

Your Community

The official newsletter of the R.M. of East St. Paul

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Want the facts about RM's Secondary Plan? Read on

There have been several misconceptions circulating regarding the RM's Secondary Plan for lands east of Hwy. 59. It's important to clarify these misunderstandings to ensure our community is accurately informed.

Mayor Carla Devlin said a well-attended Open House at the start of May provided Council an opportunity to provide accurate information, but rumours continue.

"It is unfortunate that so much misinformation is being spread amongst the community. I encourage residents with questions to reach out to me or their area Councillor for clarification," Devlin said.

"Our goal is to provide transparent and accurate information to all. To date, I haven't received any calls, but I'm definitely keeping an eye on the questions being asked on Facebook. Remember, Facebook is great for cat videos, but not the best place for accurate information."

If you have any concerns or need further clarification about the Secondary Plan, please do not hesitate to contact your area Councillor or the Mayor's office directly.

The Open House was facilitated by Susan Henderson, Principal with PlaceMakers.

Henderson said great discussions came out of the Open House on May 1 and a May 2 session with property owners.

"We had 75 people come out the first night and it was very good," she said, noting 19 were at the second session.

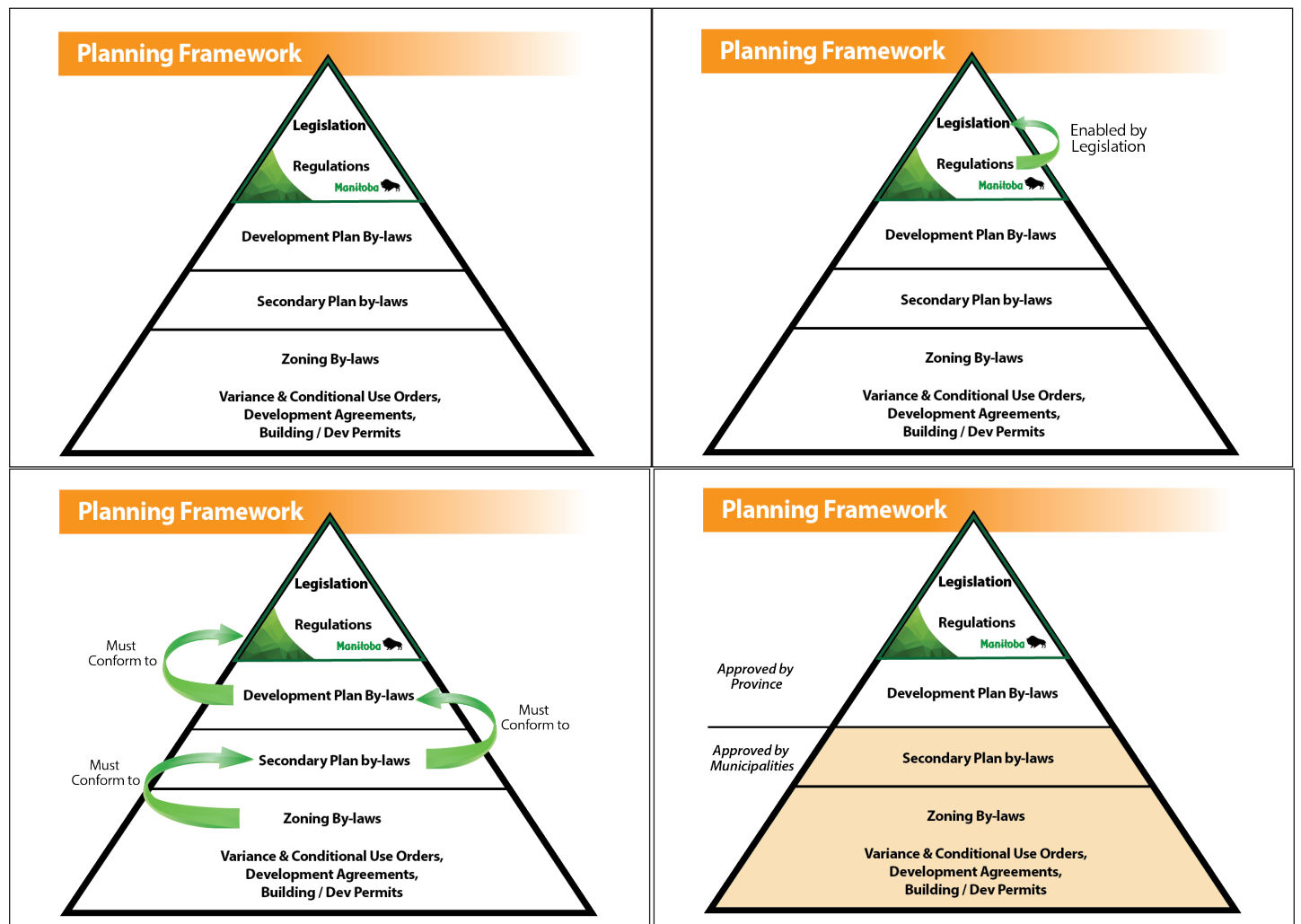
"It was a really honest conversation, and I found the people were very involved with conversing with one another also."

