Town of Castor

What We Heard Report



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Draft Municipal Development Plan

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Palliser
Regional Municipal Services

Project Overview

The Town of Castor is working with Palliser Regional Municipal Services (PRMS) to update the Town's Municipal Development Plan (MDP) in collaboration with the Town Council and its residents. The new MDP will replace the current of the Castor MDP Bylaw No. 1007, adopted in 2011.

Open House Overview

An Open House for the project was hosted at the Castor Golden Circle Club on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. PRMS and Town staff were in attendance to answer questions. A total of six members of the community came by to review the boards, discuss the draft, and have conversations about Castor.

Many of the conversations with community members revolved around the following topics:

- Increased cost of living forcing people from larger cities to smaller communities like Castor
- How and when the development of agricultural lands in the Town may occur
- The need for more jobs and services in Town
- Employment opportunities need people, but people need employment
- Impacts of technology on jobs and trust generally
- Rising costs of municipal infrastructure is straining the local tax base
- Opportunity for population growth in Castor with a changing economy in the future



Community Survey Overview

An online community survey was open for public responses from September 14 to October 9, 2026, which was advertised online and in the Town office. Printed copies of the survey were also handed out. The survey asked specific questions on topics of interest for the draft MDP.

A single response was received through the online survey. None of the printed surveys distributed were returned. Below is a summary of the questions in the survey along with the responses received.

Comments Received through the Survey

The survey asked ten questions, the first five asked whether the respondent agreed with the vision, goals, and policy statements of the draft MDP, the next four questions covered the maps in the draft MDP, and the final question was for general comments.

Refer to **Appendix A** to review the full questions and comments.

Castor MDP Draft – Questions

The respondent supported the vision, goals, and policy statements of the draft MDP.

Castor Draft MDP – Maps

The respondent supported the Future Development Areas and Commercial Core and Employment Areas maps. However, the respondent indicated they did not support the Parks and Recreation map, adding: “The area east of Theresetta should be developed for beautiful homes not a dog park. The cost to the town to develope this area could easily be covered by the sale of these prime lots.”

General Comments

The respondent provided this additional comment: “Castor has the waterways that attract people to this area. Make the most of the perfect lots by Theresetta.”

Appendix A

Town of Castor – Municipal Development Plan DRAFT 2026

The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback from community members for the Town of Castor Municipal Development (MDP) review project. Responses collected through this survey will be published in a What We Heard Report and shared with Council and the public.

The survey is completely anonymous. Please do not share personal information in your responses.

Deadline for responses: **October 9, 2026**

A printed copy of the draft MDP can be viewed at the Town of Castor Office.

The current MDP Bylaw 1007 (adopted in 2011) can be viewed online at castor.ca/bylaws.

You are invited to attend the Open House, which will be hosted at the Castor Golden Circle (4903 51st Street) on October 1st, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Castor Draft MDP – Questions

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a requirement for all municipalities in Alberta under Section 632(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

1 The proposed vision (page 18) of the draft Municipal Development Plan is:

"The Town of Castor is a vibrant, intergenerational community where people of all ages live, work and play."

Question: Do you agree with this vision statement? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

2 The proposed goals (page 18) of the draft Municipal Development Plan are:

1 To establish a comprehensive growth management strategy to ensure the development of an orderly, economical, and beneficial use of land.

2 To develop an efficient land use pattern within the Town of Castor that will minimize environmental impacts, and that enhances economic development opportunities within the Town and region.

3 To preserve and enhance the physical environment within the Town of Castor to ensure principles of sustainable development and environmental sensitivity are included in future planning decisions.

4 To improve and promote existing developed areas within the Town of Castor.

5 To ensure that community services reflect the needs of the community and the surrounding area within the financial and physical capabilities of the Town.

6 To develop the Town for appropriate long-term economic growth.

Question: Do you agree with the proposed goals? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

3 **Part 4 General Policies** (pages 19 to 24) contains policy statements related to Transportation, Utilities, Community Services, the Natural Environment, and Sour Gas Facilities. These policy statements apply across the whole of Castor.

Question: Do you agree with these statements? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

4 **Part 5 Land Strategy** (pages 25 to 36) contains policy statements related to Future Development, Residential, the Commercial Core, Employment Areas, Parks and Recreation, and Agriculture. These policy statements support responsible land management throughout Castor.

Question: Do you agree with these statements? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

5 **Part 6 Governance** (pages 37 to 39) contains policy statements related to civic engagement, cooperation, and implementation.

Question: Do you agree with these statements? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

Castor Draft MDP – Maps

The following questions are specific to the maps in the MDP.

