



VILLAGE OF DUCHESS

## **What is a Municipal Development Plan?**

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a long range, general policy guide, which provides direction in terms of how, where and when the community should develop. The MDP guides development toward a community's desired future, as it serves as a basis for decision-making and the foundation for other municipal plans.

## **Why does Duchess need an MDP?**

The Village is taking a proactive role in preparing this MDP to provide a framework to effectively plan and manage future growth. The Municipal Government Act requires every municipality to adopt a MDP by 2021.

**The Complete Draft Plan can be viewed  
on the Village Website.**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a park. In the foreground, there is a large, leafy tree on the left and another on the right, with their shadows cast on the grass. The middle ground shows a grassy field with some distant trees and a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent grey box with a fine grid pattern is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text.

**VISION STATEMENT:**

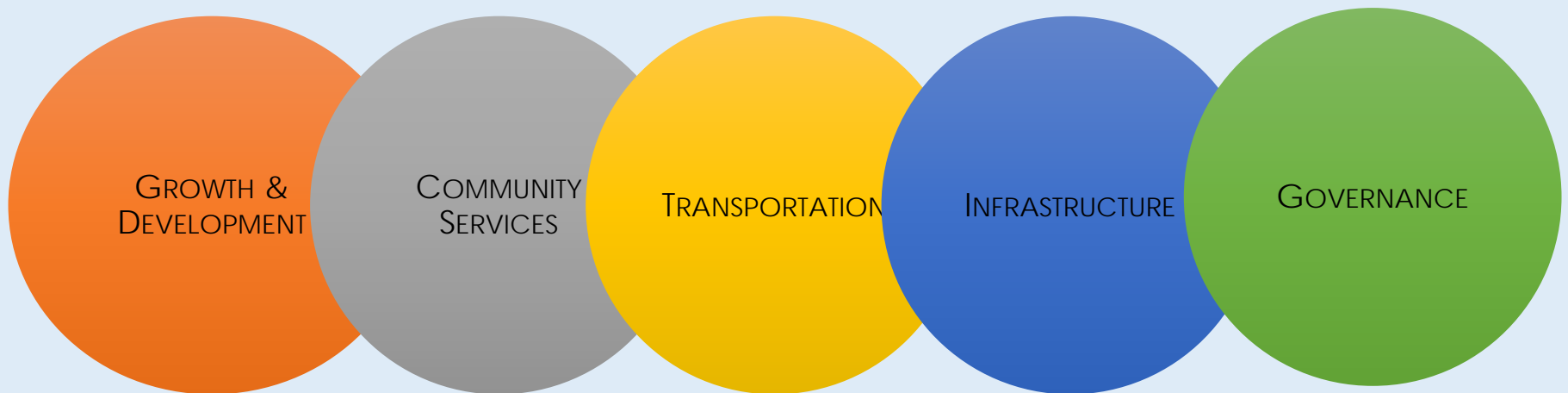
The Village of Duchess provides our residents with a family-friendly community and a vibrant quality of life.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

On behalf of our residents, the Village of Duchess continues to be proactive and economically viable, maintaining the small Village feel with the quality infrastructure and facilities of a larger centre.

# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY

**THE VILLAGE OF DUCHESS MDP POLICIES RELATE TO:**



## **PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The success of any MDP depends on the degree it is implemented and integrated into ongoing decision making.

The MDP provides the means whereby the Municipality can evaluate situations or proposals in the context of a long-range plan for Duchess.

Primarily a policy document, the MDP is used as a framework within which both public and private sector decision making can occur.

As a policy document, the MDP is, for the most part, general in nature and long-range in its outlook.



