

Councillor Request Report

Req #	Req type	Elected Official Name	Request Title	Request	Resp Dept	2nd Dept	Reponse	Meeting date	Due date	Reponse date	Status
1-2017	Information	BOTTERILL Brian	Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Collaboration	Please provide information to Council on any collaboration with Municipal Affairs with regards to a potential PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program being considered by Municipal Affairs.	Intergovernmental Affairs		<p>According to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Alberta Co-op, PACE is a financing program which allows building owners to fund a percentage of upfront costs of energy and resource improvements to homes or businesses, and repay the financing over time through taxes.</p> <p>The Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel held municipal stakeholder technical sessions in September 2016 which were attended by 41 municipalities. One of the final key messages was to attempt to modify the Municipal Government Act (MGA) to allow municipalities to offer PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) loans. The Advisory Panel recommends that Energy Efficiency Alberta consider PACE as an option, but the PACE program is not currently one of the four initial programs with Energy Efficiency Alberta.</p> <p>As recently as today, the member municipalities of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) defeated a resolution to include an amendment to the Municipal Government Act to allow the PACE Alberta Program. While the member municipalities support the intent of the program and its application at the municipal level, there are concerns over the administrative burden to establish a property specific loan program, register a land titles lien, collect additional taxes and additional tax recovery actions. Further, this would require amendments to the MGA, which has recently been proclaimed.</p> <p>At the present time, Strathcona County is not working on any initiatives that involve the PACE program; nor are we in discussions with Municipal Affairs with regard to this program.</p>	2017-10-31	2017-11-14	2017-11-16	Complete
2-2017	Information	SMITH Paul	Moratorium on Applications – Cannabis Operations	Please provide information on a possible moratorium on acceptance of any further applications for cannabis operations under intensive horticulture until all relevant provincial and federal legislation and regulations are in place.	Planning and Development Services	Legislative and Legal Services		2017-11-07	2017-11-22		Outstanding