

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT TO COUNCIL

Village of Waskatenau Annexation | 21 May 2026

BACKGROUND

On April 8 and 14, 2026, the Village of Waskatenau and Municipal Planning Services (MPS) hosted an in-person (April 8) and online (April 14) open houses to present information about the Village's proposed annexation application to affected landowners and Village/area residents. Notice of the open houses were sent to affected landowners and Village residents by mail and was posted on the Village's website. Notification materials are included as **Schedule A – Notification**.

A recording of the online open house presentation was uploaded to YouTube and posted on the Village's website for public viewing. A copy of the recording can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/h7P3KPgKyE0>. A copy of the posters presented as the in-person open house are included as **Schedule B – In-Person Open House Materials**. A copy of the presentation given at the online open house is included as **Schedule C – Online Open House Presentation**.

The in-person open house was attended by approximately twenty people (not including MPS staff, Village Administration, and members of Council). The online open house was attended by approximately 5 people.

MPS and the Village provided residents with 4 weeks following the online open house to submit comments and questions for Council's consideration. As of October May 12, 2026, the Village and MPS received 2 email submissions (in addition to the questions and comments received during the in-person and online open houses). Emails provided are included as **Schedule D – Email Feedback**.

The following is a summary of the feedback received by MPS at the in-person and online open houses, along with responses/recommendations for consideration in the draft Land Use Bylaw.

FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS	VENUE RECEIVED	MPS RESPONSE/RECOMMENDATION (IF NECESSARY)
How will the proposed annexation affect property taxes/assessment for the affected properties?	In-Person Open House	MPS identified that the annexation report could identify conditions that would preserve the County's taxation/assessment rates until such time as the annexed lands is redeveloped or subdivided in the future. MPS to work with Administration and Council to develop conditions related to taxation/assessment for inclusion in the annexation report.
Would the Village extend municipal services (e.g. sanitary services) to the proposed annexation area?	In-Person Open House	Administration noted that services could be extended to portions of the proposed annexation area if/when the area is planned to be redeveloped in the future for Village-scale residential and/or commercial uses.
Would the Village require existing residential and commercial developments to connect to municipal services?	In-Person Open House	MPS and Administration indicated that existing onsite services utilized by property owners in the proposed annexation area would be able to continue, until such time as the annexed lands is redeveloped or subdivided in the future. MPS to work with Administration and Council to develop conditions related to the continuation of onsite services for inclusion in the annexation report.
Would the Village extend street lighting to the proposed annexation area?	In-Person Open House	Council and Administration shared that street lighting could potentially be extended into the proposed annexation area if the lands were developed for more intensive uses (e.g. re-subdivided for residential development).
Who would be responsible for road maintenance in the proposed annexation area?	In-Person Open House	MPS explained that if the annexation was approved, the Village will be responsible for road repair and maintenance of all roads within the proposed annexation area.

Would residents in the proposed annexation area be able to continue existing agricultural activities (i.e. raising chickens) if the annexation was approved?	In-Person Open House	MPS and Administration noted that any use of land (including agricultural uses) that was approved through the County would be able to continue in its current form post-annexation. MPS to work with Administration and Council to develop conditions related to the continuation of agricultural uses/activities or inclusion in the annexation report.
What types of uses could a landowner apply to develop on their land in the future? Would the Village allow for the development of a large shop on a residential lot?	In-Person Open House	MPS explained that if the annexation were approved, the County's Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw would continue to apply to the subject properties until such time as the Village amended its Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw to address the annexation area. Permitted (and discretionary) uses that could be developed on these properties are identified
How does the Village's development permit process differ from that of the County?	In-Person Open House	Administration noted that the Village's development permit process is very similar to that of the County's. All municipalities in Alberta are required to adhere to the same timeframes for development permit decision-making as identified in the Municipal Government Act.
The Village is currently suffering from a lack of exposure to Highways 28 and 831; this annexation would give the Village an opportunity to welcome travellers and highway traffic.	In-Person Open House	Comment noted by Council and Administration.
What can be developed near the former landfill sites in the County?	In-Person Open House	MPS provided information about the reclamation work that had been undertaken by the County to remove development restrictions on/adjacent to the former landfill site north of the Village. MPS also identified the former landfill site to the west of the Village and noted the provincially required development setbacks. MPS noted that the Intermunicipal Development Plan shared between the Village and County identifies future land uses that can be developed within the setbacks.
The proposed annexation could be used to support future residential and commercial growth associated with the new school site in the Village.	In-Person Open House	Comment noted by Council and Administration.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Proposed Village of Waskatenau Annexation Application

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The purpose for this proposed annexation is to facilitate future commercial and residential growth and development that benefits the Village's long term sustainability as a municipality. The Village currently does not have any jurisdictional control over lands adjacent to the Highway 28 corridor near the entrance to the Village, which is a major economic corridor in the Smoky Lake County Region.

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The Village invites residents and community members to attend information sessions to learn more about the proposed annexation. Feedback provided to the Village will be shared with the County and Land and Property Rights Tribunal.

In-Person: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 (drop-in between 1:00 - 3:00 PM)

Waskatenau Senior Drop-In Centre (5156 – 50 Street, Waskatenau)

Online: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 (7:00 PM start, approx. 1.5 hour duration)

A zoom link to join the meeting will be available on the Village's website (www.waskatenau.ca) the week of the session.

Have questions? Annexation FAQs can be found on the Village's website. Reach out to the project team anytime with your questions.

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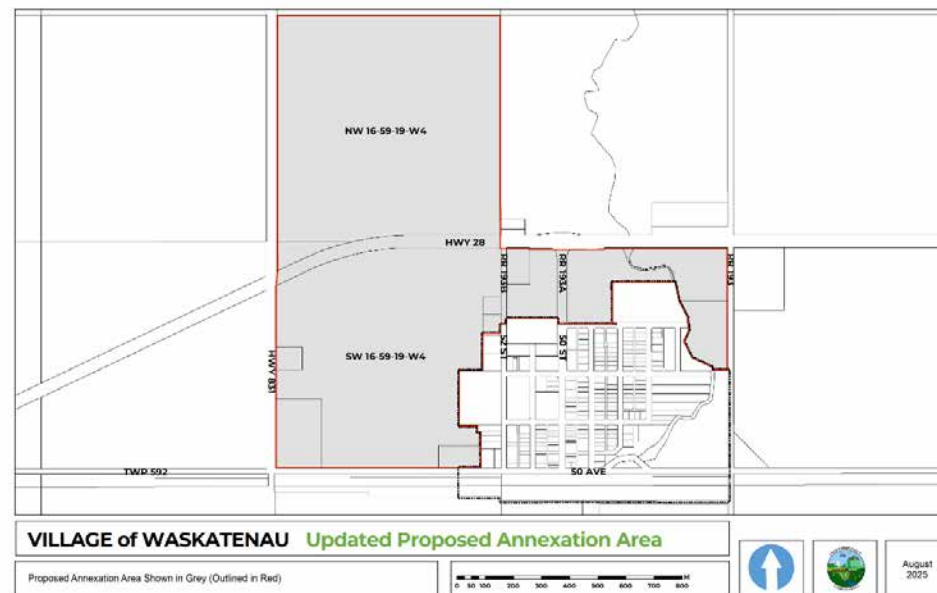
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18 March 2026

Re: Proposed Village of Waskatenau Annexation of Lands in Smoky Lake County

This letter is being sent to all landowners within the proposed Village of Waskatenau annexation area described below (and as shown on the map included with this letter). We are writing to provide you with an update to the Village’s proposed annexation, information about upcoming public information sessions, and contact information should you have further questions.

Background

In July 2024, the Village of Waskatenau approved a motion directing Administration to provide a Notice of Intent to Annex to Smoky Lake County and the Land and Property Rights Tribunal and to begin the process of formal negotiations on the annexation. At that time, letters were provided to all registered landowners in the proposed annexation area.

In the summer of 2025, the Village discussed the Village’s proposed annexation application with the owners of NW 16-59-19-W4; at their request, the Village revised it’s Note of Intent to expand the proposed annexation area to include this property (as well as a small parcel of land owned by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors within the Highway 28/831 intersection). The current proposed annexation area includes the following properties (and is shown on the map included with this letter):

Privately Owned Land	Road Rights-of-Way
OT 5225CL	Part of Range Road 193B/52 Street
Lot 21, Block 16, Plan 8122847	Part of Range Road 193A/50 Street)
Lot 20, Block 16, Plan 8122847	
Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0923870	Crown/Provincially Owned Land
Lot 2, Block 1, 1923509	Waskatenau Creek
Lot 1, Block 17, Plan 8022152	SW 16-59-19-W4 (north of Highway 28)
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April 2026 Public Information Sessions

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Further Information about the Annexation Process

With this proposed annexation, the Village of Waskatenau is the applicant, not the decision-maker. The proposed annexation application (once all negotiations, engagement, and reporting has been completed) will be submitted to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT). The LPRT is an independent and impartial quasi-judicial board established under the Municipal Government Act. The LPRT has the authority to investigate, analyze, and make findings of fact about the proposed annexation. The LPRT will review the application and determine whether a hearing is required. The LPRT will make recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs who will proceed to Cabinet with an Order-in-Council for approval or refusal.

Contact information for the Land and Property Rights Tribunal is provided below.

