



**Municipal District of Spirit River
& Saddle Hills County**

**Municipal Development Plan (MDP)
Resident/Ratepayer Survey**



Saddle Hills County and the Municipal District of Spirit River are preparing new Municipal Development Plans (MDPs). The purpose of an MDP is to provide a “big picture” land use planning framework to guide long term development decisions. Public input is critical to the process as it ensures that future policies reflect the interests and needs of the community.

Please provide us with your comments about land use and development issues. All information collected will be kept confidential and used only in a summary of input received.

Thank you for your assistance and input. We look forward to hearing your views!

Part 1: For the statements below, using a scale of 1 being strongly agree and 4 being strongly disagree, please rank your agreement. If you are unsure or require more information, please circle number 5. Circle only one response for each statement and please provide any comments you would like to share.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/Need More Info.
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>					
1. The preservation of better agricultural land for agricultural purposes should be a priority in the rural area. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>DEVELOPMENT</u>					
2. The municipality should revise the definition of better agricultural land to make more land available for non-agricultural (residential, commercial or industrial) development. (Better agricultural land is generally considered to be CLI Class 4 or RFA 28% or higher.) <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>					
3. More residential subdivision should be encouraged in the rural area. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>					
4. New country residential development should be limited to designated areas. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL</u>					
5. Non-agricultural development should be concentrated in specific locations and not scattered throughout the rural area. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL</u>					
6. Future commercial and industrial development should only be allowed in close proximity to highways, or in hamlets or settlements. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5
<u>INFRASTRUCTURE</u>					
7. The existing road system is adequate to support new development. <i>Comments:</i> _____	1	2	3	4	5

Part 2: Additional Questions (please add any comments you would like to share).

1. Are there any environmentally sensitive features or historical resources in the area that should be protected from the effects of development? If so, please describe them and indicate where they are located. _____

2. Are there any specific types of industrial or commercial development that the municipality should be working to attract?

3. What do you value most about living in the rural area? _____

4. What do you think the rural area will look like in 20 years? _____

5. Do you have any additional comments or concerns that should be addressed in the Plan? _____

Part 3: Tell us about yourself

1. Please check the description(s) that best describe(s) you.
 I am a resident of Saddle Hills County I live on a farm
 I am a resident of the MD of Spirit River I live on a residential acreage
 I own land in Saddle Hills County I live in a hamlet or settlement (specify) _____
 I own land in the MD of Spirit River I own or operate a commercial business in the MD or County

2. How long have you lived in the County/Municipal District? _____

3. If you would like to be put on a mailing list to be kept informed of the project, please provide your contact information below:
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address (including postal code): _____ Email: _____

Note: Your comments are being collected for a summary in a report regarding views about the project. Your personal information WILL NOT be released to third parties. The information is being collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. A summary of the information will also be provided to Saddle Hills County, the Town of Spirit River and the Municipal District of Spirit River.

Thank you for your assistance. Please return this form by **November 20, 2009** by mail, email or fax to:

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Or drop off at the MD or County office