Refer to the maps attached to the end of this survey.

6 **Future Development Areas** (page 28) shows the areas that are proposed for short-term and long-term growth.

Question: Do you agree with these areas shown on the map? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

7 **Commercial Core and Employment Areas** (page 33) shows the areas designated as the Commercial Core and as Employment Areas in the Town of Castor.

Question: Do you agree with these areas shown on the map? Please explain.*

☑ Yes ☐ No

8 **Parks and Recreation** (page 35) shows the parks and recreational amenities in the Town of Castor, including alignments for proposed future trails.

Question: Do you agree with the areas and proposed trails shown on the map? Please explain.*

☐ Yes ☑ No

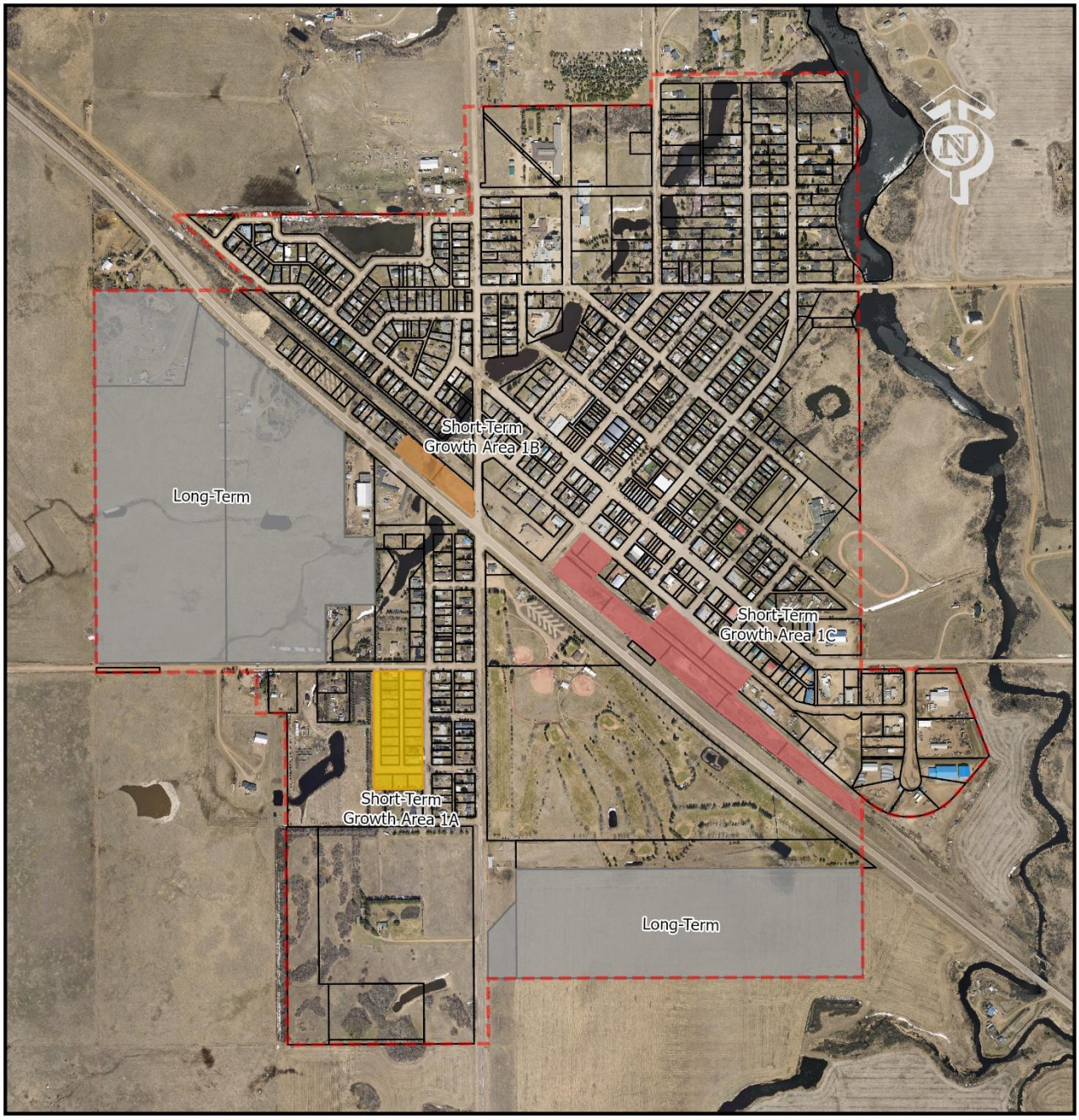
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9 **Question:** Do you have any other comments to share regarding the proposed maps in the Municipal Development Plan?

