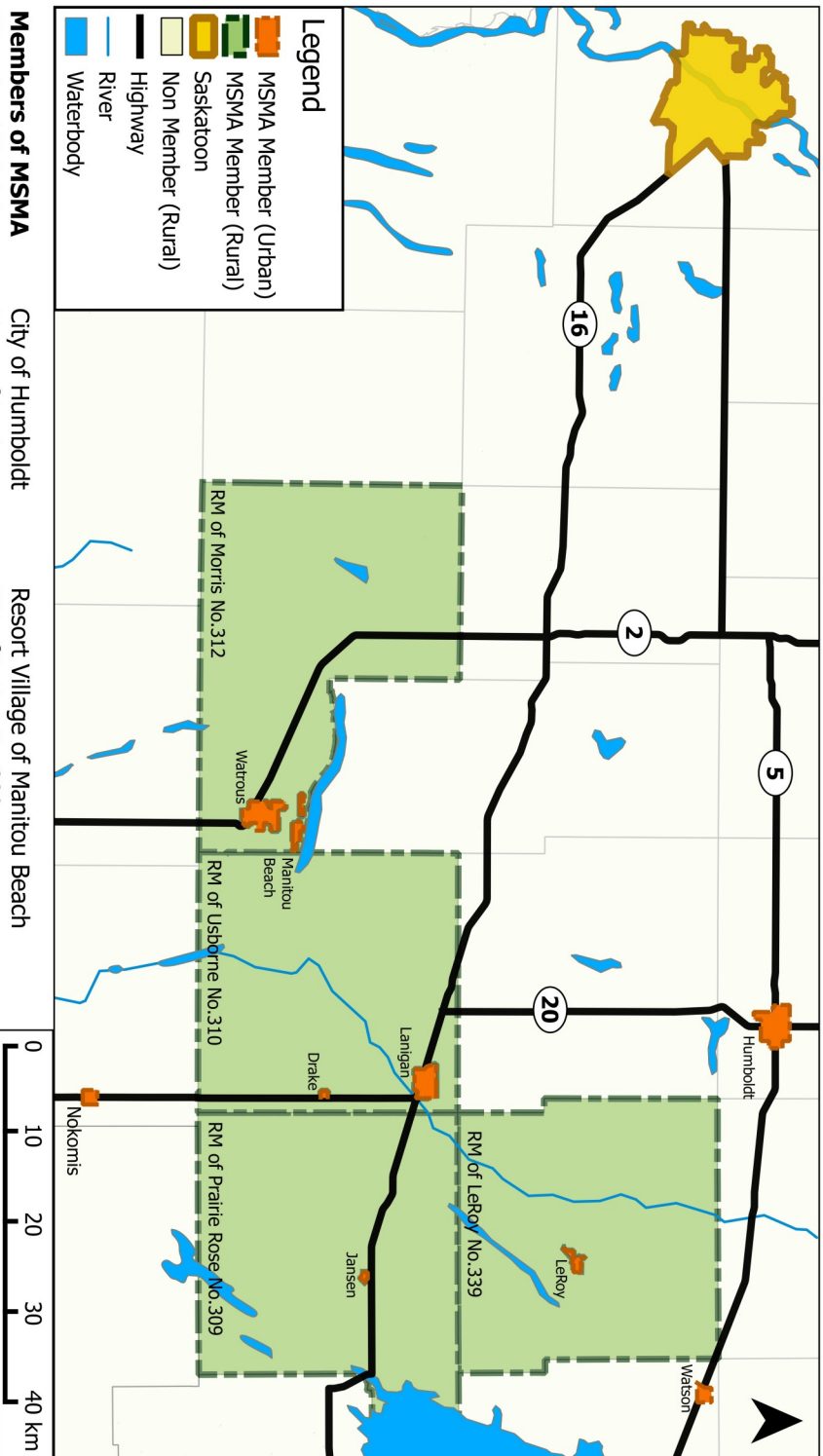


A Planning
District

General
Information

404 Main Street, Box 1367
Watrous, SK S0K 4T0
Tel: 306-946-9000
www.midsaskmunicipalalliance.ca

Map of MSMA Planning District



- Resort Village of Manitou Beach
- RM of LeRoy No.339
- RM of Morris No.312
- RM of Prairie Rose No.309
- RM of Usborne No.310
- Village of Drake
- Village of Jansen

Overview



Canola Crop, RM of Morris No.312

THE PLANNING DISTRICT

The Mid-Sask Municipal Alliance (MSMA) is an association of thirteen municipalities (see map) located in central Saskatchewan. In 2011, the municipalities agreed to form a Planning District with the intention of dealing with impacts of rapid economic growth and ongoing issues associated with housing, infrastructure, health and education.

A planning district is an important tool for managing growth which uses intermunicipal communication, collaboration, capacity building and dispute resolution. Some planning districts choose to allocate a portion of their collective resources to recruit a professional planner who will work on behalf of the region to focus on specific areas of growth. A planning district enables its member municipalities to overcome deficiencies by capitalizing on regional strengths and working together to guide the development process and identifying mutually agreeable solutions.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The MSMA is governed by a thirteen member District Planning Commission (DPC) composed of members of council from the affiliated municipalities. The DPC meets monthly at a rotating venue to discuss topics of mutual interest that would advance the goals and objectives in the region. Once the Province approves the MSMA District Plan (the main policy document that sets the framework for managing land use and development in the region) the DPC will hear and give recommendations regarding discretionary use development applications.

The day-to-day administration of the MSMA is carried out by the full-time planner, Greg McGovern, who works from the administration building in the Town of Watrous.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Starting in 2011 the MSMA, in conjunction with Stantec Consulting and the Community Planning branch of the Ministry of Government Relations, has been working



*Historic Architecture,
Town of Watson*

through the long process of adopting a District Plan. The MSMA has also been working to adopt new Official



Potash Mine, RM of Usborne No.309

Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws for its member municipalities.

The MSMA has succeeded in capturing the attention of the provincial government and companies located in the region. As a result, the MSMA was able to secure sufficient funding to hire an engineering consultant who is developing asset management plans for all member municipalities.

THE FUTURE

The MSMA has developed a new Action Plan which outlines a comprehensive list of objectives and activities in the areas of infrastructure, development, health care, housing, education, the economy, public safety and quality of life.

Primary contact: Greg McGovern, Director of Planning
404 Main Street, Box 1367
Watrous, SK, S0K 4T0

Tel: 306-946-9000
Fax: 306-946-2974
E-mail: greg.msma@sasktel.net

Mid Sask Municipal Alliance