



## SHAPING OUR FUTURE, TOGETHER.

Strathcona County is pleased to announce the **Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Update**. The project is getting underway now and will finish with an updated plan that will be presented to Council in March 2016. It will be a highly collaborative process and we want to hear from a broad range of people.

### What is an MDP?

The MDP is the County's plan for the future. It sets out a clear vision for how Strathcona will grow and develop over the next 20 years and beyond. It also guides Council decisions on key issues like conservation of the natural environment and investment in infrastructure and services.

**\*Whiteboard video coming soon** – starting May 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a 90 second cartoon video to help explain what the MDP is and how you can get involved. Check back soon at [www.strathcona.ca/MDP](http://www.strathcona.ca/MDP)

### Why are we updating our MDP now?

The MDP was last updated in 2007. The County has added over 10,000 new residents since then and needs to ensure that the development of urban and rural communities is sustainable and maintains a high quality of life for current and future residents. The new MDP will also reflect recent studies as well as key trends and emerging best practices.

Any change in the area will be shaped by County-wide planning policy; landowner, stakeholder, and community feedback; technical constraints; and staff and Council direction.

### We want to hear from you!

Residents, business owners, and community stakeholder groups are encouraged to participate in this process, to share what they value most about Strathcona County and to weigh in on how the County can build on the area's strengths while planning for the future.

Over the next few months, there will be many ways for you to have a say in the MDP:

- **Come out to our first Public Event** on May 7, drop in from 5 – 8pm at Millennium Place (Gibson Room). Learn about the process and tell us your ideas. There will be fun, interactive activities for all ages. Bring the whole family and join the conversation!
- **Check out the project website** at [www.strathcona.ca/MDP](http://www.strathcona.ca/MDP) for more information and opportunities to get involved. Be sure to sign up to our project mailing list to receive important updates and notifications.
- **Take part in our stakeholder coffee chats** starting in May. Contact us at [MDPupdate@strathcona.ca](mailto:MDPupdate@strathcona.ca) if your group would like to be briefed on the project.