

Priorities Committee Meeting_Nov21_2017

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**2017 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee (EEAC) Annual Report****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with the 2017 EEAC Annual Report.

Council History

November 22, 2016 - EEAC updated the Priorities Committee on key activities.

September 15, 2015 - Bylaw 46-2015: Boards and Committees Bylaw, was approved by Council inclusive of the EEAC.

October 7, 2003 - Council amended the Council Committee Bylaw 117-2002 to establish an Energy Exploration Ad hoc Committee.

June 24, 2003 - Council directed administration to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of developing policy and guidelines to minimize the impact of oil and gas exploration and extraction to residents and lands in Strathcona County.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The EEAC encourages a cooperative and collaborative approach to oil and gas development to ensure best outcomes for agricultural producers and industry.

Governance: Educating and informing property owners about energy development on their lands provides for increased public involvement and communication with the community (and its neighbours) on issues and allows for informed decision making by landowners.

Social: The goal of the EEAC is to have meaningful engagement about energy development with reduced conflict, providing a climate of safety and least impact to quality of life.

Environment: Environmental protection and reclamation are part of the planning and education processes implemented with landowners and industry.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Bylaw 46-2015 requires an annual report to Priorities Committee on Committee activities.

Interdepartmental: The Strathcona County Technical Review Team (administered by Planning and Development Services) reviews all oil and gas proposals and is made up of Planning and Development Services, Transportation and Agriculture Services, Utilities, Transportation Planning and Engineering, and Recreation, Parks and Culture.

Enclosures

- 1 2017 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee Annual Report
- 2 2017 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee Annual Report PowerPoint