

COMMON ACRONYMS IN SUBDIVISION APPEALS

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INTRODUCTION

This bulletin defines common acronyms used by the Alberta Municipal Government Board (MGB) in board orders, hearings and bulletins related to land use planning.

BACKGROUND

There are several planning related acronyms that may be unfamiliar to readers. While the MGB aims to define every acronym it uses in its documents, this bulletin is designed as a short glossary of the key acronyms.

While the acronyms in this bulletin are often defined as listed below, there may be times where the acronym has a different definition. If there is 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 pages 5 and 6.

ACRONYMS

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| ac | Acre. It is equal to 0.40407 hectares or 43,560 square feet or 4,046.9 square meters. |
| AER | Alberta Energy Regulator. In the past part of it has been known as Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB). |
| AEP (ESRD/AE/ SRD) | Alberta Environment and Parks – previously called Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD). ESRD was formed by combining former ministries of Alberta Environment (AE) and Sustainable Resource Development (SRD). |
| AHS | Alberta Health Services. |
| ALSA | Alberta Land Stewardship Act. ¹ It is sometimes used as part of the phrase “ALSA regional plan”. |
| APEGA | Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta. |

¹ Alberta Land Stewardship Act, SA 2009, c A-26.8.

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| ASP | Area Structure Plan. ² |
| AT (AIT/AT&U) | Alberta Transportation. In the past, this ministry has been known as Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation (AIT) and Alberta Transportation and Utility (AT&U). |
| BIA | Biophysical Impact Assessment. |
| CAO | Chief Administrative Officer. |
| CMR | Calgary Metropolitan Region. |
| CMRB | Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board. |
| CMRGP | Calgary Metropolitan Region Growth Plan. |
| CR | Country Residential. This term is often used in Land Use Bylaws to refer to a country residential land use district. |
| CR | Conservation Reserve. ³ |
| DA | Development Authority. |
| DC | Direct Control. This term is often used in Land Use Bylaws to refer to a direct control district. ⁴ |
| DRC | Deferred reserve caveat. ⁵ |
| EIA | Environmental Impact Assessment. |
| EMR/CR | Edmonton Metropolitan Region. ⁶ Previously known as Capital Region (CR). |
| EMRB | Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board. Previously known as Capital Region Board (CRB). |
| EMRGP/CRGP | Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan. ⁷ Previously known as Capital Region Growth Plan. |
| ER | Environmental Reserve. ⁸ |

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

³ See section 664.2(1) and 665 of the Act.

⁴ See section 641 of the Act.

⁵ See section 669 of the Act.

⁶ See section 708.02 of the Act.

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⁸ See sections 664 and 665 of the Act.

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| ERE | Environmental Reserve Easement. ⁹ |
| ESA | Environmentally Significant Area. |
| ESA | Environmental Site Assessment. |
| FOIP/FOIPP | Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy. ¹⁰ |
| GIS | Geographic Information System. A system often used to gather and analyze data through mapping. |
| GOA | Government of Alberta |
| ha | Hectare. It is equal to 2.471 acres or 107,639 square feet or 10,000 square meters. |
| HR | Historical Resource. ¹¹ |
| HS | Historical Site. ¹² |
| HRA | <i>Historical Resource Act.</i> ¹³ |
| IDP | Intermunicipal Development Plan. ¹⁴ |
| LARP | Lower Athabasca Regional Plan. This is one of the adopted ALSA regional plans. ¹⁵ |
| LUB | Land Use Bylaw. ¹⁶ |
| LUF | Land-Use Framework. The LUF establishes seven land-use regions, which are and will be created under ALSA as the ALSA regional plans. |
| LUP | Land Use Policies. ¹⁷ |
| MDP | Municipal Development Plan. ¹⁸ |
| MGA | <i>Municipal Government Act.</i> The MGA is often abbreviated as <i>Act</i> within Municipal Government Board documents. |

⁹ See section 664 and 665 of the Act.

¹⁰ See *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, RSA 2000, c F-25.

¹¹ See *Historical Resources Act*, RSA 2000, c H-9 (HRA).

¹² See HRA.

¹³ See HRA.

¹⁴ See section 631 of the Act.

¹⁵ See *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* for information regarding regional plans.

¹⁶ See section 640 of the Act.

¹⁷ These were made into a regulation by Order in Council 522/96 under section 622 of the Act.

¹⁸ See section 632 of the Act.

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| MGB | Municipal Government Board. |
| MPC | Municipal Planning Commission. The MPC may be the subdivision authority in some municipalities ¹⁹ . |
| MR | Municipal Reserve. ²⁰ |
| NE/NW/SE/SW | 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”. |
| P. Eng. | Professional Engineer. An engineer licensed to practice engineering in the province/territory where it was granted. |
| PUL | Public Utility Lot. ²¹ |
| PSTS/PSDS | Private Sewage Treatment System or Private Sewage Disposal System. |
| SA | Subdivision Authority. SA refers to the municipal authority designated by council by bylaw to exercise subdivision powers and duties on behalf of the municipality. ²² |
| SDAB | Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. The council must by bylaw establish a SDAB, or authorize municipalities to enter into an agreement to establish an intermunicipal SDAB, or both. ²³ |
| SR | School Reserve. ²⁴ |
| SSRP | South Saskatchewan Regional Plan. This is one of the adopted ALSA regional plans. ²⁵ |
| SWMF | Storm Water Management Facility. |
| SWMP | Storm Water Management Plan. |
| TDC/TSD | Transfer of Density Credits. May also be referred to as Transfer of Development Credits or Transfer of Subdivision Density. |
| TIA | Traffic Impact Assessment. |

¹⁹ See section 623(2) of the Act.

²⁰ See section 665 and 666 of the Act.

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²³ These are created under section 627 of the Act.

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