Land and Property Rights Tribunal		
Phone	Email	Mailing Address
780.427.2444	LPRT@gov.ab.ca	Land and Property Rights Tribunal 1229 91 Street SW Edmonton, Alberta T6X 1E9

It is important to note that **annexation is not expropriation** - land ownership does not change with annexation. Annexation is a process for changing the jurisdictional boundaries between municipalities. If the Village's annexation application is approved by Cabinet, the annexation lands will transfer from the municipal jurisdiction of Smoky Lake County to the Village of Waskatenau, but ownership of the annexed lands will remain the same.

For more information about the annexation process, you can visit the Annexation Information page on the Village's website: www.waskatenau.ca. We invite you to reach out to us at any time with your questions.

Thank you for your time.

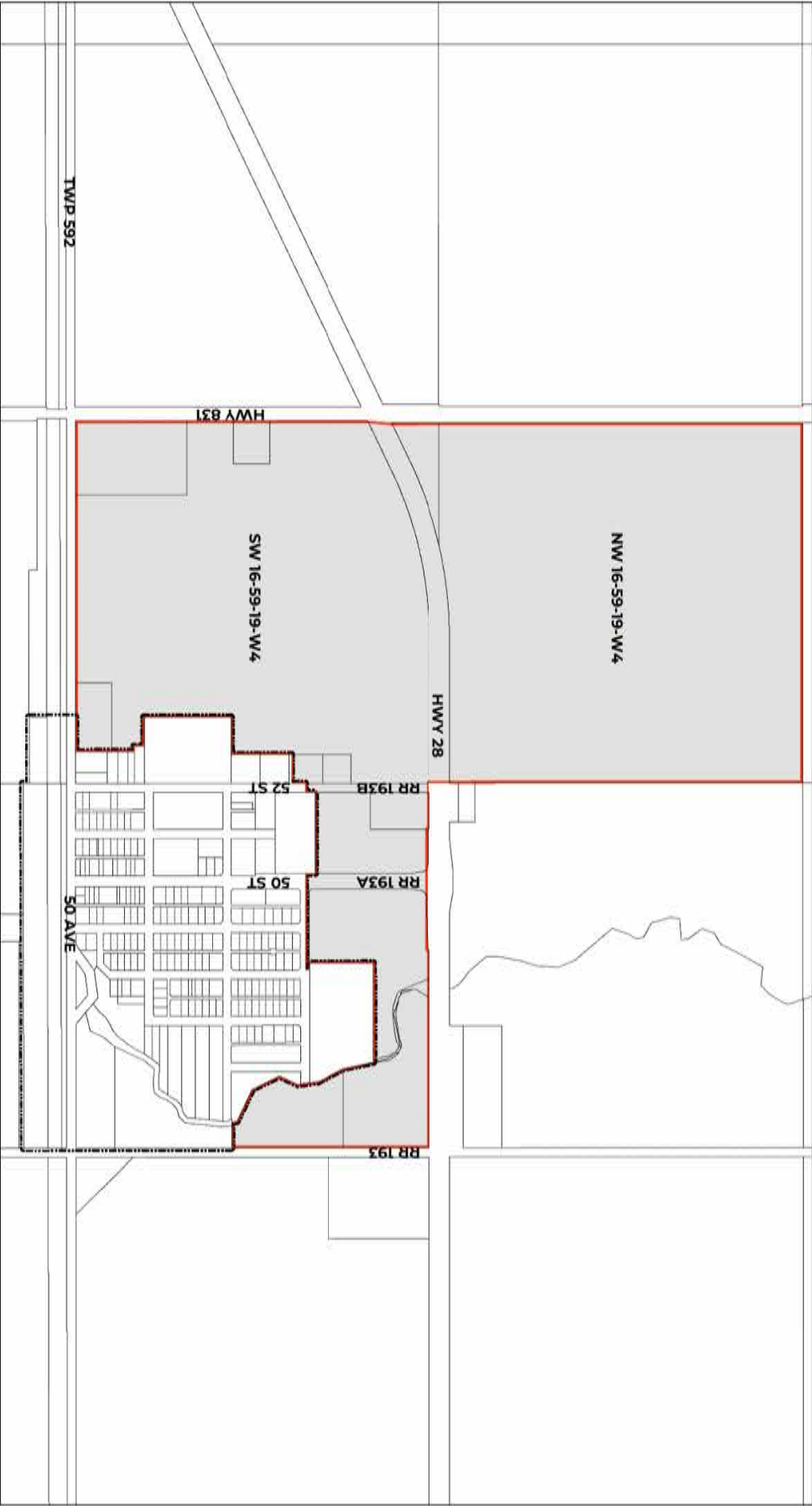
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Attachments: Map of Proposed Annexation Area

CC: Village of Waskatenau
Smoky Lake County



VILLAGE of WASKATENAU Updated Proposed Annexation Area

Proposed Annexation Area Shown in Grey (Outlined in Red)



August
2025

SCHEDULE B – IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE MATERIALS



WELCOME!

Village of Waskatenau
Proposed Annexation Information Open House



Village of Waskatenau

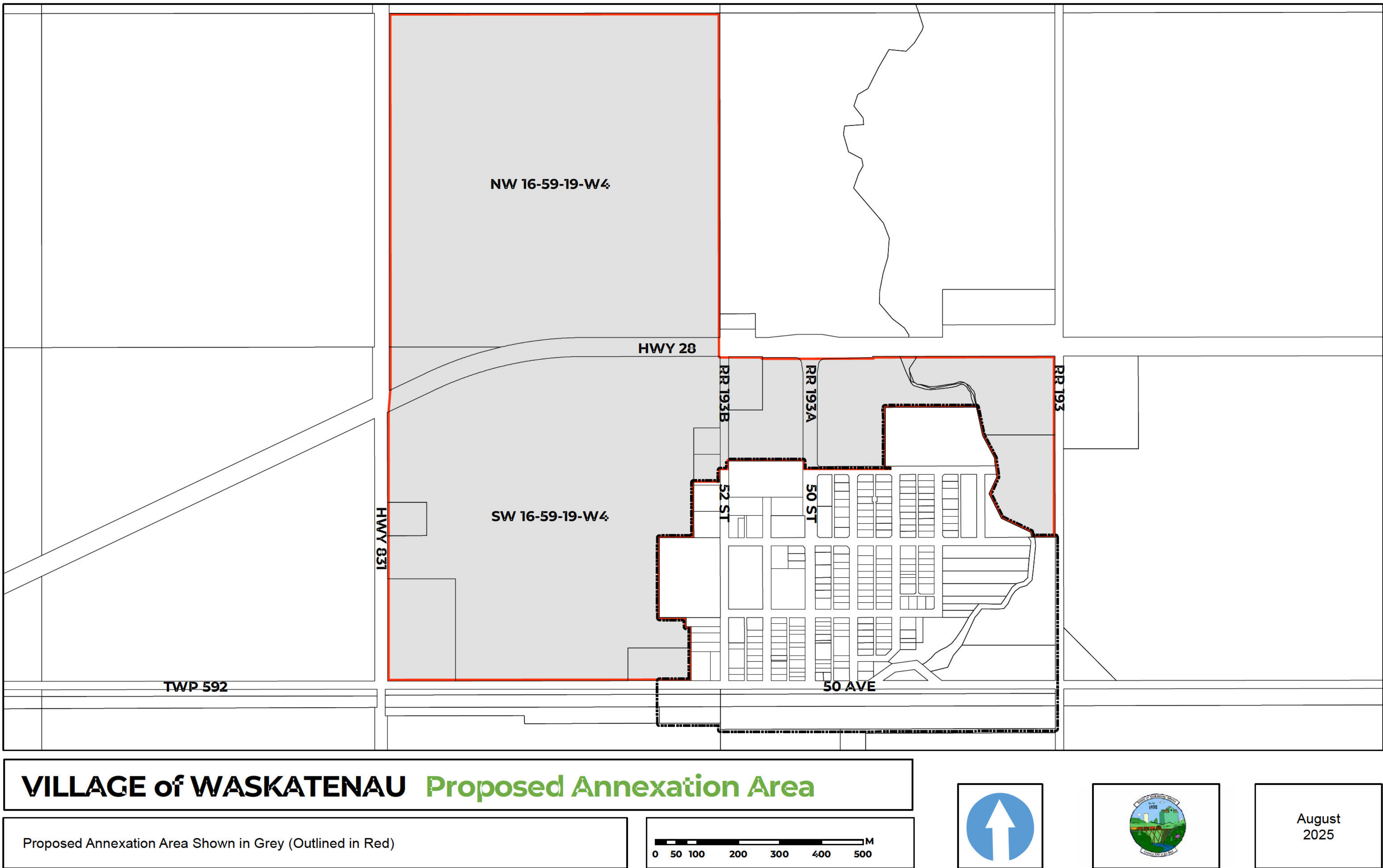
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WHAT IS ANNEXATION?

Annexation is the process for a municipality to expand its boundaries in order to accommodate future growth. Properties within an annexation area would change from being in one municipality to being in another. Annexation is not the same thing as expropriation. **It would not change ownership rights, and owners are not required to develop or sell their property.**

WHAT IS THE ANNEXATION PROCESS?

Annexation occurs when a municipality expands its boundary to include land from a neighbouring municipality – for example, to accommodate growth, improve administrative efficiency, accomodate municipal servicing requests, or to serve some other municipal objective. The annexation process requires intermunicipal collaboration and community consultation, and is set out in Part 4, Division 6 of the Municipal Government Act.

The process begins with the municipality that wishes to acquire land (initiating municipality) submitting a Notice of Intent to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT) and to the municipality from which the lands are proposed to be annexed (responding municipality). The 2 municipalities must then negotiate and/or mediate before submitting a final report and annexation application to the LPRT. The LPRT reviews the annexation for completeness, provides information and case management, and where necessary, conducts a public hearing before making a recommendation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council makes the final annexation decision.