Henderson said there was plenty of opportunity for information sharing and for questions to be asked.

"There were three days of very beneficial meetings, there was an evening workshop that included RM residents where they discussed the possibilities of the planning area and their desires for the planning area. There was a second meeting with residents in the planning area that was much more focused on issues that would affect them and their properties, and they also were positive," Henderson said.

The RM, along with landowners Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation (BON) had great discussions about the future of the area.

"The RM is working really hard and has a successful partnership with BON leadership and we



These graphics will provide a better understanding of how planning works in the municipality and the province.

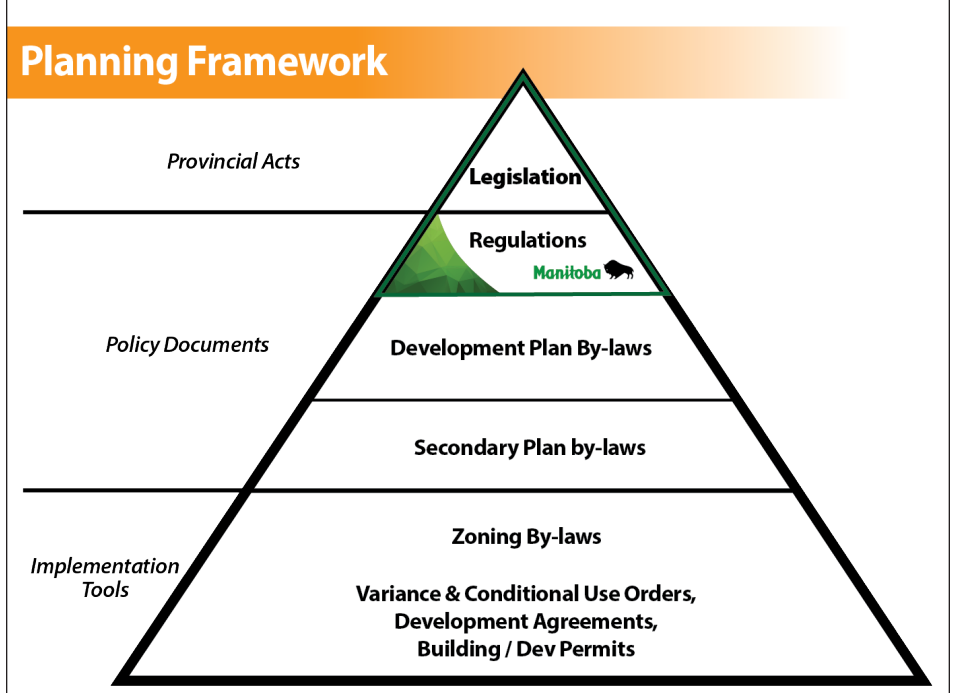
had lengthy and productive talks with BON about how to develop lands in a way that will be an asset to them and the whole community," Henderson said.

