

Edmonton and Leduc County agree on future growth

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The City of Edmonton and Leduc County have agreed to a collaborative approach for addressing future growth needs, which includes a smaller proposed annexation area for the City of Edmonton.

As part of the new Framework for Agreement, the City of Edmonton and Leduc County have agreed to the following:

- The City of Edmonton amend its west annexation notice by withdrawing the lands west of the Edmonton International Airport (EIA) and south of Highway 19, reducing the proposed west annexation area by 2,584 hectares (6,379 acres) to approximately 9,469 hectares (23,398 acres).
- Leduc County will retain the north Nisku industrial area and the reservoir (previously part of the east annexation notice), reducing the east annexation area from 3,945 hectares (9,748 acres) to annoximately 2,635 hectares (6,504 acres)
- approximately 2,632 hectares (6,504 acres).

 Unless mutually agreed, the City of Edmonton's boundary will not shift again into Leduc County until joint planning for that area has been completed.

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- The inclusion of ElAlands in the annexation will be determined over the next several months through a collaborative exercise between Leduc County, the City of Edmonton and the ElA

"This agreement demonstrates that a collaborative approach is a better way to support future economic growth and livable communities," says Mayor Don Iveson. "We all have high aspirations for the region. This acknowledges both Edmonton and Leduc County's commitment to balance growth needs while still reducing the region's overall need for land."

"Our agreement demonstrates that a collaborative planning approach is achievable and necessary if we want to leverage our collective competitive advantage," says Mayor John Whaley. "Today, Leduc County and the City of Edmonton are leaders in demonstrating what collaboration can look like into the future for the benefit of the region.

The City of Edmonton will amend its proposed annexation notices and both the City and Leduc County will continue negotiations with the aim of presenting an uncontested annexation to the Municipal Government Board. The City of Edmonton will notify affected landowners about changes to its applications, and public engagement in the annexation area is expected to occur in 2017.

For more information:

<u>edmonton.ca/annexation</u> <u>leduc-county.com/annexation</u>

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