WHAT PROPERTIES ARE PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE?

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HAS THE VILLAGE OR COUNTY PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA?

The Smoky Lake County & Village of Waskatenau Intermunicipal Development Plan was adopted by both municipalities in 2022. The proposed annexation area includes lands within the ‘Future Annexation Area Overlay’ on Map 5.1 – Future Land Use Areas, and is consistent with the plan’s goals, which aim to achieve the following benefits for both municipalities:

- Increase overall community and economic development capacity building essential to both short term and longer term community viability, sustainability, and quality of life.
- Increased business/investment attraction “presence” throughout the Smoky Lake Region.
- Improved regional fiscal and financial sustainability.

Village of Waskatenau

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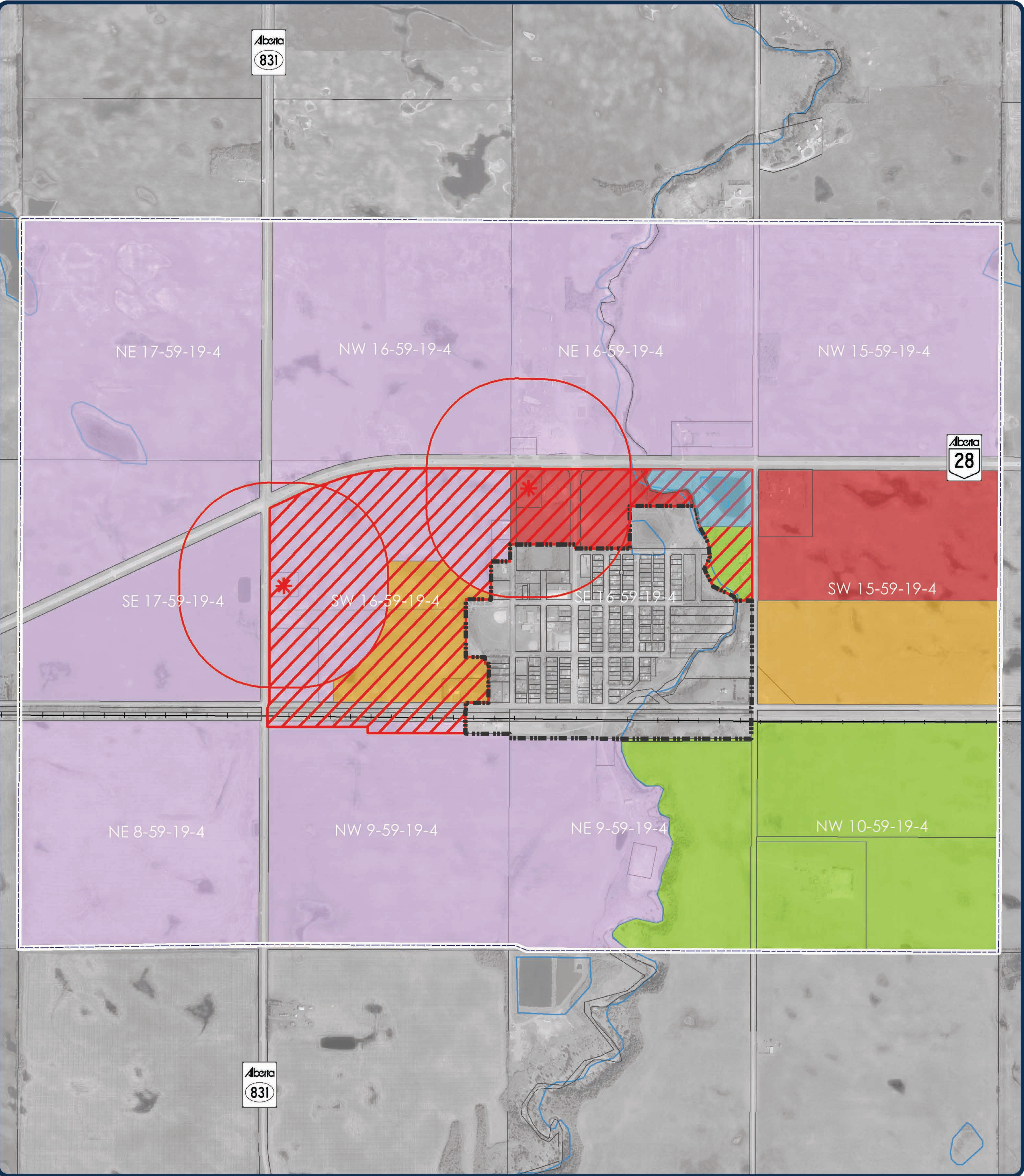


VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU & SMOKY LAKE COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Map 5.1 Future Land Use Areas

- IDP Boundary
- Village of Waskatenau
- Future Annexation Area Overlay
- Agricultural
- Community
- Serviced Residential
- Serviced Commercial
- Serviced and Unserviced Commercial and Industrial
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 Former Nuisance Ground (with 300 metre setback)



Village of Waskatenau

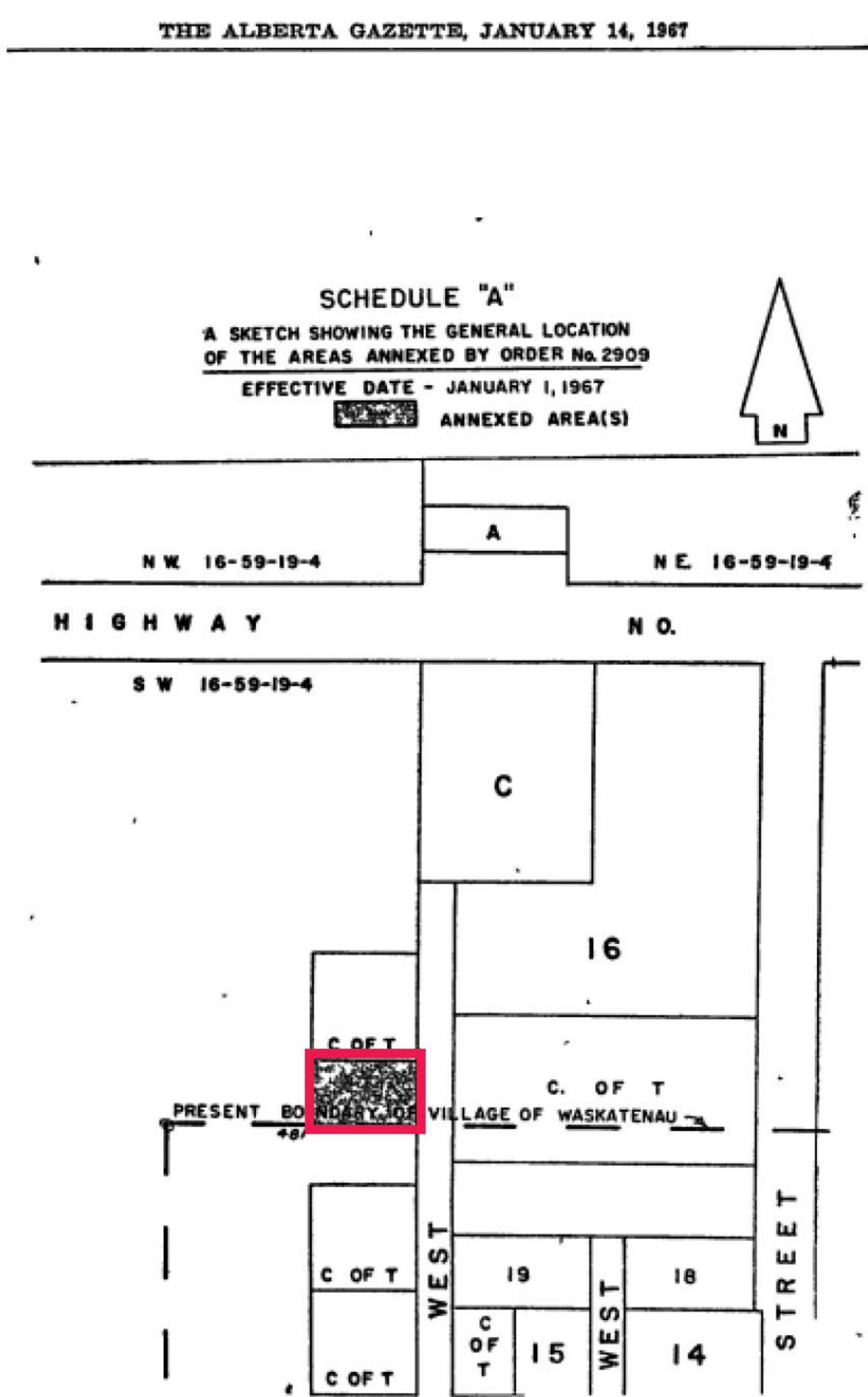
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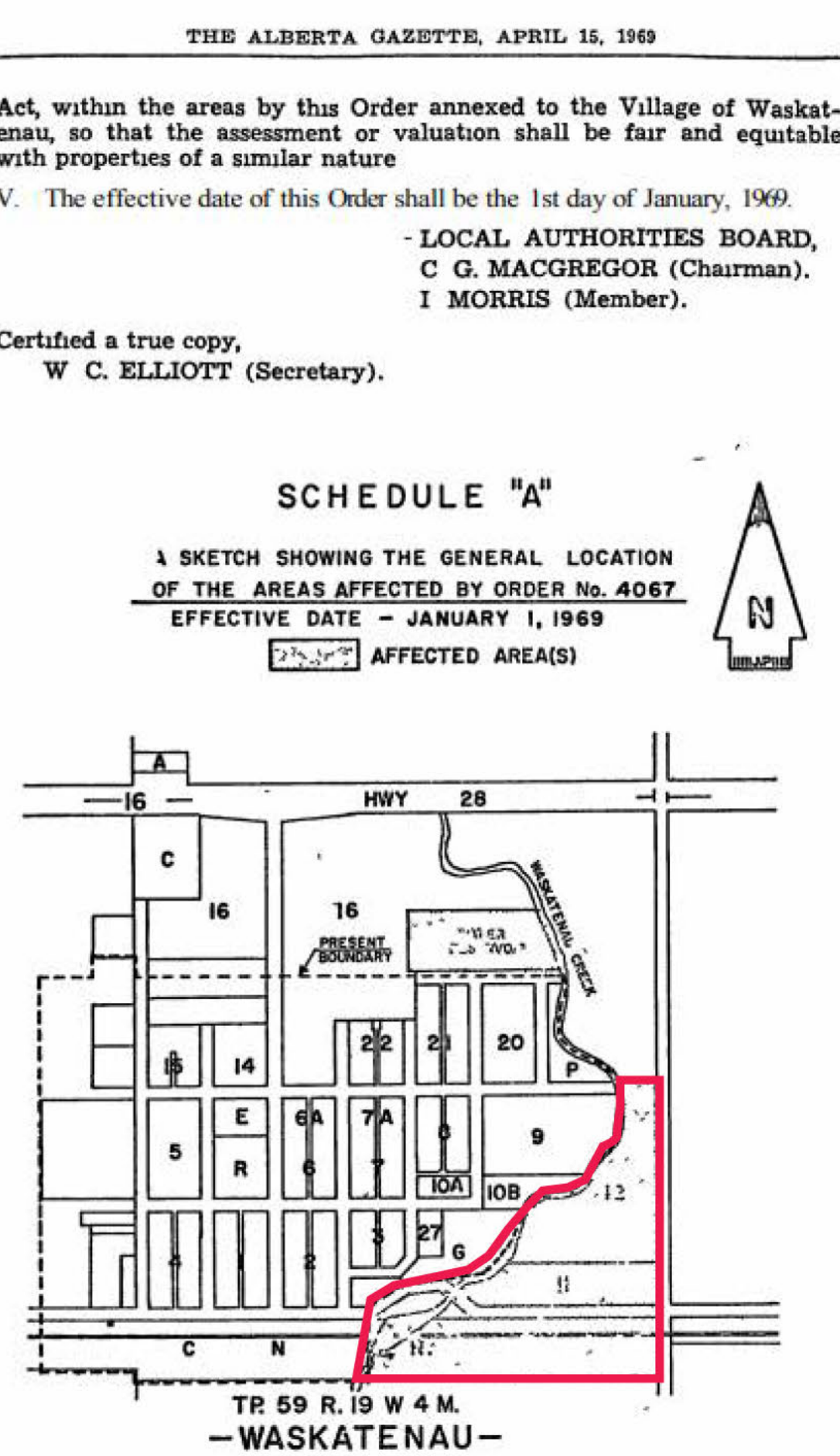
LOCAL ANNEXATION HISTORY

