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Edmonton and Calgary residents invited to learn about Bill 36, the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act*

Events scheduled for Edmonton, May 12, and Calgary, May 14

Edmonton... Keen to talk about the most comprehensive land-use planning approach ever advanced in our province and how it applies to Alberta's major urban areas?

The Government of Alberta will host open houses in Edmonton and Calgary to provide people in Alberta's two largest cities the opportunity to learn about Bill 36, the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* (ALSA), and how it will support the Land-use Framework.

During consultations about the Land-use Framework, Albertans said they want government to provide leadership in land-use planning. Bill 36 creates the authority for regional plans to meet the unique needs of each region under the Land-use Framework.

The unique needs of Alberta's two major urban areas are currently being considered through the Capital and Calgary metropolitan plans, immediate priorities under the framework. Both plans are scheduled to be completed this year. Edmonton is part of the North Saskatchewan Region, while Calgary is located in the South Saskatchewan Region. The regions are aligned with Alberta's watersheds.

"The Capital and Calgary regions face intense growth pressures related to infrastructure, transportation and patterns of development that require a more detailed planning approach," said Sustainable Resource Development Minister Ted Morton. "Bill 36 will support sustainable growth."

Government of Alberta staff will be available to discuss the bill and answer questions. The May 12 open house in Edmonton will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Wildrose Room 3 (11834 Kingsway Avenue). The May 14 Calgary session will be held at the Greenwood Inn and Suites, Evergreen D Room (3515-26 Street NE). The open houses run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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