

**TOWN OF MORINVILLE
LEGISLATIVE POLICY**

TITLE: Alternate Dispute Resolution	ADOPTED BY: Council	NUMBER: 92/2004
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PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:

To provide an Alternative Dispute Resolution Approach for use in responding to planning and development applications.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Many organizations have adopted interest-based processes to effectively meet the challenges of doing business in a rapidly changing industry. Municipalities face many of the same challenges and must respond to an increasing level of complex issues and number of stakeholders. Town staff and Council members are expected to address and resolve many of these issues.

In dealing with planning and development issues, the Town of Morinville must and has followed the legislative requirements. In many cases, this has not effectively addressed the interests of stakeholders. The Town wants to include interest-based processes to more fully deal with planning and development issues and more effectively respond to the challenges of a growing industry.

The Town of Morinville will incorporate appropriate practices to proactively address potential controversy and resolve challenging issues by involving stakeholders.

Objective To strike a balance between effective and meaningful public input, the MGA requirements, the developer's need for expediency, and Council's decision-making process.

Policy # 1 Encourage development and use of interest-based process skills for staff and Council.

Policy # 2 Encourage a representative from Council and staff to take on the role of championing the use of interest-based processes on an on-going basis.

Policy # 3 Adopt pro-active means for involving stakeholders in decisions that affect them.
