

Status of Report – Municipal Development Plan – school site policies**Report Purpose**

To provide a status update on the Municipal Development Plan – school sites policies report.

Recommendation

THAT the Municipal Development Plan – school sites policies report be brought to the Priorities Committee on the revised date of April 17, 2018, and to Council prior to or on June 5, 2018.

Original Due Date: end of Q1 2018

Revised Due Date: Priorities Committee on April 17, 2018 and Council prior to or on June 5, 2018.

Council History

September 5, 2017 – Council approved Bylaw 20-2017, a bylaw that proposed to adopt a new Municipal Development Plan for Strathcona County.

September 5, 2017 – Council directed administration to prepare, for Council's consideration by the end of the first quarter of 2018, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 20-2017 in accordance with the Summary of Future Proposed Changes portion of the September 5, 2017, Planning and Development Services report and such report to include consideration of the following additional proposed amendments with respect to School Sites:

Page 53, Policy be amended to the Compact Development Policy Area requiring school sites to be in close proximity to residential and local and major community services from "requiring" to "encouraging."

Page 53, Policy to be amended to remove item #26 – high schools to locate in close proximity to commercial sites.

Page 58, Remove or clarify the policy on schools in the Residential Policy Area Built-Up Urban Area which requires the following: "Ensure the provision of services and open space for residents by requiring (#6) existing sites that have been identified as potential school sites under existing statutory plans be reviewed to determine their necessity and viability."

Page 94, Remove the requirement (#1) that "new schools for the Rural Service Area to locate within the Urban Services Area or growth hamlets."

Page 107, Remove the requirement (#15) "new local community services and schools which serve the Country Residential Policy Area to locate in either the Urban Services Area or Ardrossan."

Page 112, Remove the requirement (#19) "new local community services and schools which service the Agricultural Small Holdings Policy Area to locate in the Urban Services Area, Ardrossan or potentially South Cooking Lake."

Page 124, Remove the requirement (#20) "new local community services, and schools which service the Beaver Hills Policy Area to locate in the Urban Services Area, Ardrossan or potentially South Cooking Lake." and;

THAT Administration prepare an amendment to the Hamlet Policy Area section to add wording such as: "Ensure viability in the long term by requiring that new subdivision and development be designed to mitigate potential land use conflicts with adjacent land uses in the Rural Service Area."

Rationale

Preparation of the amending bylaw report with respect to the school site items requires discussion with the Priorities Committee prior to the report being presented to Council. Discussion with the administrations from the three school boards regarding the school site items occurred on March 1, 2018, after the report due date for the last Priorities Committee Meeting of the 1st quarter of 2018. In this regard, the discussion with the Priorities Committee will occur on April 17, 2018, and the amending bylaw report will be presented to Council prior to or on June 5, 2018.