

## Changes to the draft PLUPs following community consultation

Beginning in 2007, an interdepartmental review committee, led by Local Government, undertook the redrafting of the provincial land use policies to create a new regulation that would replace regulation 184/94. A draft was developed and used for consultations with the community. Several changes were made to the draft following these consultations, listed below.

- Inclusion of a specific policy to allow a retiring farmer to subdivide an existing farmstead from agricultural land.
- Inclusion of a policy to allow a one-lot rural residential subdivision of land identified as agriculture in municipalities where there is a history of population decline spanning the previous fifteen years.
- Addition of requirements for livestock operations (Part 5 of the regulation). This part was prepared jointly with MAFRI. The consultation process was conducted with producers, separately from the draft PLUPs and Development Plan consultation sessions. The livestock operations requirements prescribe how the number of animal units in a livestock operation are determined; identify minimum siting and setback distances; and define 'deemed single operations'. These requirements are intended to ensure a standardized approach to planning for livestock operations.
- Substantial revision of Policy Area 4: Renewable Resources, Heritage & Recreation. Individual policies have been reorganized for clarity, but the overall policy direction is the same.
- Removal of policy direction for Crown land plans. *The Planning Act* does not bind the Crown, so the regulation cannot include direction for Crown land planning.
- Removal of policy direction on secondary plans. Guidance for the preparation of secondary plans will be addressed in a planning resource guide, to be prepared by Manitoba Local Government.
- Removal of policy direction to create a growth centre strategy. The new regulation encourages the prioritization of centres for growth that have the capacity to accommodate it best, but there is no requirement for a specific strategy.
- Removal of minimum lot size for rural residential and cottages. In the previous regulation, the minimum lot size was 15,000 sq ft; the new regulation requires rural residential development to have lots larger than those found in urban centres, but not so large as to be wasteful of land.
- Removal of provision for livestock operation policies as it repeats what was already in *The Planning Act*. Other policies that repeat legislated provisions or regulated processes have been removed also.
- Removal of policy direction on infrastructure financing and optimization. The nature of this direction is educational so it will be addressed in a planning resource guide to be developed by Manitoba Local Government.

- Removal of specific direction for the content of transportation plans. This will be addressed in a planning resource guide that will be prepared collaboratively between Manitoba Local Government and Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation.