1 The MDP is, for the most part, general in nature and long range in its outlook. The MDP provides the means whereby Council and Village Administration can evaluate immediate situations or proposals in the context of a long range plan for the Village. In this regard, the boundaries between the land uses shown on Map 3 – Future Land Use Concept are not to be rigidly interpreted and the specific boundaries shall be determined through the designation of the Land Use Bylaw Districts.
- 28.2 Substantive variations from the policies contained within the MDP will require an amendment to the MDP and any other affected plan.
- 28.3 The MDP contains “shall”, “should”, and “may” policies which are interpreted as follows:
- 28.3.1 “Shall” policies must be complied with;
  - 28.3.2 “Should” policies mean compliance in principle, but is subject to the discretion of the applicable authority on a case by case basis, and
  - 28.3.3 “May” policies indicate that the applicable authority determines the level of compliance that is required.



### Section 29: Implementation

- 29.1 The goals and policies of the MDP will be further refined and implemented through the development, adoption, and day to day application of the Village/County Intermunicipal Development Plan, statutory plans (area structure plans and area redevelopment plans), non-statutory plans (outline plans, design schemes, etc.) and the Land Use Bylaw.

### Section 30: Amendment

- 30.1 Amendment of the MDP must follow the appropriate procedures as outlined in the *Municipal Government Act*.
- 30.2 All statutory and non-statutory plans shall be consistent with the MDP and may require amendment to ensure their compliance with the MDP.

### Section 31: Review

- 31.1 In order to ensure that the MDP is current, the entire plan should be reviewed approximately every four years, preferably shortly after each municipal election.

## Part Fifteen: Glossary of Terms

**“Developer”** means a person or an owner of land in accordance with the Statutes of the Province of Alberta who wishes to alter the title to the property and change the use of the property from its existing use or cause to be located or constructed on the property buildings or structures.

**“Development Permit”** means a permit issued pursuant to this Bylaw authorizing a development. A development permit does not constitute a building permit.

**“Driveway”** a minor private access road, either paved or unpaved, that is of an approved minimum width for the designated use of the lot as prescribed in the Land Use Bylaw and provides access to a single lot or facility for the purpose of parking and/or loading.

**“Dwelling (unit)”** means a self-contained premise designed for human habitation which includes provisions for cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities.

**“Apartment”** means a building containing three (3) or more dwelling units sharing a common hall and common entrance at grade.

**“Duplex”** means a building containing two separate dwelling units connected by a common floor /wall or ceiling, but not legally subdivided by a property line.

**“Moved-In”** means a conventional, previously occupied building which is physically removed from one site, transported and re-established on another site for use as a residence, but does not include modular dwellings, manufactured homes, prefabricated dwellings or ready-to-move dwellings.

**“Multi-unit”** means a building other than a townhouse/row dwelling containing three (3) or more separate dwelling units.

**“Townhouse/Row”** means a building containing three (3) or more separate dwelling units with each unit placed side by side and each having a separate front and rear entrance.

**“Semi-Detached or Two-Unit Dwelling”** means a building containing two (2) separate dwelling units connected by a common wall or ceiling and may be legally subdivided by a property line.

**“Environmental Impact Assessment”** means a comprehensive site analysis to determine the potential impact of the proposed development on the site; the potential environmental impact of the proposed development upon adjacent properties or land uses; and the potential environmental impact of the proposed development upon the future land use potential of the property.

**“Farming”** means the raising or production of crops, or animals, and includes a single residence for the farmer, but does not include marijuana crops or a “Confined Feeding Operation” as defined by the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (Chapter A-7, R.S.A. 2000) and all regulations and amendments passed thereto.

**"Home occupation"** means any occupation, trade, profession, or craft carried on by an occupant of a residential building as a use secondary to the residential use of the building, and which does not change the character thereof or have any exterior evidence of such secondary use. Detailed definitions of Home Occupation 1 and Home Occupation 2 are available in the Land Use Bylaw.

**"Landscaping"** means the modification and enhancement of a site or development through the use of the following elements:

- (a) natural landscaping consisting of vegetation such as trees, shrubs, hedges, grass and other ground cover;
- (b) hard landscaping consisting of non-vegetative materials such as brick, stone, concrete, tile and wood, excluding monolithic concrete and asphalt; and excludes all areas utilized for driveways and parking.

**"MGA"** means the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

**"Multimodal Transportation"** means various modes of transportation such as cycling, walking, automobile, public transit, etc.

**"Secondary suites"** means a development consisting of an ancillary dwelling unit located within, and accessory to, a structure in which the principal use is a single detached dwelling and where both dwelling units are registered under the same land title.

**"Sour Gas Facility"** as defined by the Subdivision and Development Regulations (AR 43/2002) and all regulations and amendments passed thereto.

**"Subdivision"** means the division of a parcel by an instrument. Subdivide has a corresponding meaning.

**"Village"** means the Village of Champion.

**"Utility"** means any one or more of the following:

- (a) systems for the distribution of gas, whether artificial or natural;
- (b) waterworks systems (facilities for the storage, transmission, treatment, distribution or supply of water);
- (c) sewage systems (facilities for the collection, treatment, movement or disposal of sanitary sewage);
- (d) storm sewage drainage facilities;
- (e) telecommunications systems;
- (f) systems for the distribution of artificial light or electric power;
- (g) facilities used for the storage of telephone, cable, remote weather stations or internet infrastructure; and
- (h) any other things prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council by regulation; but does not include those systems or facilities referred to in subclause (a) through (g) that are exempted by the Lieutenant Governor in Council by regulation.