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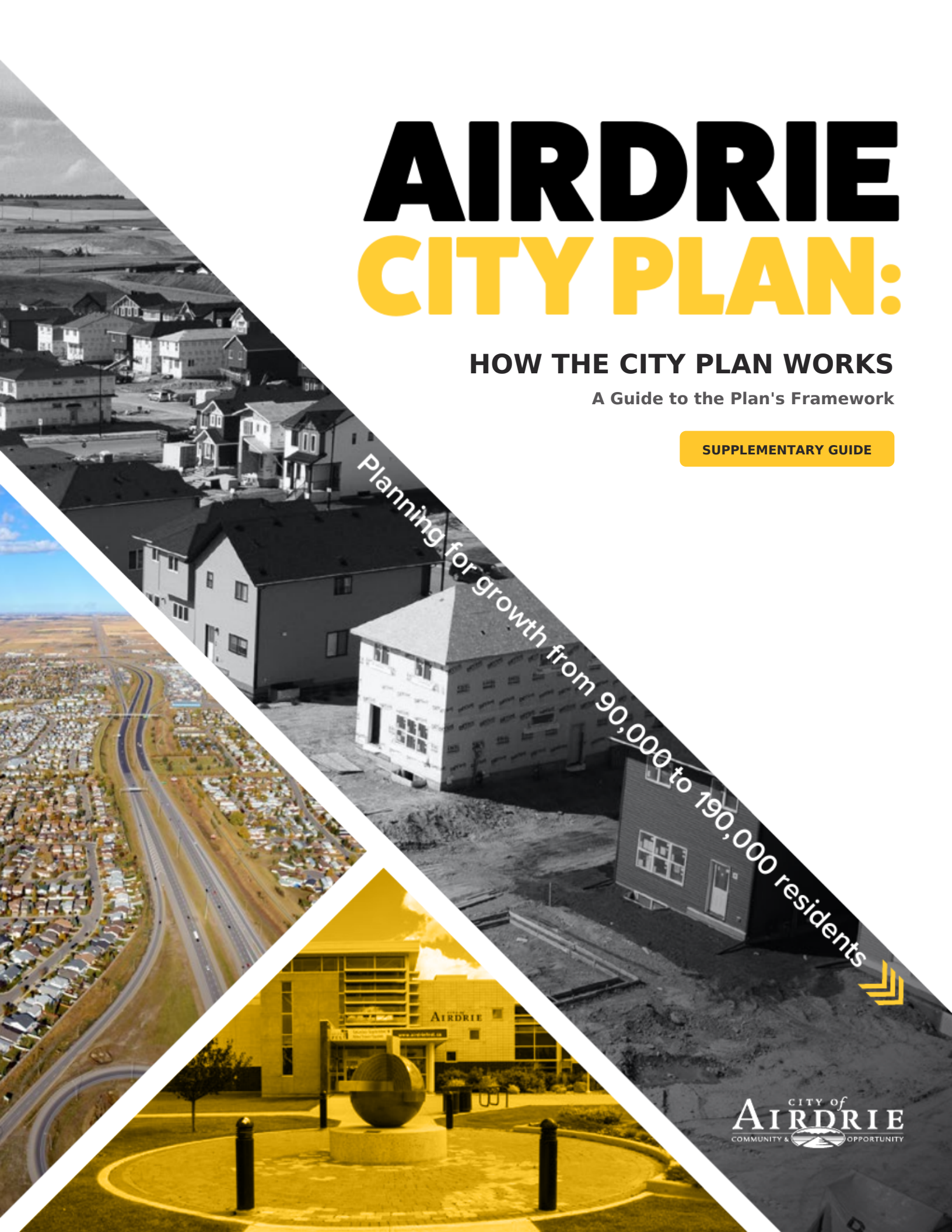
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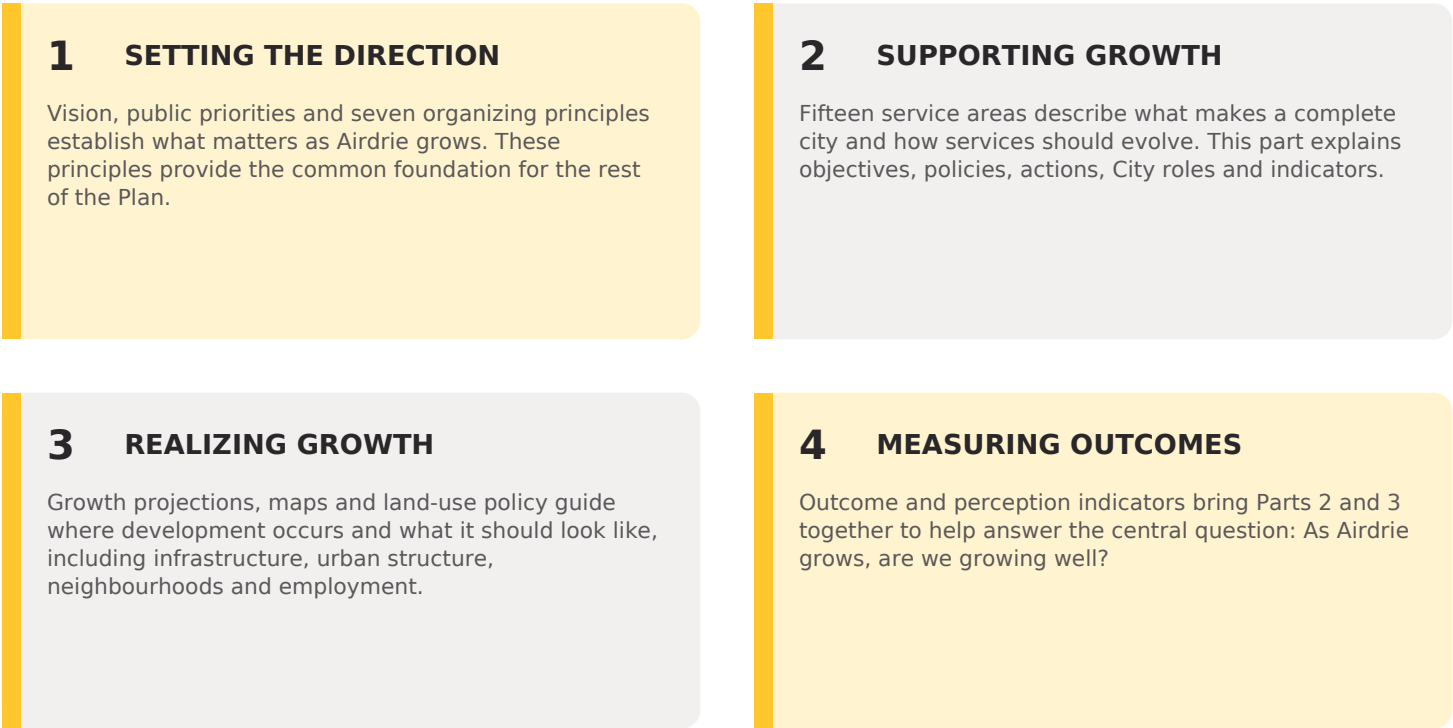
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THE FRAMEWORK AT A GLANCE