Since Waskatenau’s incorporation as a Village in 1932, the municipality has annexed land from Smoky Lake County (or previously, the Municipal District of Unity No. 577) as needed to address growth and development matters in the area. The following is a summary of past annexations (and associated ministerial order numbers) between the Village and County.

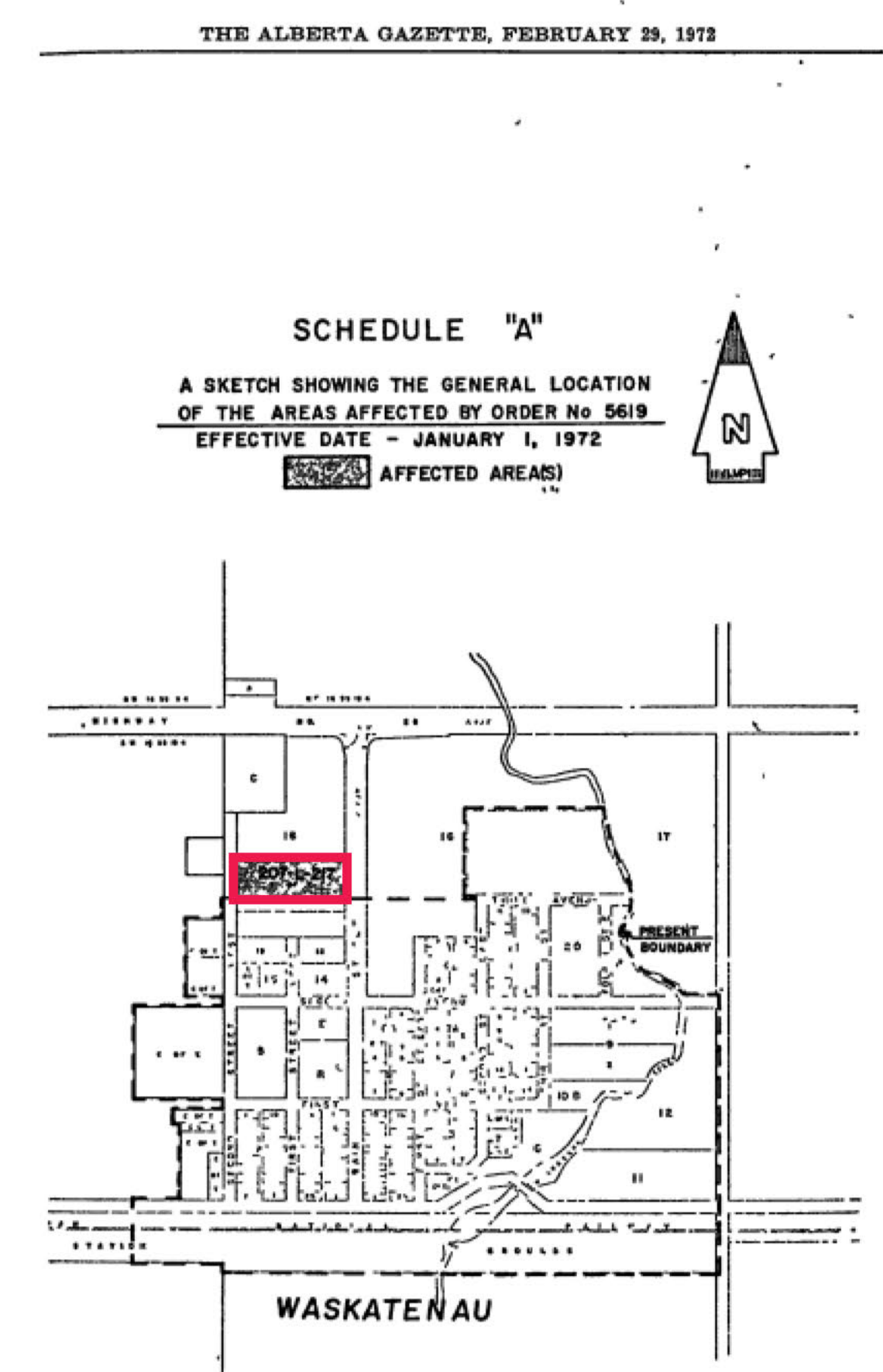
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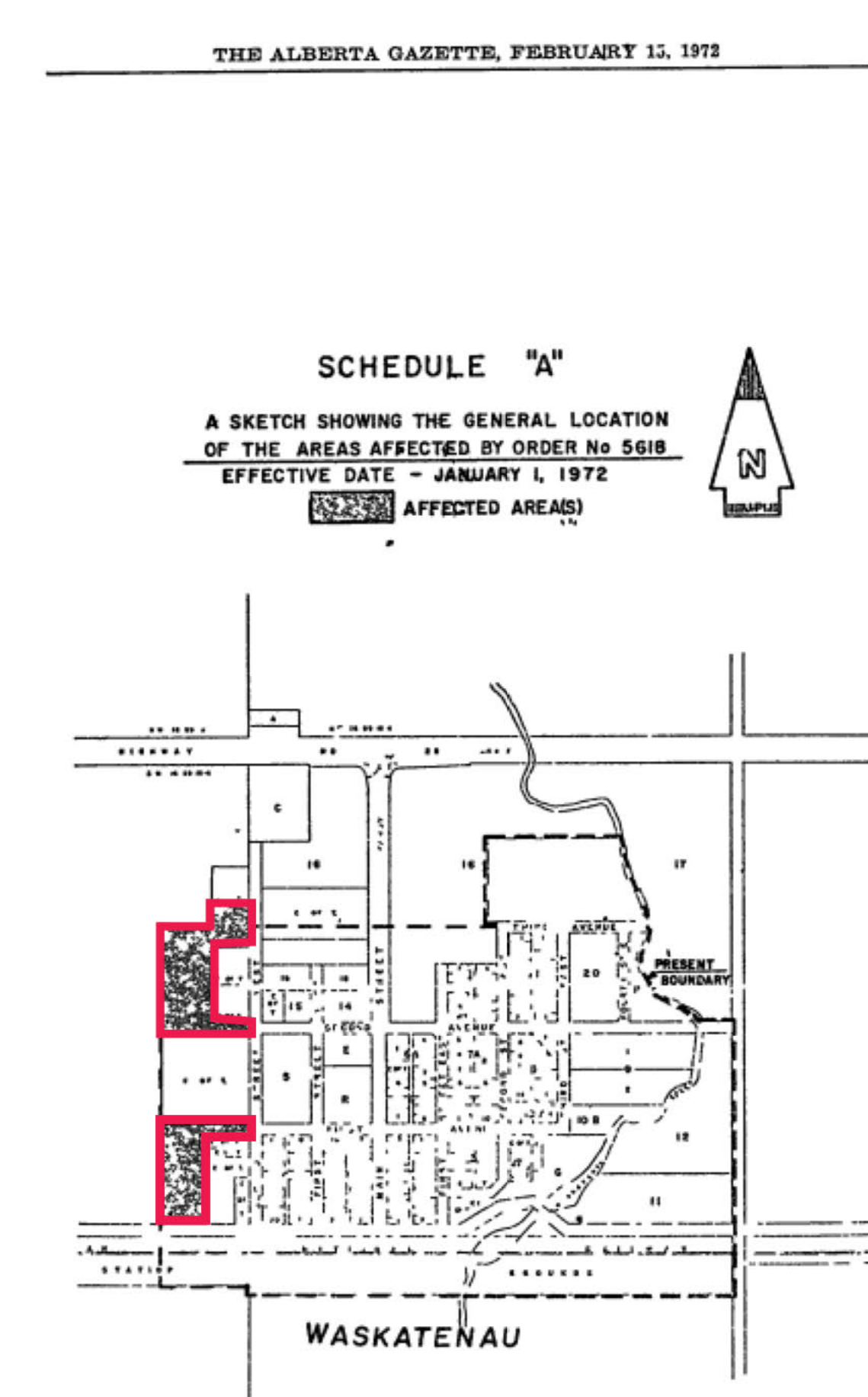
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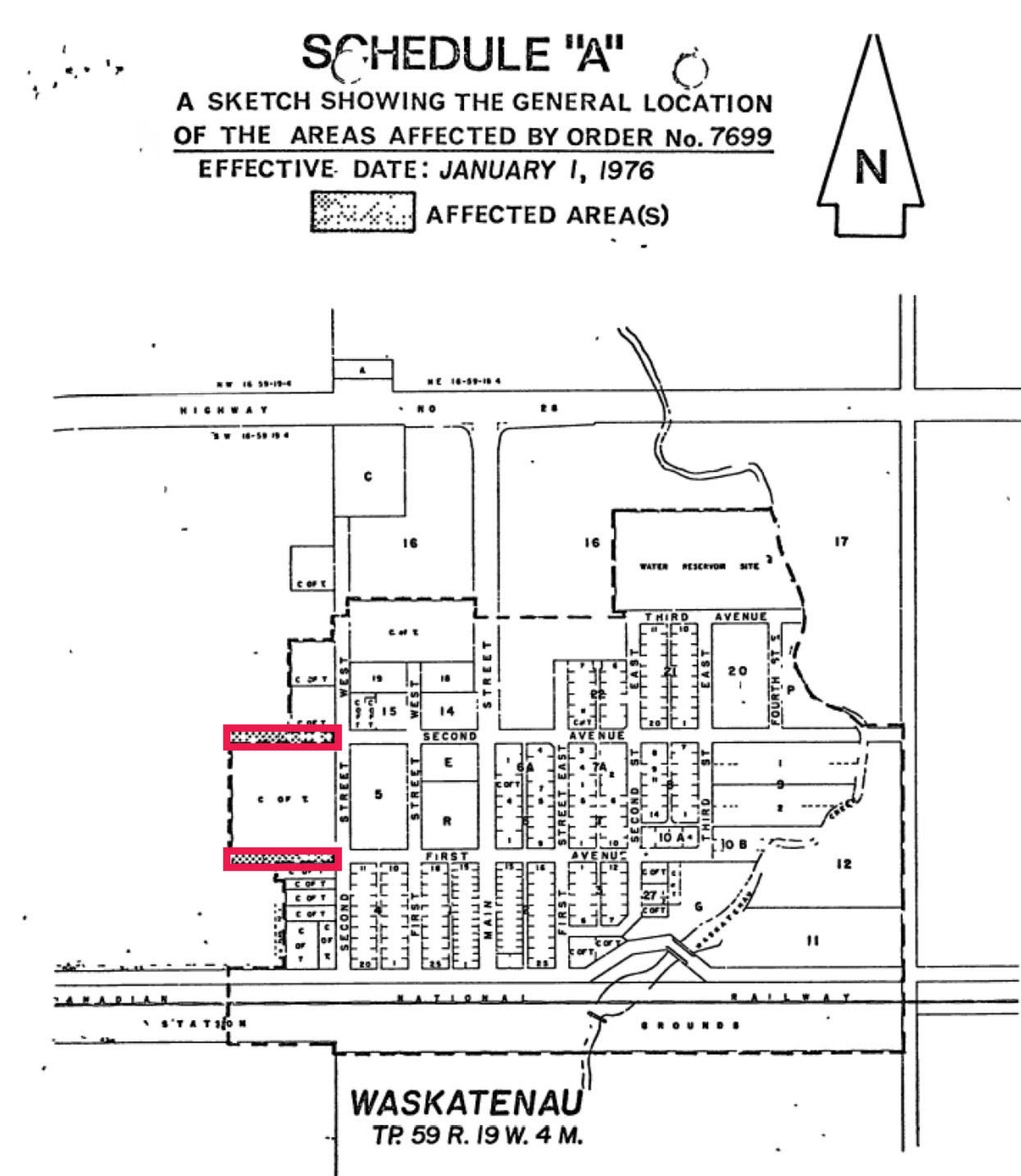
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1976 ORDER 7699



