Community Land Use Planning

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What is the policy?

It is department policy that communities develop appropriate land use planning documents for the orderly development of land within community boundaries.

All communities (excluding settlements) must establish either a land use policy document or adopt a development plan and zoning bylaw. Communities that have already adopted basic planning statements must adopt zoning bylaws as outlined in The Planning Act.

Upon incorporation, a community council must adopt a development plan and zoning bylaw as required under The Planning Act.

Community responsibilities

- Any community, regardless of population, experiencing unforeseen development or outside
 development pressures may request assistance from the regional office to initiate the most
 appropriate planning procedure.
- It is important the community contact the regional office, which, in turn, will contact the appropriate staff to assist the community.

Department responsibilities

 To ensure communities receive appropriate land use planning and land development assistance.