Explanation of Secondary Plan

In a significant move aimed at shaping the future of urban expansion, Council has announced its policy framework for a secondary plan concerning the development east of Hwy. 59. This strategic initiative underscores Council's commitment to fostering sustainable growth, preserving the community's character, and ensuring that new developments align with the broader goals of urban planning and environmental stewardship.

Understanding Secondary Plans

Secondary plans are detailed frameworks that guide the development and redevelopment of specific areas within a municipality. These plans offer a comprehensive blueprint, covering various aspects such as land use, infrastructure, transportation, public spaces, and environmental protection. By establishing clear guidelines and expectations, secondary plans ensure that development occurs in a coordinated and harmonious man-



ner, reflecting the community's vision and values.

Strategic Objectives

Council's policy for a secondary plan east of Hwy. 59 focuses on several key objectives:

- 1. Sustainable Development:** Emphasizing eco-friendly practices and promoting green building standards to minimize the environmental impact of new developments.
- 2. Community Integration:** Ensuring new neighborhoods are well-connected to existing communities through efficient transportation networks and shared public amenities.
- 3. Economic Vitality:** Supporting diverse economic oppor-

tunities by encouraging mixed-use developments that combine residential, commercial, and recreational spaces.

4. Infrastructure Improvement: Upgrading and expanding essential infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewage systems, to accommodate future growth.

5. Preservation of Natural Areas: Protecting green spaces, waterways, and other natural features to maintain ecological balance and provide recreational areas for residents.

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Be fire safe and enjoy the summer

With the arrival of summer and the increase in outdoor activities, your fire department would like to provide you with some reminders to help you enjoy the warm weather ahead.

Fire pits

- A fire pit should be enclosed on all sides and be constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible materials.
- Have a minimum clearance of 3 metres or 10 feet from any structures or combustibles such as decks, fences etc.
- It should be built into the ground, on stone or brick on a flat level surface.
- Avoid building or placing a fire pit under trees, branches, utility wires or overhangs such as roofs.
- Use a non-combustible grate or mesh to cover the fire pit.
- If it has a chimney, ensure it has a mesh or spark arrester installed.
- DO NOT USE portable fire pits such as chimineas or fire pit bowls on a wood or composite deck.
- When in use, the fire pit



Follow the East St. Paul Fire Department's tips for fire pits in this article and you'll have a safe summer.



Do you need a permit?

If you're having a gathering on private property and using a sound system, you may need to apply for a **Noise Exemption Permit,**

at least 21 days in advance of your event.

Details and application at:
eaststpaul.com under
the 'services' tab

Volunteers needed for Emergency Evacuation Exercise

Do you know what to do should our community declare an Emergency requiring you to evacuate from your home?

Events such as wildfire, poor air quality, flooding, a chemical spill, tornado, or severe storm may sometimes initiate an evacuation in a community.

The RMs of East St. Paul, West St. Paul & St. Clements are teaming together to stage an Evacuation Exercise.

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Access Centre in West St. Paul (48 Holland Rd.)

We are setting up a reception centre and staging the actual process of helping residents who have been evacuated from their home. We will have volun-

teers set up at different stations including Registration, Lodging, Clothing and Food Services. Police & Fire/Paramedics will also be present.

However, we need YOU to reenact the role of an evacuated resident coming through our doors. We need kids and adults of ALL ages. We will also have a pet reception area (for cats & dogs only), as many evacuees bring their furry friends in an actual emergency.

If you can offer some time during the evening and would like to volunteer, please contact our office via email at: administration@eaststpaul.com. Your help is greatly appreciated to make this event successful in our emergency planning.

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must be attended at all times by a responsible adult. Make sure the fire has been fully extinguished when you are done.

- Do not use a fire pit under windy conditions or during long periods of dry weather. Check with the RM to see if there is a burn ban in effect.

- Do not burn previously painted or treated wood, wet or green/fresh cut wood, yard waste such as grass or leaves, garbage, rubber/plastic or furniture.

- Always have a way to put out the fire close to your pit such as a garden hose, bucket of sand or fire extinguisher.

