

NOTICE OF POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARING

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 7-2013](#) with an entirely new bylaw.

How can I provide input to the draft Land Use Bylaw 929-25?

Residents, business and landowners are invited to provide feedback to Empress Council through a public hearing process. The public hearing for Bylaw 2025-01 was opened on March 3, 2025 and has been extended to continue until **March 24, 2025** to provide more time for residents to review the draft Land Use Bylaw 2025-01 and prepare comments to the Village Council.

A copy of the draft Land Use Bylaw 2025-01 can be viewed [here](#), or a copy can be obtained from the Village office at 6 – 3rd Avenue W, Empress.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Land Use Bylaw, please reach out to the Village of Empress CAO or PRMS Senior Planner in advance of the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is for Council to hear comments and concerns from the public, questions may not be able to be answered at the public hearing. ***Once the public hearing is closed, no further feedback will be accepted by the Council.***

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The public hearing on **March 24, 2025** will be held in the **Village of Empress Community Hall** at 314 Empress Street, Empress, **commencing at 6:30 p.m.** Additionally, written comments may be delivered to PO Box 159, #6 – 3rd Ave W, Empress, Alberta, T0J 1E0 or emailed to cao@villageofempress.ca; written submissions will be received up to March 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

What can I expect at a Public hearing?

- The Mayor will open the meeting and identify the bylaw to be discussed.
- The Village Administration will give an overview of the proposed Land Use Bylaw.
- The public then has the opportunity to speak starting with those in support of the bylaw, followed by those not in support of the bylaw.
- Each speaker will identify themselves, and have the opportunity to speak for 5 minutes. For comments regarding the Land Use Bylaw, references to the section of the bylaw (e.g. 10.2.1) you are speaking to will aid the Council in the public hearing to understand the concern.
- Council may ask each speaker questions of clarification, or questions of clarification of the Administration.
- Once all speakers have had the opportunity to speak and all questions answered, the public hearing will be closed.

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 Land Use Bylaw was presented to Council for the first of three readings of a bylaw on January 15, 2025. A copy of the proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-01 as it received first reading can be [viewed here](#). It is anticipated the new Land Use Bylaw could be approved and come into effect spring or summer 2025.

How will the new Land Use Bylaw be approved?

Council is responsible to approve the new Land Use Bylaw by bylaw. Council can make changes to the bylaw at second reading to address any concerns expressed at the public hearing or concerns of Council.



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Proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-01

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Empress **POSTPONED** the public hearing for the proposed Land Use Bylaw 2025-01 until **March 24, 2025**. The public hearing is required to be held prior to the second reading of the proposed new Land Use Bylaw 2025-01. Bylaw 2025-01 will replace the current Land Use Bylaw 7-2013 with an updated Land Use Bylaw.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Land Use Bylaw, please reach out to the Village of Empress CAO or PRMS Senior Planner in advance of the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is for Council to hear comments and concerns from the public, questions may not be able to be answered at the public hearing. ***Once the public hearing is closed, no further feedback will be accepted by the Council.*** For more information on how the public hearing is conducted and tips on how to provide feedback, please refer to the Village of Empress Announcements on its website at villageofempress.com or at the Village Office.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) serves as the “rule book” for the development within the Village of Empress. The LUB regulates the development of land and buildings on a site-specific basis, based on the policy directions set by the Municipal Development Plan. The LUB regulates how land can be used, including what uses are appropriate and where they can be located. The LUB aims to balance landowner’s rights with the interests of the community.

Should you wish to address council in person, the **public hearing for Bylaw 2025-01** will be continued on **March 24, 2025** in the **Village of Empress Community Hall** at **314 Empress Street**, Empress, **commencing at 6:30 p.m.** Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

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The proposed Bylaw 2025-01 can be reviewed online at villageofempress.com, or copies may be picked up Monday through Friday at #6 – 3rd Ave W, Empress from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.