

Assessment Review Boards Bylaw**Report Purpose**

To give three readings to a bylaw that proposes to repeal and replace Bylaw 7-2010, being a bylaw to establish the Assessment Review Board.

Recommendation

1. THAT Bylaw 57-2017, the Assessment Review Boards Bylaw, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 57-2017 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 57-2017 be considered for third reading.
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Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Ongoing review of bylaws is a best practice for municipalities.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Bylaw 57-2017 addresses the changes needed to be made to Bylaw 7-2010 due to the changes to the *Municipal Government Act*.

Interdepartmental: n/a

Summary

For the past few years the Alberta Government has been making changes to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, by way of the *Municipal Government Amendment Act* (2015, Bill 20), the *Modernized Municipal Government Act* (2016, Bill 21), and *An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government* (2017, Bill 8). The Alberta Government has also been creating and amending various regulations, including the *Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation*. A notable change is that Council will be required to appoint the Chair of both the Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board, and the Chair will determine the panels that will sit for each hearing.

Administration has reviewed the above mentioned amending statutes and applicable regulations, and recommends that the existing Bylaw 7-2010 be updated to reflect legislative changes. In order to address these changes, Administration has prepared Bylaw 57-2017 that will repeal and replace Bylaw 7-2010. Most of the changes in the proposed bylaw relate directly to changes in the legislation. Further, Administration has removed duplicative provisions that already exist in the *Municipal Government Act*, and updated the format and wording so that it is easier to read.

The recruitment of public members to the Assessment Review Boards is underway. Administration suggests that Bylaw 57-2017 be given three readings today so that the bylaw that will be in effect when the new terms start is available to those being considered for appointment. However, Bylaw 57-2017 will not come into effect until January 1, 2018.

Enclosures

- 1 Bylaw 57-2017 - Proposed Assessment Review Boards Bylaw
- 2 Bylaw 7-2010 - Existing Bylaw

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