The proposed annexation area is larger than previous annexations. This area is proposed to be annexed to improve administrative efficiency and minimize costs associated with municipal growth.



NEXT STEPS

The proposed annexation application is in the middle stages. The following is a summary of the key steps in this process, and indication of where this process is at to date:



Step 1 – Notice of Intent submitted to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal and Smoky Lake County



Step 2 – Notice sent to County landowners within (and adjacent to) the proposed annexation area



Step 3 – Public information about the proposed annexation area shared by the Village



Step 4 – Village and County engage in formal discussions and negotiations



Step 5 – Village notification to County landowners in the proposed annexation area



Step 6 – Village engagement with landowners and community members (e.g. open house, website updates, newsletter information, etc.)

Step 7 – Village shares engagement feedback with Smoky Lake County

Step 8 – Village and County engage in further discussions and negotiations (if required)

Step 9 – Village prepares an Annexation Report for the Land and Property Rights Tribunal

Step 10 – Village shares the Annexation Report with Smoky Lake County and requests a motion of support for the annexation

Step 11 – Village Submits the Annexation Report to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal

Step 12 – Land and Property Rights Tribunal reviews the Annexation Report, and determines whether a hearing is required (**if contested**) or not required (**not contested**)

Step 13 – Land and Property Rights Tribunal holds hearing (if required)

Step 14 – Land and Property Rights Tribunal provides recommendation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, who will proceed to Cabinet with an Order-in-Council for approval or refusal

Step 15 – The proposed annexation is approved or refused

SCHEDULE C - ONLINE OPEN HOUSE PRESENTATION



Village of Waskatenau & Smoky Lake County

Proposed Annexation Online Information Session | 14 April 2026

OUTLINE

- Welcome and introductions
- Information about annexation
- History of annexations
- About the annexation process in Alberta
- Information about the proposed annexation area and purpose
- Summary of in-person engagement (last week)
- Summary County/Village discussions
- Next steps

WHAT IS ANNEXATION

- Annexation is the process of changing the boundaries between one or more municipalities
- Annexation is a tool used by municipalities to:
 - ✓ • Accommodate future growth/population
 - ✓ • Address matters related to servicing/access
 - Correct boundary errors
 - ✓ • Assume jurisdiction over the future subdivision/development of a particular area/subject site
- Annexation is **NOT amalgamation**
- Annexation is **NOT expropriation** (ownership of the land does not change)
- Annexation is **NOT a decision of the municipalities involved**



WHAT IS ANNEXATION

- The process for annexation is outlined in the *Municipal Government Act*, and includes:
 - Discussion, negotiation, agreements between the municipal governments involved
 - Public engagement/notification
 - Submission of a formal Notice of Intent to the LPRT
 - Submission of a report/application to the LPRT
 - Formal review by the LPRT
 - Final decision by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

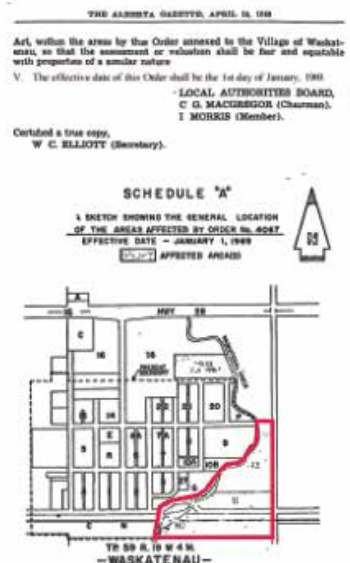
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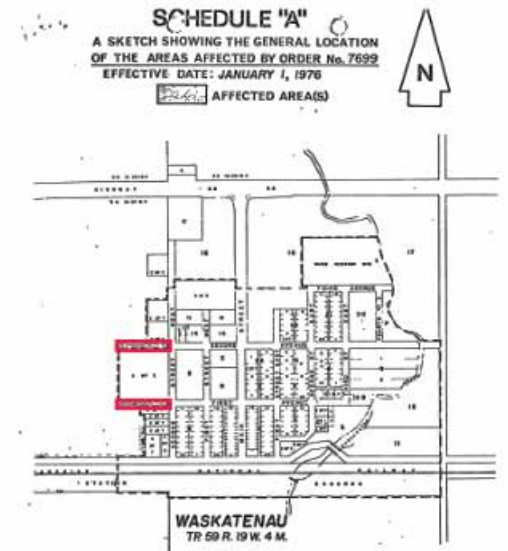
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1976 ORDER 7699