- Ensure the smoke from your fire pit does not impact neighbouring property.

- Keep your fire small in size.

- If your fire gets out of control and starts to spread to surrounding areas, contact 911 immediately and ask for the fire

department.


Fireworks

Sale, storage and use of fireworks within the municipality is governed by BY-LAW #2020-06. Under section 6.7 the by-law states:

- Permit required – No person shall purchase fireworks, set off, or otherwise ignite any fireworks in or above the municipality except under a permit issued as per subsection 6.8 and in compliance with conditions contained in subsection 6.9.

- Under subsection 6.8, the Fire Chief or designate may authorize permits allowing for the setting off of fireworks in conjunction of a proposed fireworks display.

If you need more information regarding fire related activities or fire safety information, call and leave a message at 204-668-0064 or email fire.department@eaststpaul.com.



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Access Centre
48 Holland Rd.
West St. Paul

Reception Centre Exercise

Join us and participate in the exercise as an evacuee! A great chance to have some fun and learn what would happen if you had to be evacuated due to an emergency.

Tips to stay safe, avoid coyotes, wildlife

There have been recent sightings of coyotes in East St. Paul. Here are some tips to make your property less attractive to wild animals and what to do if you encounter one.

Reducing Coyote Problems

- Do not feed coyotes or any other wildlife, especially near human habitation.
- Keep all garbage in plastic or metal containers with lids tightly secured.
- Keep children under close supervision while they are outside.
- Bring pet food inside a secure location every night or, better yet, feed your pets indoors.
- Keeps pets inside at night and under close supervision while they are outside during the day.
- Avoid close contact with any wild animal or wild animal feces to prevent exposure to disease or parasites, and ensure your pet's vaccinations are up to date.
- Coyotes can also be removed by a homeowner at anytime in defense of private property or to protect personal safety on land that they own. Property owners may also use the services of another individual, such as a licensed trapper, to address a particular problem coyote on their property.

Encountering a Coyote

- Never approach or crowd a coyote — give it an escape route.
 - Stop, remain calm and assess your situation.
 - If the coyote seems unaware of you, move away quietly when it is not looking in your direction.
 - If the coyote is aware of you, let it know you are human: shout at it, wave your arms above your head to make yourself appear more threatening, throw stones or other objects at it.
 - If the coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity.
 - Do not turn away or run — this may encourage the coyote to chase you.
- If the coyote attacks you - - FIGHT BACK!
Go to eaststpaul.com for more information on coyotes and other wildlife under the Protective Services tab/Animal Control.

Information courtesy of the Province of Manitoba Wildlife Branch

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Community Engagement and Input

A hallmark of Council's approach to developing the secondary plan is robust community engagement. Recognizing the importance of local input, Council has initiated public consultations to gather feedback from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. This participatory process ensures that the plans reflect the community's needs and aspirations, fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration.

Implementation and Monitoring

Once finalized, the secondary plans will serve as the guiding document for future development projects in the designated area. Council will establish a

monitoring and evaluation system to track progress, assess compliance with the plans, and make necessary adjustments. This adaptive approach allows for flexibility in responding to changing circumstances and emerging opportunities.

Challenges and Considerations

While the policy for secondary plans represents a proactive step towards managing growth, it also presents several challenges. Balancing development with environmental conservation, ensuring affordable housing options, and maintaining infrastructure quality amid rapid expansion are critical issues that require careful planning and coordination.

Additionally, the success of these plans hinges on effective collaboration between various stakeholders, including gov-

ernment agencies, developers, community groups, and residents. Building consensus and addressing diverse interests will be essential in achieving Council's vision for sustainable and inclusive development.

Conclusion

Council's policy for the secondary plan east of Hwy. 59 is a forward-thinking initiative that aims to shape the future of urban development in a balanced and sustainable manner. By setting clear guidelines, fostering community engagement, and emphasizing environmental stewardship, Council is laying the groundwork for vibrant, resilient, and connected communities. As the plans unfold, ongoing collaboration and adaptive management will be key to realizing this ambitious vision and ensuring that the area thrives for generations to come.