The City Plan is Airdrie's long-term Municipal Development Plan. It connects a city-wide vision to the services, land-use decisions and evidence needed to manage growth from approximately 90,000 to 190,000 residents.

The four parts are designed to be read together. No single part tells the whole story.



HOW THE PARTS CONNECT



THE CENTRAL IDEA
Part 1 provides the lens. Part 2 describes the community outcomes and services needed to support growth. Part 3 translates those priorities into a physical framework. Part 4 provides evidence for future decisions.

FROM DIRECTION TO ACTION

Two different tools clarify intent: policy-direction terms describe how strongly the Plan directs an outcome; City roles describe how the municipality contributes.

POLICY-DIRECTION TERMS

ENSURE

A clear requirement where the City has primary authority or responsibility. Comparable to “shall” or “must.”

PROMOTE

Strong direction the City is expected to actively advance, often through coordination, shared responsibility or influence.

SUPPORT

Direction where the City has a complementary or enabling role, or another organization holds primary responsibility.

THE CITY'S ROLES

PLANNER

Plans for future growth, land use, infrastructure and community development.

SERVICE PROVIDER

Directly delivers municipal services, infrastructure and programs.

PARTNER

Works collaboratively with residents, businesses, school boards, community organizations, neighbouring municipalities, Indigenous communities and governments.

ADVOCATE

Seeks investment, services and policy decisions from organizations or orders of government that hold the mandate.

WHY THE DISTINCTION MATTERS

A policy can be strongly worded while still depending on partners or another order of government. Conversely, the City may directly deliver a service while Council retains discretion over timing, scope and funding.