Population of

**1,085**

in 2016

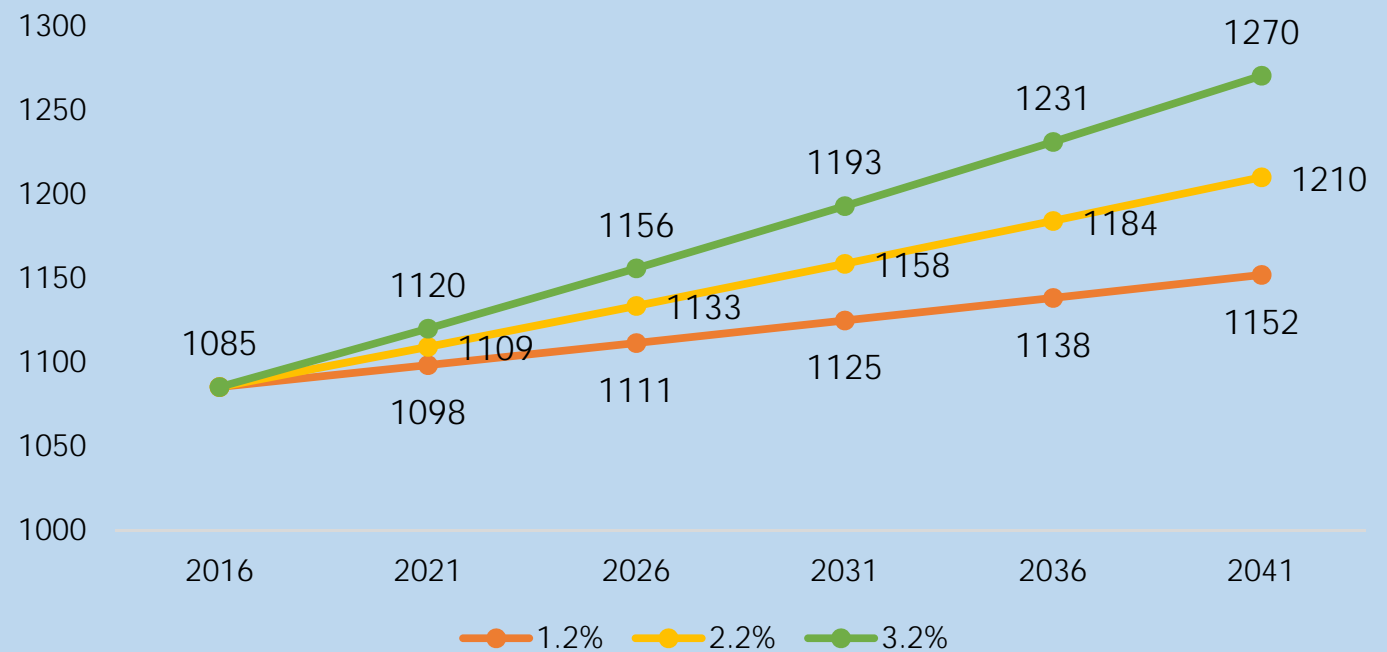


Average growth  
rate of

**2.2%**

over the last 25 years

The Village of Duchess could expect a population of 1210 (2.2% growth) by the year 2041.



An effective growth strategy involves the establishment of **COMMUNITY GOALS** to help create the vision for the kind of community Dutchess hopes to become. The following goals have been identified to advance the growth and development of the Village of Dutchess through the implementation of the Municipal Development Plan policies.

#### STRIVE TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS



- Provide quality municipal and community services for residents and businesses and expand services where possible.
- Promote economic development with the intention of diversifying the local and regional economy.
- Maintain a high quality of development and continue to improve attractiveness of the community.

# COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

## ACHIEVE A BALANCED PATTERN OF COMMUNITY GROWTH



- Promote efficient use of land and community resources and minimize land use conflicts and environmental impacts.
- Encourage non-residential development opportunities where appropriate.
- Ensure availability of land to meet community needs for residential, commercial, industrial, and other land use activities.
- Match provision of services and facilities with the financial ability of the Village.

# COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

## PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE



- Expand and diversify the local economy.
- Create a progressive development atmosphere.
- Build upon and support existing community strengths and assets.
- Improve, maintain and expand the quality infrastructure.

# COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

## ENCOURAGE CIVIC INVOLVEMENT, INFORMATION SHARING AND CITIZEN CONSULTATION



- Provide clear, open, and effective communication with citizens and developers.
- Establish practices which promote public involvement and participation throughout the Village.
- Facilitate transparent decision-making processes.
- Investigate new, innovative methods of communication and information sharing.

# COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES

## PROMOTE INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION



- *Promote cooperation between the Village and the County of Newell and other municipalities on matters of mutual interest or concern.*
- *Maintain a coordinated approach to development that takes advantage of mutual opportunities to maximum efficient use of land, transportation systems, infrastructure, economic development, and other matters of mutual interest.*
- *Pursue regional partnerships that provide community benefits while maintaining municipal identity.*

# APPROACH TO GROWTH

Based on the background analysis, land use consumption calculation and proposed growth directions, this plan proposes the following objectives for development in the Village of Duchess:

## General Growth

- Improved civic engagement
- Continued partnership in regional initiatives
- Expanded tax base and increase population
- Improved Village aesthetic

## Residential Growth

- Affordable, readily serviced residential lots
- Variety of housing options
- Development of adult housing options

## Commercial Growth

- Improved appearance of the Village Centre
- Improved local economy
- Quality, readily available commercial lots

## Industrial Growth

- Expanded industrial development
- Improved local economy
- Continued separation of industrial uses

# LAND USE CONCEPT

The Village's future development concept is illustrated in **Map 1: Land Use Concept**. The concept is intended to establish a framework to accommodate a variety of future land uses in an efficient manner that sustains and promotes a healthy local economy and a vibrant community. The concept provides a guide for future decisions about land use and growth directions.

