



TOWN OF TABER  
PLANNING

**GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET**

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*“Think of the things you see in your own ‘town’, which everyone wishes were otherwise. They might have been otherwise, if there had been careful planning in the past.”*

*- Stanley Pickett, 1955*

Planning is an important activity in any community because....

- Problems can be identified and solved. Often issues can be anticipated before they occur.
- High community standards help to **foster pride** amongst residents and **peace** amongst neighbours.
- Maintaining standards is a **good investment** for the community, for property owners wishing to preserve their property value, and for investors/developers wanting certainty of high standards next to their development.
- It provides landholders with **guidance**.
- Orderly growth and development promote a **high quality of life**.

Although planning is legally required in Alberta that certainly is not the only reason why communities plan. Most communities recognize the benefits that good planning will provide.

These benefits include:

- Ensuring the **health and safety** of the public and the users of new developments.
- Considering the ecological and environmental **impacts** of new planning proposals.
- **Minimizing any negative impact** of new development.
- Respecting the landowners’ right to the **use and enjoyment of their land** and limiting it only if a clear threat to the greater public interest exists.
- **Informing the affected public** of proposals that would affect them, soliciting and considering their opinions.
- Recognizing the **responsibility of planners** to implement the rules and policies established by the appropriate authorities.
- Seeking the most **efficient use of resources** within the context of the situation.

**DEVELOPMENT** *Any change to land or a building, either physical or in the use that is made of it. This includes change of use or intensity of use.*

A development permit is required, as outlined in the Town of Taber Land Use By-law A-277, for most forms of development that take place in Taber. Business relocation is considered a form of development. In general basic repairs and maintenance along with accessory buildings smaller than 9m<sup>2</sup> do not require a permit. If the development includes the construction of a new structure or major renovations a building permit may also be required.

**For more information:**

Refer to the Town of Taber Land Use By-law A-277  
Contact the Planning or Development office  
Go online @ [www.taber.ca](http://www.taber.ca)



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The following is a list of forms, applications, handouts and official documents available from the Town of Taber.

*Planning application forms*

- Building Permit
- Business License
- Home Occupation
- Request for Compliance Certificate
- Land Use By-law Amendment

**PLANNING**

*The planning of the scientific, aesthetic and orderly disposition of land, resources, facilities and services with a view to securing the physical, economic and social effectiveness, health and well-being of the*

*Development Permit application forms*

- Residential
- Commercial/Industrial
- Change of Use (Development void of construction)
- Boulevard Landscaping
- Accessory Building

*Planning handouts*

The handouts listed are provided by either the Town of Taber or external organizations and therefore may be subject to availability.

- Before You Build: Development and Building in the Town of Taber
- Business Licensing in the Town of Taber
- Accessory Buildings
- Fences
- Understanding Easements and Right-Of-Ways
- The Real Property Report
- Alberta's Subdivision Process

*Official Town of Taber Planning Documents (contact Town for prices)*

- Municipal Development Plan
- Land Use By-law
- Eureka Industrial Park Area Structure Plan
- Northwest Residential Area Structure Plan

All forms, applications, handouts, official documents and additional details are available at the Town of Taber administration building.

Completed forms should be handed in at the Town of Taber with all supporting documentation and applicable fees. All materials should be clear, legible and precise in order to facilitate timely decisions.