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Woodbend will be Leduc's newest community in the near future, as ground broke on the development, which includes a mix of residential and commercial development. City and company representatives were on hand to officially declare the start of construction on the large parcel of land, located on Leduc's most western point. *Read the story on page 3.*

Ground breaks on Leduc's newest community development

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There is some good economic news out west – on the westernmost point of Leduc to be exact.

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the official groundbreaking ceremony took place for Leduc's soon-to-be newest community, Woodbend.

The community, which will be located just west of the Deer Valley neighbourhood off Highway 39 and 74 Street, is being developed by Carrington in partnership with Avillia Developments and Melcor Developments.

The development will consist of both housing and a commercial/retail development, along with a site designated for a future school, three kilometres of trails, green spaces, and several other aesthetically appealing features, as the community is developed.

"We're really excited to get going on this development and to make this happen, we can thank our partners and the City of Leduc for being so cooperative," said Ken Ferchoff, chairman of Carrington, a development company out of Edmonton. Carrington has completed other developments in Leduc, including Lifestyle Options on the city's west end and Leduc Hyundai, located on Sparrow Drive.

The housing component of the new neighbourhood will see a total of 650 lots utilized for a variety of housing options, which include single and multi-family homes, duplexes, and townhouses.

Melcor Developments will complete the retail/commercial portion of the community, which encompasses 14 acres of land. Melcor has been involved with commercial and residential development in and around Leduc for a number of years.

Construction on Woodbend has begun and will continue as weather permits in 2016 and then will restart once the snow melts in 2017. The development will be completed in six separate stages.

The land for the community was acquired by Leduc in a successful annexation agreed with Leduc County back in 2014. A total of 1,300 acres of land was annexed by the city, expanding their city boundaries to the west along Highway 39.



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