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## CITY INITIATES BOUNDARY EXTENSION STUDY

The City of Duncan is initiating a study that will explore the possibility of expanding its boundaries. The City is working with the BC Government's Local Government Restructure Program to look at the potential advantages and disadvantages of including portions of the surrounding electoral areas within the City boundaries.

One of Council's goals is to work to make Duncan the "most livable small city in Canada". The City believes that a more cohesive approach to governance and services delivery can be met through a restructure of boundaries that better reflects the reality of how the community functions.

"We currently provide water and fire protection services to a number of areas outside of our boundaries", says Mayor Michael Coleman. "There are also a number of services that benefit these areas which are not supported under the current structure."

A comprehensive study to analyze the consequence of boundary changes will provide the City and surrounding areas with a clear sense of options for moving forward. The City will be applying for a planning grant with the Local Government Restructure Branch of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services to assist with the cost of the study.

"The Provincial Government's Boundary Extension process requires extensive public consultation and input. Duncan City Council is committed to going above and beyond these requirements to ensure that those affected understand what is being discussed", continues Mayor Coleman. The City's process will operate in an open, fair and transparent manner and will involve the hiring of an experienced consultant who will examine the rationale, benefits and limitations of a Duncan boundary extension. At the completion of the study, Council will review the results and determine next steps.

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