Saturday June 22, 2024

ESP DAY SCHEDULE

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00am - 12:00pm	Parade - Hoddinott Rd from Birds Hill School to Dorcan Rd
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Inflatable Bouncers & Games Face Painting Petting Zoo
12:00pm - 8:00pm	Haulin' Axe - Axe Throwing
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Jim Neidermayer - Chain Saw Demo
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Bike Decorating & Family Bike Ride
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Foam Party (bring a change of clothes)
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Phil Navidad - Ukelele performance
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Dunk Tank
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Sk8 Skateboard Demo & Lesson
6:00pm - 6:30pm	Sarah Teakle 80's Circus Show
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Wrestling Show
8:30pm - 10:00pm	Live Band - Pop Vegas
10:15pm	Drone Show
All Day	The Little Eggplant MMMDonuts Beer Gardens Cotton Candy (while quantities last)

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Stand against online bullying

A Message From the Mayor

Dear Citizens,
As the Mayor of our vibrant and diverse community, I feel compelled to address an issue that has been growing at an alarming rate: online bullying. In recent times, platforms like Facebook have seen an uptick in adults engaging in bullying behavior, using fake accounts, anonymous posts, or even their own profiles. This behavior not only affects the immediate victims but also sets a harmful example for our younger generation.

Anonymity and Perceived Safety

The internet offers a veil of anonymity, which can embolden individuals to say things they would never utter in a face-to-face conversation. Fake accounts and anonymous posts create a sense of security, allowing bullies to harass others without revealing their true identities. However, this perceived safety does not justify the harm caused.

Social and Political Polarization

Our society is diverse, with a wide range of political and social views. This diversity should be our strength, not a reason for division. Yet, the strong opinions held by some can lead to aggressive behavior online. It's important to remember that differing views are natural and should be expressed respectfully, without resorting to bullying.

Lack of Accountability

One of the key factors enabling online bullying is the lack of immediate consequences. Bullies often feel they can escape the repercussions of their actions, and this lack of accountability can lead to a cycle of negative behavior that is hard to break.



Power and Control

For some, bullying provides a sense of power and control, especially if they feel powerless in other areas of their lives. Cyberbullies often enlist others to join in the harassment, creating a mob mentality.

Emotional Release

The internet can serve as an outlet for frustration and anger. However, venting these emotions through bullying is harmful and unacceptable. We must find healthier ways to manage and express our emotions, promoting a culture of empathy and understanding.

Imitation of Role Models

It's important to remember that kids are watching and learning from the adults around them. Our behavior on social media can have a significant impact on their development and understanding of acceptable conduct. If we engage in negative or harmful behaviors online, children may see this as normal or acceptable. Let's be mindful and responsible in our online interactions, striving to be positive

role models for the youth.

Mental Health Issues

We cannot overlook the role of mental health in online bullying. Some individuals who engage in such behavior may be struggling with low self-esteem, depression, or other mental health issues. It's important to offer support and resources to those in need, fostering a community where everyone feels valued and heard.

Spread of False Information

Another harmful tactic employed by online bullies is the spread of false information. This misinformation can create unnecessary fear and division within our community. It is imperative that we all fact-check information before accepting or sharing it. By ensuring the accuracy of the information we consume and distribute, we can

combat the spread of falsehoods and maintain a more informed and cohesive community.

As your Mayor, I urge all citizens to take a stand against online bullying. Let us create a community where respect, empathy, and kindness are the norms. By working together, we can ensure that our digital spaces are safe and welcoming for everyone. Remember, our actions online have real-world impacts. Let us be the change we wish to see and set a positive example for future generations.

I am always available to address any concerns, provide accurate information, and help clarify any misunderstandings. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,
Mayor Carla Devlin

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Tuesday July 2- August 27, 2024

Barre 5:45p.m. - 6:45p.m.
Vinyasa Flow 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Thursday July 4 - August 29, 2024
Barre 5:45p.m. - 6:45p.m.

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