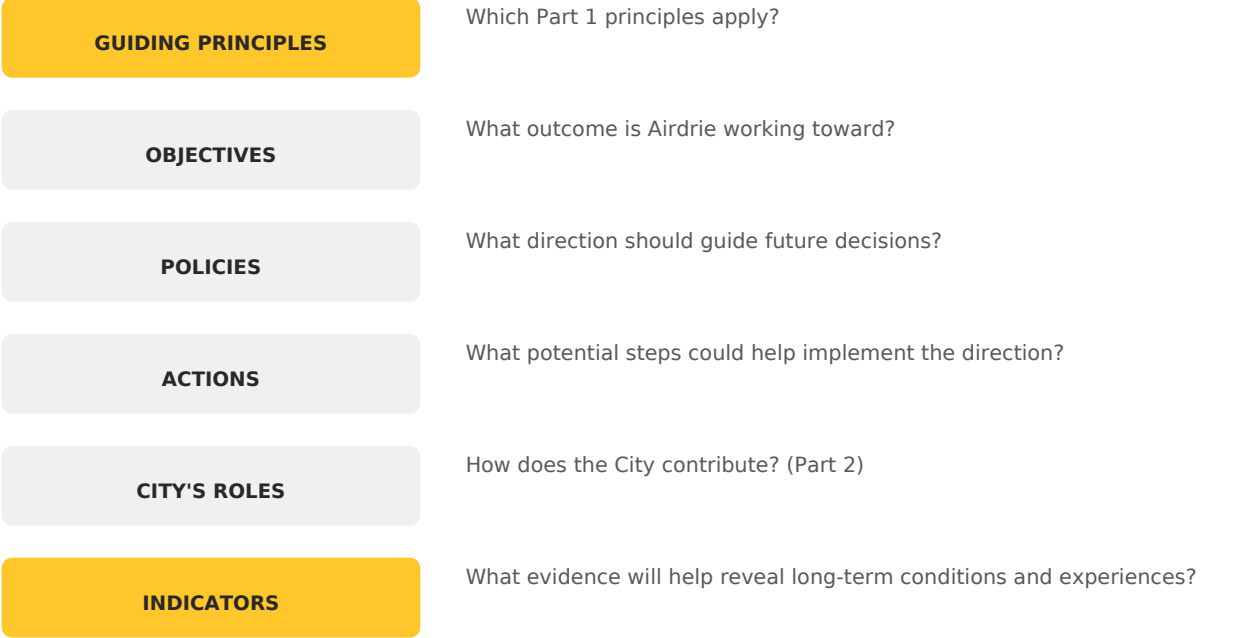
READ THESE AS DIRECTION, NOT A PRE-APPROVED WORK PLAN

Objectives, policies and actions establish long-term direction. The roles do not transfer another organization's mandate to the City, and they do not commit Council to a particular project or funding level.

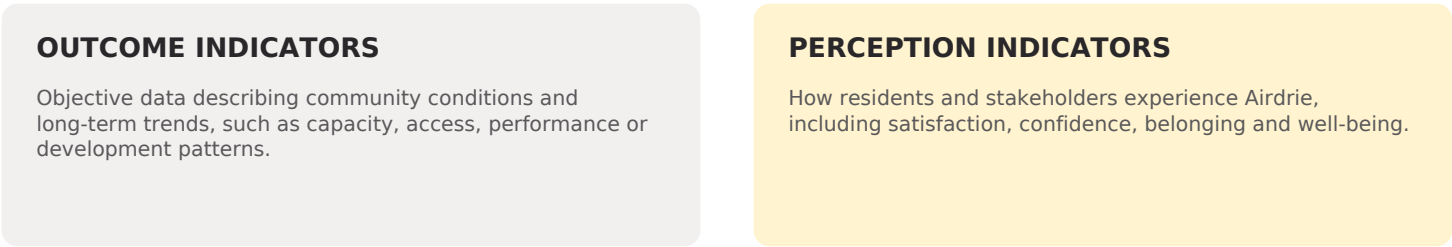
HOW TO READ AND USE THE PLAN

A COMMON SECTION STRUCTURE

Most sections in Parts 2 and 3 use the same building blocks. Reading them in order shows the path from values to evidence.



INDICATORS PROVIDE TWO VIEWS



FROM LONG-TERM DIRECTION TO DECISIONS



ADOPTION SETS DIRECTION; IT DOES NOT APPROVE EVERY EXPENDITURE

Council continues to determine priorities and resources through strategic planning, master plans, budgets and individual decisions. Indicators inform those conversations; they are not targets or funding commitments.