

**Motion following Notice of Motion**

## Amending School Zone and Playground Zone Times

THAT Administration prepare proposed changes to Bylaw 38-2014 which would amend the playground and school zone times so that they are aligned with those of other municipalities in the region, with consideration to the needs of our rural schools; and that these proposed changes be brought to Council for consideration by the end of February 2018.

**Background**

Councillor Katie Berghofer served Notice of Motion at the November 7 Council meeting, to be presented at the December 12 Council meeting.

As a candidate and now a Councillor, I have heard from many residents about both the confusion and coverage of the school zone and playground zones times.

## School Zone Times:

- Schools that start or end daily that do not fall during the current time zones: EIPS has Lakeland Ridge, FR Haythorne, Fultonvale and Uncas; EICS has Holy Redeemer
- All EIPS and EICS schools dismiss prior to 3:00pm once a month.
- Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, St. Albert and Calgary have already implemented all day school zones.

## Playground Zone Times:

- Current playground times do not protect our kids when they are actually using the areas, the sun will set at 4:16 pm this December 21, meaning our kids, after 5:16 pm in playgrounds areas (which include our outdoor rinks), are not protected after 5:16 pm. June 21, 2018 the sunset will occur at 10:07 pm; there would be more kids at rinks in December at 5:15pm then in a playground in June at 11:07 pm.
- In June drivers having to drive at 30kms/hr in playground zones after 9:00pm at night seems unnecessary.

## General

- Lack of signage and poor visibility of signage in school zones and playgrounds zones is also a concern, any changes to the provincial law causes the hours to be posted.
- Amending the current Bylaw should include amendments to ensure children are protected coming and going to school as well as when they are out in the community participating in recreational activities.
- We need to ensure both rural and urban children are all protected within our abilities as a specialized municipality. This may mean different times than what non-specialized

municipalities have, but improvements will make us more in line with our neighbouring municipalities.

- School zones and playground zones across the county need to be consistent for residents to clearly understand and abide by our Bylaws.

**Enclosure**

- 1 Elk Island Public Schools Board Chair School Zone Time Recommendation Report