ANNEXATION PROCESS

STEP 1	Annexation is considered by Council based on recognition of future growth requirements, servicing/access matters, jurisdictional matters, other considerations
STEP 2	The municipality proposes annexation, provides notification to residents, the affected municipality, affected landowner(s)
STEP 3	The municipality consults with affected landowners/community members, and the other municipality, referral agencies
STEP 4	The municipality provides official notice to the LPRT and the other municipality of intent to annex the subject land

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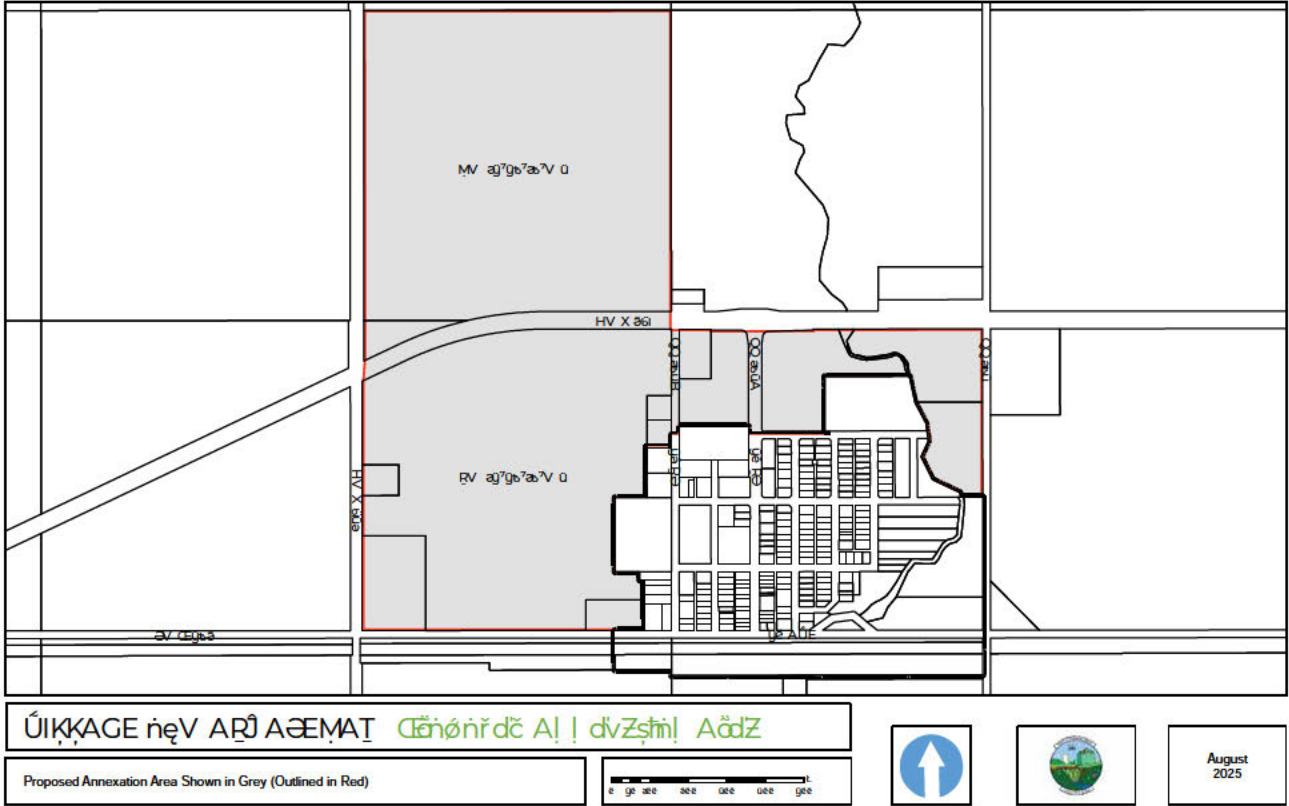
CONTESTED ANNEXATION PROCESS

STEP 5	Required application information/reports are provided to the LPRT
STEP 6	LPRT advertises the proposed annexation
STEP 7	Hearing is held by the LPRT; persons/agencies/municipality can make submissions regarding the annexation (for or against)
STEP 8	Report and recommendations prepared by the LPRT, sent to Minister of Municipal Affairs
STEP 9	Lieutenant Governor of Alberta considers the LPRT report and signs an Order-in-Council if the annexation is approved, approved in part, or not approved
STEP 10	LPRT provides notice of Order to all parties affected by the decision (if approved)

UNCONTESTED ANNEXATION PROCESS

STEP 5	Required application information/reports are provided to the LPRT
STEP 6	LPRT prepared report and recommendations are forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs
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ANNEXATION AREA INFORMATION

- **Village/County Intermunicipal Development Plan:**

- The proposed annexation area is entirely within the 'Future Annexation Area Overlay' on Map 5.1 – Future Land Use Areas
- Policy 3.4.2 - Annexations occur from time to time in a positive, orderly, and timely manner with an agreed-upon process where there is a clear need for Village annexation to provide more land for urban development.
- Policy 3.4.3 - The Village of Waskatenau shall demonstrate reasonable need for annexation through appropriate growth studies to support annexation applications.

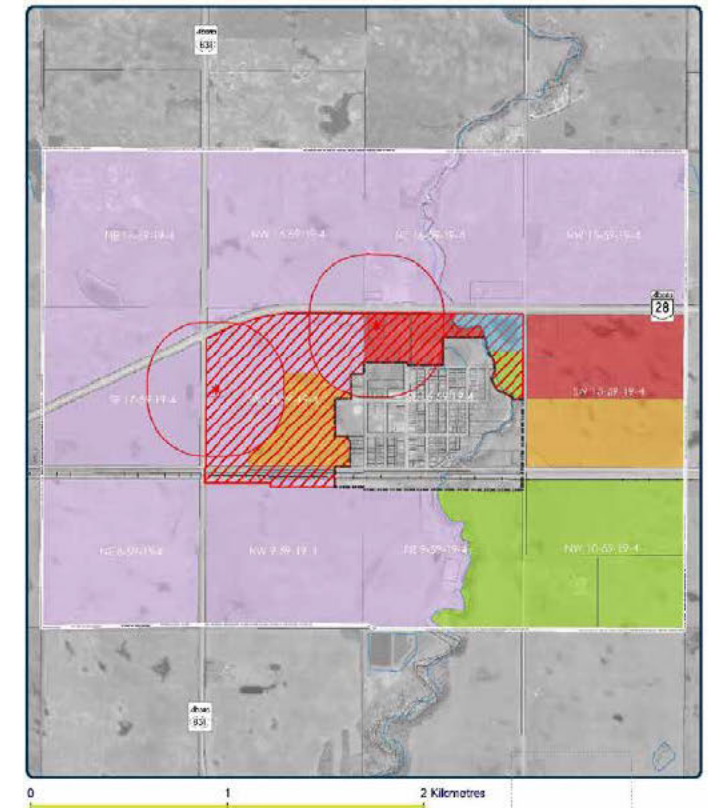
- **Smoky Lake County Municipal Development Plan:**

- Policy 6.1.3.4: Council shall support only those annexation proposals that they feel are required and justified. In forming their position on an annexation proposal, Council shall consider the following:
 - Does the annexation proposal encompass lower capability agricultural land and, if not, is the expansion onto high capability agricultural land justified in light of existing growth direction options?
 - Has the urban centre planned its future land use and development through a municipal development plan or similar planning document?
 - Is the annexation required or does the urban centre have sufficient land within its boundaries to accommodate anticipated growth and development?



