

COMMON ACRONYMS IN SUBDIVISION APPEALS

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INTRODUCTION

This bulletin describes acronyms used by the Alberta Municipal Government Board (MGB) in board orders and bulletins related to land planning. These acronyms may also be used at hearings.

BACKGROUND

There are a considerable number of defined acronyms that stand for lengthy planning-related phrases. For those unfamiliar with subdivision appeals, this jargon may at times be confusing. While the MGB aims to define every acronym it uses in documents it creates, this bulletin is designed as a short glossary of the key acronyms to make subdivision appeal orders more accessible to all readers.

While the acronyms mentioned in this bulletin are typically used as described in this bulletin, there may times where the acronym or term has a different definition. If there is ever a discrepancy between this bulletin and a particular document, the definition from the particular document takes precedence.

For a condensed printable list of acronyms, see page 4.

ACRONYMS

ac	Acre. It is equal to 0.40407 hectares or 43,560 square feet or 4,046.9 square meters
AG	Agriculture. This term is often used in Land Use Bylaws (zoning / districting) to refer to an agricultural land use district.
AHS	Alberta Health Services

ALSA	Alberta Land Stewardship Act . ¹ It is sometimes used as part of the phrase “ ALSA regional plan ”. However, the acronym is also used to refer to the Alberta Land Surveyor’s Association
ASP	Area Structure Plan. ²
AT (AIT)	Alberta Transportation . In the past, this ministry was known as Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT).
CR	Country Residential. This term is often used in Land Use Bylaws (zoning / districting) to refer to an country residential land use district.
DC	Direct Control. This term is often used in Land Use Bylaws (zoning) to refer to a direct control district. ³
DRC	Deferred reserve caveat. ⁴
ER	Environmental Reserve. ⁵
ERCB	Energy Resources Conservation Board
ERE	Environmental Reserve Easement. ⁶
ESRD (AE/ ASRD/ AEW)	Environment and Sustainable Resource Development . Formerly it was two ministries, Alberta Environment (AE) and Sustainable Resource Development (SRD). For a time, Alberta Environment was known as Alberta Environment and Water (AEW).
ha	Hectare. It is equal to 2.471 acres or 107,639 square feet or 10,000 square meters.
IDP	Intermunicipal Development Plan. ⁷
LUB	Land Use Bylaw. ⁸
LUF	Land-Use Framework .
(P)LUP	Provincial Land Use Policies . ⁹

¹ SA 2009, c A-26.8.

² See section 633 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26 (the Act).

³ See section 641 of the Act.

⁴ See section 668 of the Act.

⁵ See sections 664 and 665 of the Act.

⁶ See section 664 of the Act.

⁷ See section 631 of the Act.

⁸ See section 640 of the Act.

⁹ These were made into a regulation by Order in Council 522/96 under section 622 of the Act.

MDP	Municipal Development Plan. ¹⁰
MGA	Municipal Government Act.
MGB	Municipal Government Board.
MPC	Municipal Planning Commission.
MR	Municipal Reserve. ¹¹
MSR	Municipal and School Reserve. ¹²
NE/NW/SE/S W	These represent quarters in a section and mean north east, north west, south east and south west, respectively. They are often used in conjunction with a section number to describe a specific quarter section. An example would be “the NW 15”.
PUL	Public Utility Lot. ¹³
PSTS	Private Sewage Treatment System.
SA	Subdivision Authority. While the MGB acts as a subdivision authority when hearing a subdivision appeal, SA refers to the municipal authority whose decision was appealed to the MGB. ¹⁴
SDAB	Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. ¹⁵ Each Alberta municipality has its own. While there may be separate boards for municipal subdivision appeals and municipal development appeals, the majority of Alberta municipalities have joint boards.
SR	School Reserve. ¹⁶
SWMP	Storm Water Management Plan.
TIA	Traffic Impact Assessment.



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¹⁰ See section 632 of the Act.

¹¹ See section 665 of the Act.

¹² See section 665 of the Act.

¹³ See section 665 of the Act.

¹⁴ See section 623 of the Act.

¹⁵ These are created under section 627 of the Act.

¹⁶ See section 665 of the Act.

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