

LAND USE BYLAW MODERNIZATION & UPDATE PROJECT

Project Newsletter #1 (March 2024)



The Town of Gibbons is embarking on an important project for the community – updating the Town’s Land Use Bylaw. This newsletter is intended to provide Town residents with information about the purpose of this project and to highlight future opportunities for you to get involved.

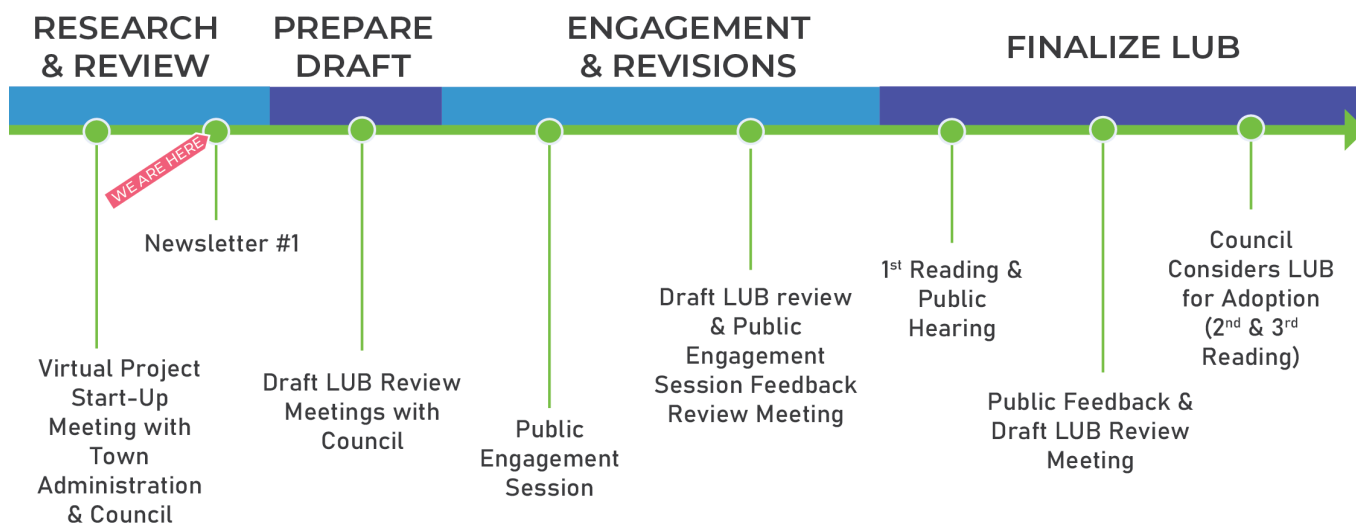
WHAT IS A LAND USE BYLAW, AND WHY IS IT BEING UPDATED?

A Land Use Bylaw is a municipality’s primary tool for determining how land is used and developed. All municipalities in Alberta have a Land Use Bylaw in place – the Town’s current Land Use Bylaw (Bylaw PLU 8/06) was adopted in 2006. A Land Use Bylaw outlines the process for applying for development permits and subdivisions and includes specific regulations for the development of particular types of buildings and uses.

The Town’s current Land Use Bylaw is nearing 20 years old; in that time, it has been amended more than 50 times. Some of these amendments were to ‘rezone’ parcels of land, while others revised regulations in the bylaw (or both).

From time-to-time, Land Use Bylaws are reviewed to ensure that the regulations within are consistent with provincial legislation, reference current agencies and development processes, and are consistent with the Town’s economic and community development goals and objectives. The Town of Gibbons wants to ensure that the types (and forms) of buildings and uses (i.e. housing, commercial businesses, etc.) that community members want to see developed in the Town are supported by the regulations in the Land Use Bylaw.

PROJECT TIMELINE



WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP!



We are at the very beginning of the process but will want to hear from you soon! Once the draft Land Use Bylaw is prepared (following reviews by Town Council and Administration), the draft will be available on the Town's website for community members to review and provide feedback.

ONLINE INFORMATION MEETING

In the first phase of the project (before a draft is prepared), the Town will host an informal online information meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to share information with the community about what a Land Use Bylaw is, why the Town's Land Use Bylaw is being reviewed, and future opportunities for public involvement in the project. The date, time, and specific format for the online information meeting will be shared with the community when it is available – through notices on the Town's website and social media, etc.

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project with a project team member, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.



planning@munplan.ab.ca



780.486.1991

PLEASE STAY
TUNED TO THE
TOWN'S WEBSITE
FOR MORE PROJECT
INFORMATION!

WWW.GIBBONS.CA

