

BYLAW NO. 25-06
TOWN OF FALHER

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF FALHER, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND THE
 MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW NO. 16-05

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 632(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c. M-26, the Council of the Town of Falher has adopted Bylaw No. 14-05, being the Municipal Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 632(3)(f) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c. M-26, a Municipal Development Plan must contain policies respecting the protection of agricultural operations; and

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Falher deems it desirable to amend the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 16-05 to include policies addressing the protection of agricultural operations, to comply with the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Falher, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Title

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as "Municipal Development Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 25-06".

Amendments

2. Add the following section after section **3.7 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**:

3.7A AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

Agriculture plays a vital role in contributing to the diversity and stability of both the local and regional economies, given the Town's proximity to large rural municipalities with substantial agricultural operations. While there are no farming operations within the municipality, a number of commercial and industrial activities and businesses exist in the Town that support agricultural operations in adjacent rural municipalities. Thus, in recognition of the importance of agricultural operations to the wellbeing and culture of the municipality and wider region, this section outlines objectives and policies in support of agricultural operations.

OBJECTIVES

1. Support the continued preservation and viability of agricultural operations in adjacent municipalities.
 2. Minimize premature conversion of agricultural lands and unplanned physical expansion into adjacent agricultural areas.
 3. Enhance opportunities for agri-business development and agricultural diversification within the Town.

POLICIES

3.7A.1 GENERAL

- a. The Town shall discourage development proposals that encourage premature agricultural land conversion in fringe areas.
 b. The Town shall consider and mitigate the impact of major development proposals on surrounding agricultural operations.
 c. Major development proposals in fringe areas as well as future land annexation for Town expansion shall be in accordance with the policies of the Intermunicipal Development Plan between the Town and the MD of Smoky River No. 130.

3.7A.2 AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION

- a. The Town shall support new development or expansion of existing agri-businesses and agriculture-related commercial or industrial uses that complement and support surrounding agricultural operations.
 b. The Town shall collaborate with surrounding municipalities and regional stakeholders to identify

opportunities for supporting and promoting agriculture and agri-food development.

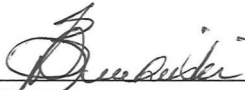
Severability

- 3. Should any portion of this bylaw be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

Enactment

- 4. This Bylaw shall come into force upon third and final reading.

READ a first time this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025



MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2025.

READ a third time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR

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