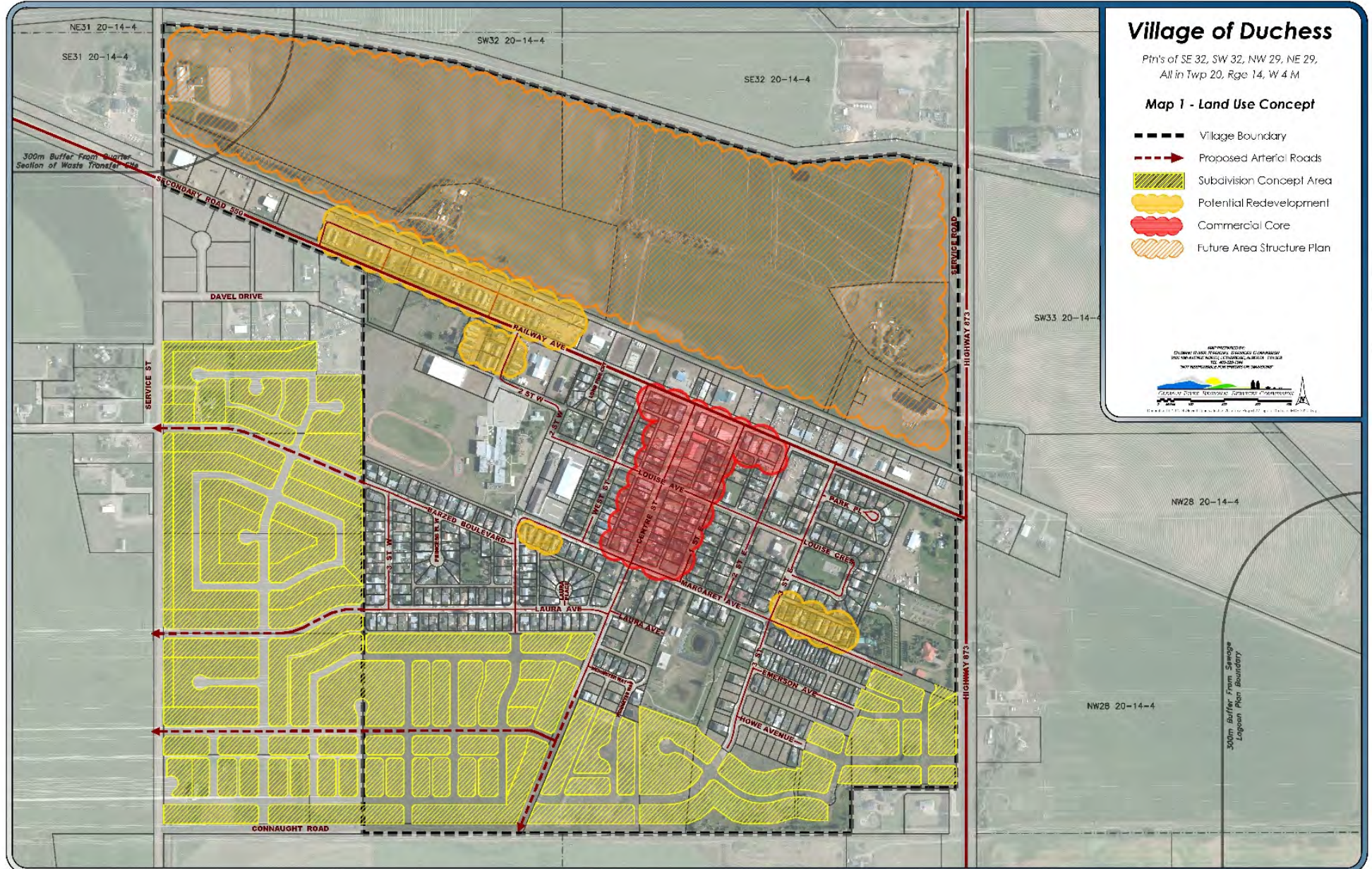


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Ptn's of SE 32, SW 32, NW 29, NE 29,  
All in Twp 20, Rge 14, W 4 M

## Map 1 - Land Use Concept

-  Village Boundary
-  Proposed Arterial Roads
-  Subdivision Concept Area
-  Potential Redevelopment
-  Commercial Core
-  Future Area Structure Plan



# OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Open space, parks, pathways, and trails contribute to community building by preserving landscapes and providing residents with opportunities for passive and active recreation. Communities need to have a wide range of accessible, connected, inviting, and safe parks and open spaces to meet the diverse needs of residents, businesses, schools, and other institutions.

The Village shall work to develop a **Primary Pathway – Trail Network Plan (as illustrated in Map 2 – Open Space and Pathway/ Trail Plan)** to link activity centres.





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### Map 2 - Open Space & Pathway / Trail Plan

- Village Boundary
- Points of Interest
- ⚡ Pedestrian Crossing
- Greenspace / Park

Pathways:

- Sidewalks
- Existing Walking Path

Future Extensions:

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four



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2024-2025  
Official of Planning, Development, and Infrastructure  
and the Village of Duchess  
NOT NOTIFIED: ON DEPOSIT ON CARD



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300m Buffer From Sewage  
Station Plan Boundary



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## **How can you Comment on the Plan?**

- Submit written comments during the comment period (December 15 – January 25).
- Drop off your comments to the Village Office by January 25, 2020.
- Send Comments to the Village to be considered at the public hearing for the MDP.

Notices of the Public Hearing will be mailed to Village residents in advance.