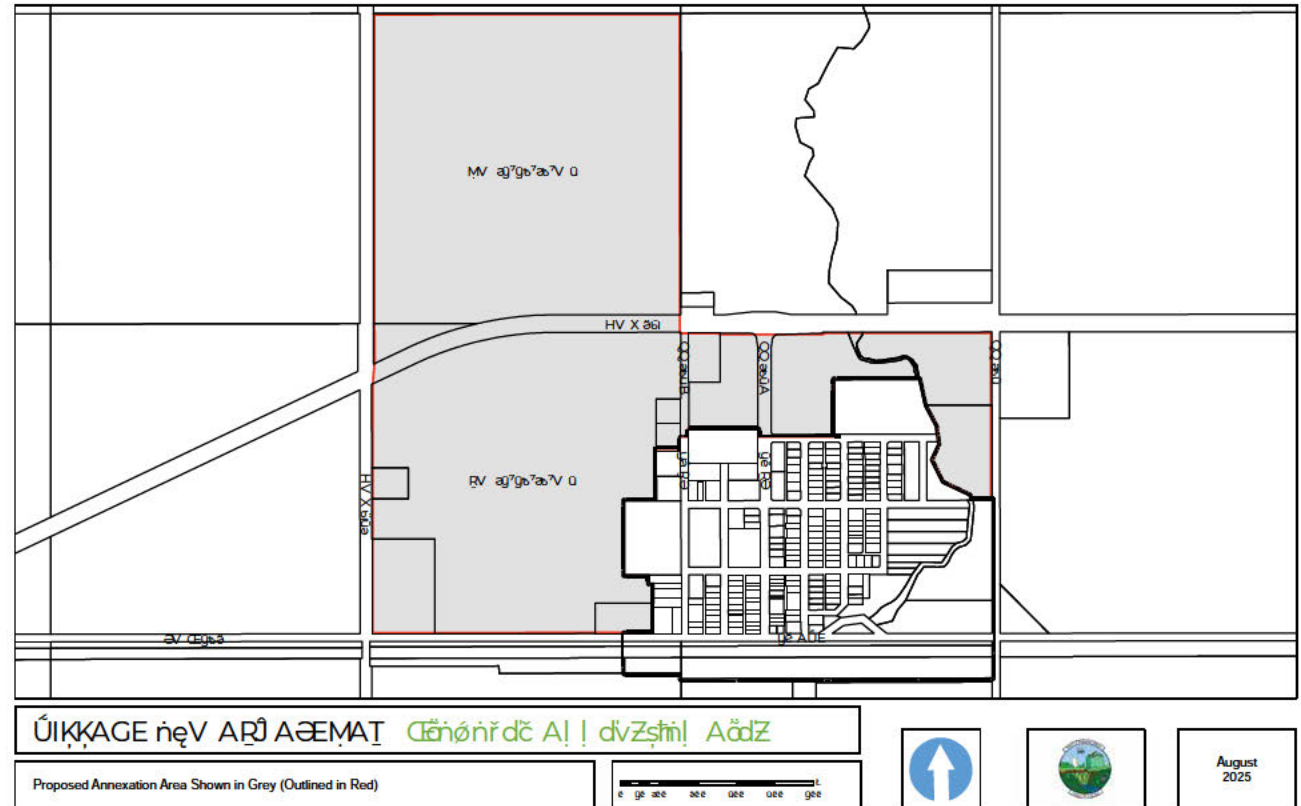
Intermunicipal Development Plan

Map 5.1 Future Land Use Areas



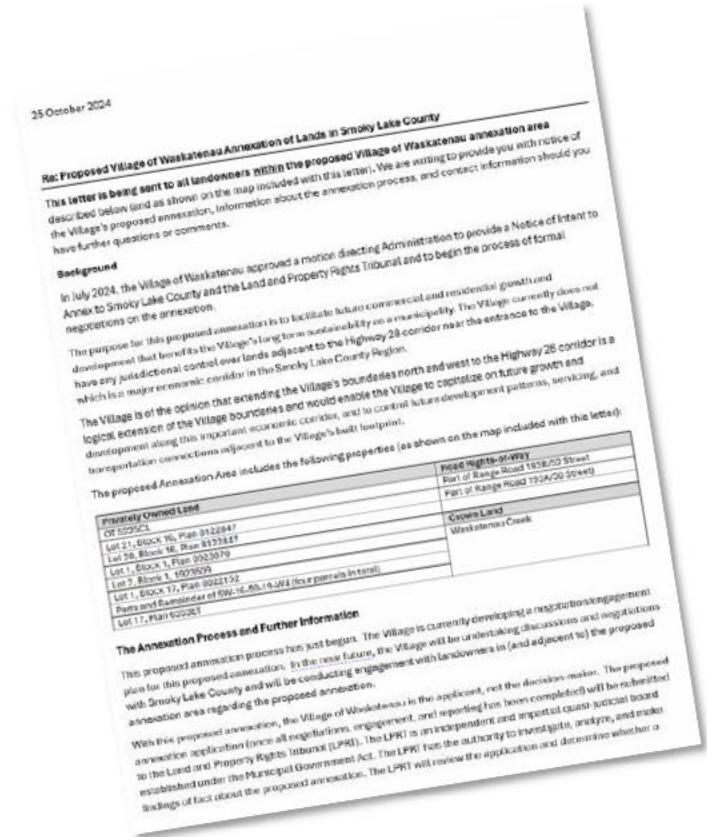
ANNEXATION AREA INFORMATION

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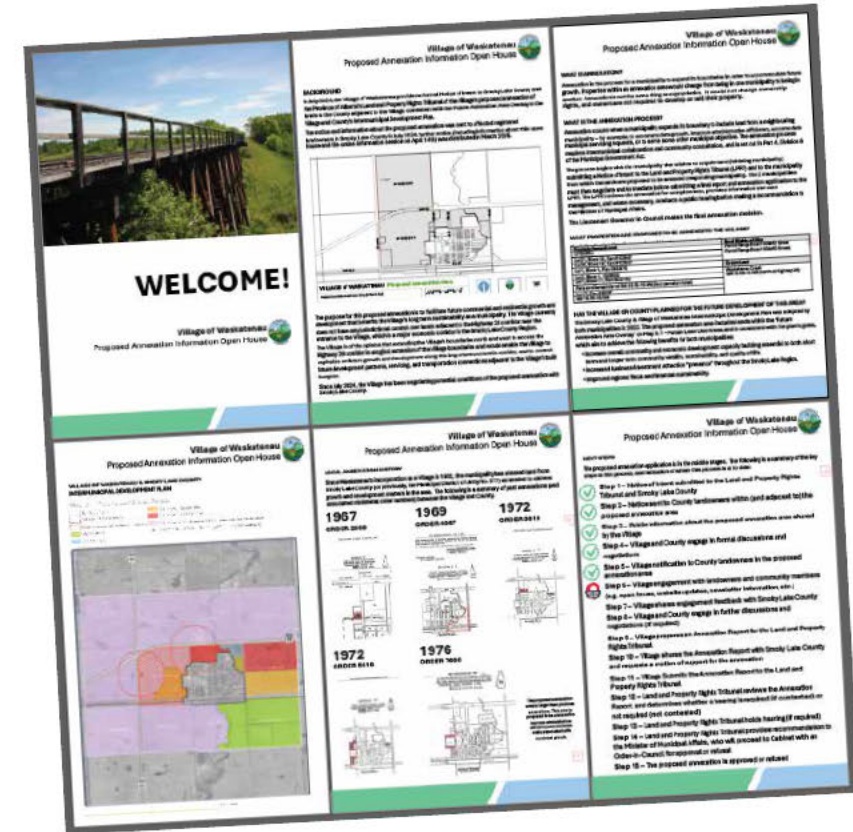
SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

- October 2024: Letters sent to affected County landowners (within the proposed annexation area) and adjacent landowners informing them of:
 - The Village's 'Notice of Intent' submission
 - The (initial) area of the proposed annexation
 - Future engagement
 - Answers to frequently asked questions
 - Contact information for the Village/MPS to discuss the proposed annexation
- Annexation information on the Village's website



SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

- April 8, 2026: In-person Drop-In Open House
 - Attended by affected landowners, Village/area residents
 - Feedback/questions received included:
 - Development processes in the Village vs. County
 - How taxation will be addressed
 - Extension of municipal services/infrastructure
 - Lack of highway exposure on Village's economic development opportunities
 - Allowance for existing rural/agricultural activities to continue
 - Opportunity provided by new school site
 - Impact of highway on access to the Village



NEGOTIATED ITEMS/CONDITIONS

- May be requested by:

- 'Annexing' municipality
- 'Annexed' municipality
- Landowners/community members
- Services providers

- Examples:

- Honouring lower of the two municipality's fees for development permits (for a time period or until triggering event occurs)
- Honouring landfill permits, recycling fees, etc.
- Continuation of existing private water/sanitary systems (until services are extended)
- Road maintenance standards
- Compensation for infrastructure, improvements, loss of tax revenue

COUNTY/VILLAGE DISCUSSIONS

- Several Council-to-Council meetings through this process, and discussions between Administrations
- Discussions have been open/honest
- Village requested conditions/negotiated items from the County, majority of conditions have been resolved
- Not all conditions may be resolved at time of application submission to the LPRT

NEXT STEPS

- Village **gathers feedback** from landowners/community members and shares with the County for their information
- Village **shares engagement feedback** with Smoky Lake County
- Village **prepares potential solutions/conditions** to address feedback received
- Village and County **engage in further discussions and negotiations** (if required)
- Village **prepares an Annexation Report** for the Land and Property Rights Tribunal
- Village **shares the Annexation Report with Smoky Lake County** and requests a motion of support for the annexation
- Village **submits the Annexation Report** to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal
- Land and Property Rights Tribunal **reviews the Annexation Report**, and determines whether a hearing is required (if contested) or not required (not contested)
- Land and Property Rights Tribunal **holds hearing (if required)**
- Land and Property Rights Tribunal **provides recommendation to the Minister** of Municipal Affairs, who will proceed to Cabinet with an Order-in-Council for approval or refusal
- The proposed annexation is **approved or refused**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Reach out anytime with your questions!

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Bernice Macyk

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Re: Link for Waskatenau Meeting Tuesday, April 14

From Brad Macdonald <b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca>

Date Thu 4/9/2026 12:32 PM

To Andrusiak, Christine [REDACTED]

Hi Christine,

The link is making its way to the Village's website by the end of the week, but in the meantime, here you go! If you have any questions in the meantime, I'm happy to answer when I get back to the office next week.

Thank you,

Brad

Topic: Waskatenau Annexation Application- Online Information Meeting

Time Apr 14, 2026 06 30 PM Edmonton

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From: Andrusiak, Christine [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 9:02 AM

To: Brad Macdonald <b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca>

Subject: Link for Waskatenau Meeting Tuesday, April 14

Brad,

Could you please forward the link to the Proposed Annexation Information Open House Meeting for the Village of Waskatenau for Tuesday, April 14.

