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## Collaboration the way forward for Edmonton, Beaumont, Leduc County

Yesterday, the City of Edmonton, Town of Beaumont and Leduc County formally committed to collaborating on joint planning, through the signing of the Intermunicipal Planning Framework Agreement.

"The new framework agreement creates an opportunity to excel our region through collaborative planning that will ensure our communities are serving our current and future residents," says Town of Beaumont Mayor John Stewart. "This allows the Town of Beaumont to better plan for the future while continuing to build a sustainable community."

"The framework is a significant achievement for the City, the Town and the County in demonstrating that a collaborative outcome can be reached in spite of its complexity," says Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. "An effective Edmonton Metropolitan Region is about our capacity to negotiate and manage shared investment and shared benefits. Working together for the greater good and supporting the health of our whole region is vital to ensuring our collective prosperity as a successful Edmonton Metropolitan Region."

"We each have strengths as individual municipalities, but are stronger when we work together. This framework is a commitment to one another and our residents to jointly plan for the benefit of the region," says Leduc County Mayor Tanni Doblanko. "Leduc County believes in collaboration and is excited to partner with the Town of Beaumont and City of Edmonton on this framework agreement."

The Agreement was approved by all three municipalities Tuesday, and is a commitment to joint planning and an acknowledgement of the interconnected and interdependent relationships. The Agreement strengthens the relationship and confirms the agreement to uphold collaboration and bring an enhanced level of value to residents and taxpayers.

The approval of the Agreement will see the City of Edmonton remove the nine quarter sections in the Town of Beaumont from the City's annexation application and the Town of Beaumont will support the City's amended annexation application at the Municipal Government Board.

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