

Town of Bruderheim's Request for Membership on Strathcona County's Energy Exploration Committee**Report Purpose**

To respond to a request from the Town of Bruderheim for membership in on a County Council committee.

Recommendation

THAT Administration prepare a bylaw to amend the Boards and Committees Bylaw 46-2015 to modify the Terms of Reference for the Energy Advisory Committee to include a "Town of Bruderheim Advisory Member – non-voting;" and that this member be an elected official appointed by the Town, effective for 2018.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: N/A

Governance: Including the Town in this committee would help the County to develop and maintain a strong relationship with a neighbouring municipality.

Social: N/A

Culture: N/A

Environment: N/A

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: The MGA s. 145 allows Council establish the functions, procedure, and conduct of council committees.

Interdepartmental: Chief Commissioners Office; Legislative and Legal Services

Summary

The Town of Bruderheim has requested membership on the County's Energy Exploration Committee since the Town shares a border with the County and since their oil and gas activities are impacted by the County's oil and gas activities (please see Enclosure 1 for the Town's letter). If Council wishes to grant this request and expand the membership of the Energy Exploration Committee to include an elected official from the Town, then an amendment to the current Terms of Reference for the committee will be required. The appointment would be made by Bruderheim's Council, and the position would be a non-voting position for a two-year term (identical to the terms of appointment for Strathcona County Councillors).

Should Council not wish to amend the Committee's terms of reference, then an alternative would be to invite the Town of Bruderheim to have an elected official participate in the Committee meetings as a guest. This would allow the Town to provide its perspective but the Town would not be a member of the committee.

Enclosure

1 Letter from the Town of Bruderheim