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**Municipal Planning 360 Review**

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the St. Albert Municipal Planning Commission 360° Review, provided as an attachment to the April 24, 2017 agenda report entitled "Municipal Planning 360 Review", be received as information.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present the findings of the St. Albert Municipal Planning Commission 360° Review Report.

**COUNCIL DIRECTION**

On October 19, 2015 Council passed the following motions:

(C505-2015)

That Administration perform a 360 degree review in regards to the implementation of a Municipal Planning Commission. That the city staff, council, the development community and the general public be provided an opportunity to provide feedback on a Municipal Planning Commission. Feedback should be solicited in regards to the strengths and benefits, the scope and authority of an MPC and alternate planning committees or proposals and that Administration bring forward a business case for the 2016 Budget to accomplish this motion.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Objectives

The objective of the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) 360° Review is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the role of an MPC in the governance structure of subdivision and

development approvals. This report includes the strengths and benefits, the scope and authority, and the various roles MPCs have in the decision-making process. In response to the Council motion, the report provides insight into the implications of instating an MPC, however the report does not provide recommendations regarding the reinstatement of an MPC within St. Albert.

To ensure that the report remained impartial from Administration's perspective, the project Steering Committee included representatives from the City of St. Albert Subdivision Development and Appeal Board, Economic Development Advisory Board, and representatives from Planning, Development, and Corporate Planning.

Administration provided comments on the report to ensure the accuracy of information (specifically regarding Planning and Development processes and statistics). However, Administration did not alter findings reported by the consulting team.

### Project Summary

In August 2016, the tender for the Municipal Planning Commission 360° Review was awarded to POPULUS consulting in association with Green Space Alliance and Nichols Applied Management.

Following project kickoff, the consulting team conducted initial background research on MPCs across Alberta and engaged with stakeholders. Public engagement activities included interviews with the Mayor and each Councillor, a workshop with the Development Industry, a Public Open House, and interviews with Administration.

The consulting team analyzed Planning and Development Approval processes from other municipalities, which included municipalities both with and without Municipal Planning Commissions. The consultant also included an evaluation of the historic role and scope of St. Albert's previous Municipal Planning Commission, which was abolished in 2008.

The consulting team's summary of the project findings is included as the attachment entitled St. Albert Municipal Planning Commission 360° Review.

## **STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT**

As described above, the consulting team engaged with Council, Administration, the development industry, citizens, and other municipalities regarding Municipal Planning Commissions.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Financial:

None at this time.

Legal / Risk:

None at this time.

Program or Service:

None at this time.

Organizational:  
None at this time.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

N/A

## **STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS**

### Service Delivery Strategy

- Council is committed to ensuring that the City of St. Albert is engaging residents to identify opportunities to improve delivery of services to the community.

### Long Term Plans

- N/A

### Corporate Objectives (See Corporate Business Plan)

- Deliver programs and services that meet or exceed our standards
- Ensure our customers are very satisfied

### Council Policies, Bylaws or Federal/Provincial statutes

- N/A

### Other Plans or Initiatives

- N/A

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