General Comments

10 Provide any other general comments you would like to share regarding the Municipal Development Plan.

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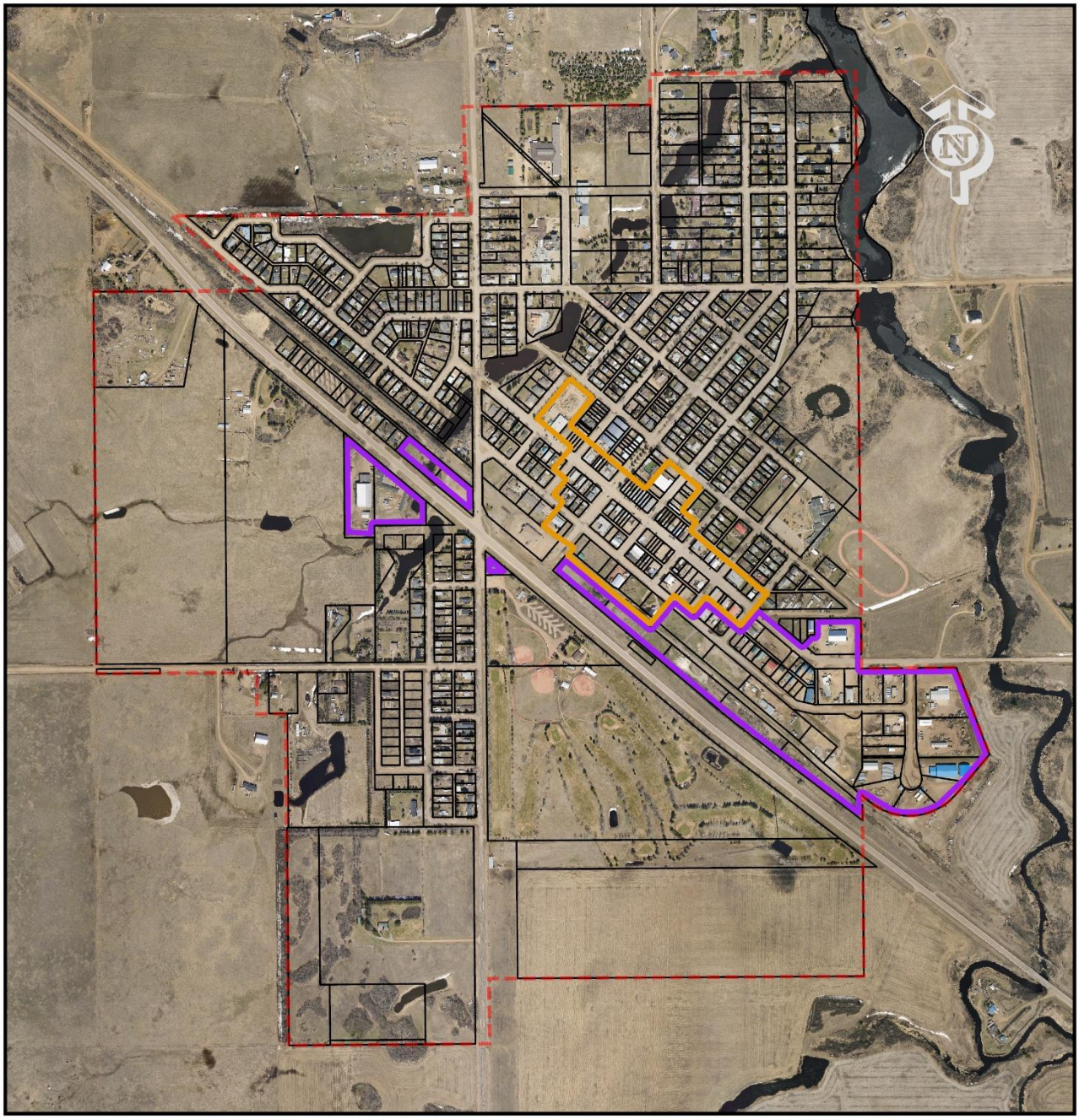


Future Development Areas

- Short-Term Growth Area 1A
- Short-Term Growth Area 1B
- Short-Term Growth Area 1C
- Long-Term Growth Areas
- Town Boundary

Metres
0 100 200 400

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Commercial Core and Employment Areas

Commercial Core
Employment Area
Town Boundary

0 100 200 400 Metres

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Parks and Recreation

Park
Open Space
Existing Trail
Proposed Trail
Town Boundary

Metres
0 100 200 400

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