



Village of Empress Land Use Bylaw Review

The Village of Empress is working with Palliser Regional Municipal Services (PRMS) to update the Village's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) in collaboration with the Village Council and its residents. The new LUB will replace the current version of the Empress [LUB Bylaw 7-2013](#) with an entirely new bylaw.

What is a LUB?

A Land Use Bylaw directs the use and development of lands and buildings. By establishing land use districts (zoning), the LUB regulates the types of activities and buildings that can occur on any specific property. It also contains regulations, such as building height, maximum parcel coverage and building setbacks from property lines. The LUB is the tool that the long-term vision and goals of the Empress [Municipal Development Plan \(Bylaw 2020-10\)](#) are implemented on a day-to-day basis. The purpose of the LUB is to enable development, while minimizing the potential impacts on adjacent neighbours.

What is the review process and timelines?

The proposed new Land Use Bylaw will be drafted by PRMS and Village Administration during the summer. The draft LUB will be presented to the public at an open house in fall 2024. A survey will be conducted to obtain feedback on the draft. The bylaw must be approved by bylaw, and a public hearing held before second reading of the bylaw. It is anticipated the new Land Use Bylaw could be approved and come into effect by winter 2024.

How will the new Land Use Bylaw be approved?

Council is responsible to approve the new Land Use Bylaw by bylaw. The draft LUB will be presented to Council for the first of three readings of a bylaw and a public hearing will be held prior to second reading. Council can make changes to the draft bylaw at any of the three readings to address any concerns expressed at the public hearing or concerns of Council.

How can the public provide input to the draft Land Use Bylaw?

Residents, business and landowners are invited to provide feedback to Empress Council at the open house this fall and the public hearing, likely to be held early this winter. The public hearing date will be advertised a few weeks in advance of the public hearing.