Thank you,
Christine

Village of Waskatenau Annexation application

From Charles Iggulden <ciggulden@infinityenergy.ca>

Date Tue 4/14/2026 11:48 AM

To CAO Waskatenau <waskvillage@mcsnet.ca>; Brad Macdonald <b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca>

Cc "rickwar1@live.ca" <rickwar1@live.ca>; roy krahulec <roykrahulec@yahoo.ca>; "cluchy@gmail.com" <cluchy@gmail.com>; "jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca" <jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca>; "lprt@gov.ab.ca" <lprt@gov.ab.ca>

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14 April 2026 final village of Waskatenau.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached my letter of support and accompanying brief regarding the proposed annexation for the Village of Waskatenau.

As a ratepayer, I believe this initiative is essential to the long-term health, growth, and prosperity of our community.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this submission.



Dr. Charles Iggulden BA B.Comm DBA
President & CEO



14 April 2026

To: Council and Administration
Village of Waskatenau

Re: Letter of Support for Proposed Annexation

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing as a **ratepayer of the Village of Waskatenau** to express my **full support for the proposed annexation** currently under consideration.

At its core, this is a matter of **community health, sustainability, and long-term opportunity**. A community must either grow or decline—there is no stable middle ground. If a community is not growing, it is, in effect, slowly declining. Thoughtful, planned expansion is therefore essential to ensuring the future viability of Waskatenau.

Historically, strong, and resilient rural communities are built upon key foundational elements:

- A **school** to educate and anchor families.
- A **bank** to support financial activity and local investment.
- A **grain terminal** to enable farmers to bring products to market efficiently.
- A **post office** to connect the community to broader commerce and communication.

With the **new school under development, Waskatenau is** at a critical inflection point. This investment signals confidence in the community's future and creates the conditions for **population growth, family settlement, and renewed economic activity**. It is also an opportunity to **catch up from past periods of lower population and limited expansion**.

Beyond infrastructure and planning, Waskatenau has a **long and proud history of community strength through sport and teamwork**. The Village has been known for:

- Competitive **baseball programs**, including participation at higher levels such as Triple-A
- Strong **minor hockey and baseball programs** for youth development
- A vibrant **curling rink**, supporting leagues, training, and advancement to higher competitive levels.
- Hosting **tournaments across multiple sports**, building regional reputation.

These activities have done more than produce strong teams. They have built a **community identity**. Over the decades, residents have contributed their time and effort to create a **team-oriented, community-conscious environment**.

This tradition of sports excellence has resulted in:

- Youth advancing to **higher levels of sport and scholarships.**
- A reputation as a **team sports town**
- Strong **community cohesion and shared purpose**

Sport in Waskatenau has always been about more than competition; it has been about **building character, teamwork, and a shared vision for success.** This has directly contributed to **commerce, goodwill, and a cooperative spirit** within the Village.

Waskatenau has long been recognized as a community built on **sports, teamwork, and commerce**, where residents work together toward a common goal of a **strong, prosperous future.** This foundation was created through **decades of hard work and volunteer commitment** by residents.

Today, the proposed annexation represents one of the few opportunities for the community to **build on that original vision** and move forward not as a follower but as a **leader in rural community development.**

Annexation enables the Village to plan properly, expand responsibly, and support **residential development, housing availability, and commercial growth.** Without land and planning capacity, growth cannot occur. With it, the Village can position itself to **flourish once again.**

I would also like to commend the **Mayor, Council, and Administration** for demonstrating the **vision and leadership** required to move the Village forward.

On a personal note, Waskatenau represents an **ideal community model:**

- A place where **seniors can retire with quality of life and affordability.**
- A place where **families can raise children in a safe, supportive environment.**
- A place where **local commerce can grow, succeed, and contribute to the regional economy.**

Economic development at the local level has a **compounding effect.** Every dollar spent locally circulates approximately **7 to 10 times**, creating employment, supporting businesses, and strengthening the Village economy.

For these reasons, I strongly believe that the proposed annexation will:

- Support **sustainable long-term growth.**
- Enhance **community health and vitality.**
- Enable **economic expansion and housing development.**
- Position Waskatenau for success over the **next 20 to 30 years.**

Accordingly, I respectfully submit this letter as a **formal statement of support** for the Village of Waskatenau's annexation plan.

As a ratepayer, I fully support this initiative and believe it will serve the Village and its residents well into the future.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Iggulden".

Charles Iggulden

Ratepayer, Village of Waskatenau

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering contact information.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU – ANNEXATION SUPPORT BRIEF

Submitted by: Charles Iggulden, Ratepayer

Purpose: Technical and Strategic Support for Proposed Annexation

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This brief supports the Village of Waskatenau's proposed annexation as a **necessary, forward-looking planning initiative** required to ensure:

- Sustainable population growth
- Long-term municipal viability
- Expanded housing and land availability.
- Strengthened local economy.
- Efficient infrastructure and service planning

The annexation aligns with core municipal planning principles and supports the continued development of a **strong, community-oriented municipality**.

2. COMMUNITY HEALTH, IDENTITY & VIABILITY

A municipality's long-term health is directly tied to its ability to grow.

Key Principle:

A community that is not growing is in decline.

Waskatenau is not just a geographic location; it is a **community built on teamwork, volunteerism, and shared purpose**, deeply rooted in its **sports and community culture**.

3. COMMUNITY LEGACY – SPORTS, TEAMWORK & VOLUNTEERISM

For decades, Waskatenau has built a reputation as a **team sports town**, with strong participation and success in:

- **Baseball**, including high-level competitive teams (Triple A)
- **Minor hockey and baseball programs** supporting youth development.
- **Curling**, with leagues, training programs, and advancement to higher competition
- Regional **tournaments** that brought visitors, commerce, and recognition

This legacy reflects:

- **Decades of volunteer commitment** by residents
- Strong **community engagement and pride**
- Development of youth who progressed to **higher levels of sport and scholarships**.

The sports culture in Waskatenau has been a driving force behind:

- Community cohesion
- Economic activity through events and tournaments
- A shared identity focused on **teamwork and excellence**.

This foundation is a direct contributor to Waskatenau's reputation as a **community-conscious, collaborative, and resilient municipality**.

4. FOUNDATIONAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Strong communities require:

- School
- Banking services
- Grain terminal
- Post office

With a new school underway, Waskatenau is positioned to re-establish itself as a **regional hub**, provided land is available for growth.

5. LAND SUPPLY & HOUSING

Annexation enables:

- Residential expansion
- Attraction of families, retirees, and the workforce
- Sustainable population growth

Without land, growth is not possible.

6. ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Every **\$1 spent locally** circulates **7–10 times**.
- Growth drives:
 - Business viability
 - Employment
 - Municipal revenue

Annexation is a catalyst for economic expansion.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICING

Annexation supports:

- Planned infrastructure expansion.
 - Efficient service delivery
 - Long-term cost control
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8. STRATEGIC POSITIONING

Waskatenau can evolve as:

- Retirement destination
- Family-centred community
- Agricultural service hub

This is enabled through land and planning capacity.

9. LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY MOMENT

This annexation represents a rare opportunity to:

- Build on the **founders' vision**.
- Strengthen the **lifeblood of a healthy, vibrant community**.
- Position Waskatenau as a **leader, not a follower**, in rural growth.

The foundation for this moment has been built through **decades of local volunteerism, hard work, and community pride**.

10. LONG-TERM OUTLOOK (20–30 YEARS)

The annexation will:

- Support population growth.
 - Expand the tax base.
 - Enable economic diversification.
 - Strengthen community sustainability.
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11. CONCLUSION

The proposed annexation is:

- ✓ Strategically justified
 - ✓ Community-supported in principle
 - ✓ Economically beneficial
 - ✓ Essential for long-term viability
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12. FORMAL POSITION

As a **ratepayer of the Village of Waskatenau**, I fully support the proposed annexation and believe it will serve the Village and its residents well for the next **20 to 30 years**, allowing the community to grow, prosper, and continue its legacy of **teamwork, excellence, and shared success**.

Submitted by:
Charles Iggulden
Ratepayer, Village of Waskatenau

FW: Village of Waskatenau Annexation Proposal

From: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca <waskvillage@mcsnet.ca>
Date: Mon 4/13/2026 3:42 PM
To: Brad Macdonald <b.macdonald@munplan.ab.ca>
Cc: Richard Warren <rickwar1@live.ca>; Roy Krahulec <roykrahulec@yahoo.ca>; Cassidy Luchy <cluchy@gmail.com>

Hi Brad

I received this email from Sharon Andrusiak, one of the affected landowners for the proposed annexation this afternoon. She was at the in-person open house last week.

Thank you
Bernice Macyk, CAO
Village of Waskatenau
(780) 358-2208 phone.fax

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April 13, 2026 3:34 PM
To: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca; jruegg@smokylakecounty.ab.ca; lprrt@gov.ab.ca
Subject: Village of Waskatenau Annexation Proposal

To: Council and Administration
Village of Waskatenau

Re: Objection to Proposed Annexation
**Parts and Remainder of SW-16-59-19-W4 (Four Parcels)

I, **Sharon Andrusiak**, the registered landowner of the above-described lands, am writing to formally submit my **official objection** to the proposed annexation of these lands by the Village of Waskatenau.

At this time, the Village has **not provided any supporting studies, reports, or evidence** demonstrating a need for the annexation of the subject lands. Furthermore, no documentation has been provided to show that the Village has the **capacity or ability to service** these lands if annexation were to occur.

In the absence of clear justification, demonstrated necessity, and confirmed servicing capability, I do not support the proposed annexation of my property.

Please ensure that this letter is entered into the official record regarding the proposed annexation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Andrusiak
Registered Landowner