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Old Town Community Plan Project Launch Event

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Stony Plain, AB: The Town of Stony Plain is embarking on the Old Town Community Plan (OTCP), a new and exciting project that'll shape the future of our community for the next 25-years. At tonight's Regular Council Meeting, Council accepted an update from Administration for information.

Rick Stuckenberg, Manager of Planning and Development says, "This document will develop a long-term vision for the Town's core areas. But in order to kick-start the planning process we need to hear from the residents. We're inviting the public to the project launch giving them the opportunity to be heard and have a say in Stony Plain's future."

The project launch is Tuesday, March 27th at Heritage Park in the Spruce Grove Hall. This event will provide residents with the chance to meet the Town's planning staff, understand the project scope, see the timelines, but most importantly give the people of Stony Plain the opportunity to provide preliminary input that may possibly influence the planning process. The event kicks off at 6 PM with a drop-in panel viewing, at 6:30 there will be keynote speakers, followed by a panel discussion and closing off the evening at 8:00 with an open forum.

The key note speaker is former MLA and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Doug Griffiths, also the author of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community." The keynote speech will be followed by a facilitated panel discussion featuring local representatives from the Town who will share their perspectives and experiences about key issues and opportunities associated with the Town's core areas.

- Ken Lemke
 - Former Town of Stony Plain Mayor and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA)
- Judy May-McDonald
 - Former Stony Plain Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Board Chair and Project Management Specialist at Alberta Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
- Amy Quintal
 - Community Member and Executive Director of Foundation for Cohesive Communities

Mayor William Choy says, "I am always hearing suggestions from residents. This is an opportunity to come out and have your say! Get informed about the project, and bring your ideas. We want to know what your vision is for our Town and what the needs of the residents are."

The OTCP will be utilized by both the public and private sectors to create a complete, sustainable area. The project aims to provide a clear guide and predictable framework for both private and public investments, and for citizens with a stake in the downtown and Old Town region. The plan will serve as a powerful tool for visualizing a preferred form of development to offer guidance for Council as they set policy, and for the Administration's review of development projects. It will also provide the policy framework for updates to the MDP, Land Use Bylaw and development of a long-term capital improvement plan to support the implementation of the OTCP.

All Stony Plain residents are welcome! Food and beverages will be provided. More details can be found at www.stonyplain.com, click on the Growing Your Stony Plain button.

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