

Priorities Committee Meeting_Apr17_2018

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Municipal Development Plan – school site policies

Report Purpose

To report back to Council on a September 5, 2017 motion regarding school sites policies within Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 20-2017.

Council History

September 5, 2017 – Council approved Bylaw 20-2017, a bylaw that proposed to adopt a new MDP 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 additional proposed amendments with respect to School Sites.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 provides objectives and policies with regard to being a world leader in petrochemical cluster, diversification of the economy and providing effective and efficient municipal infrastructure.

Governance: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 provides opportunity to continue cooperative partnerships with community, business, industry, and neighbouring governments through the public engagement and communications plan. The update process provided opportunities for public involvement and helped maintain strong relationships with our neighbouring municipalities and civic organizations.

Social: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 provides objectives and policies that identify a framework for building a helping, caring, and safe community that is also healthy and active.

Culture: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 provides policies and objectives that will help achieve a vibrant, creative community.

Environment: Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 provides objectives and policies that will protect our environment and conserve biodiversity.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act* provides that Council may, by bylaw, amend the Municipal Development Plan.

Interdepartmental: Multiple Strathcona County departments were involved in the MDP Update.

Summary

On September 5th, 2017, Council adopted MDP Bylaw 20-2017, replacing MDP Bylaw 1-2007. As part of the presentation to Council that day, administration identified a number of clerical and clarification amendments to be considered by Council. Though these amendments were drafted prior to the adoption of MDP Bylaw 20-2017, it was determined that the most appropriate process would be to bring them back to Council at a later date.

The proposed clarification amendments address comments made by the public at the public hearing for the MDP, as well as minor amendments required for clarity and consistency. These clerical and clarification amendments will be brought forward to Council for consideration in June 2018. Proposed amendments will include clarification in relation to the September 5, 2017, motion such as:

1. Revisions to agricultural definitions and agricultural related policies;
2. Policies related to Confined Feeding Operations;
3. Policies related to community halls in the Country Residential Policy Area to clarify they can be considered;
4. Transition policies for the Local Employment Policy Area to provide clarification regarding subdivision and development timing with respect to statutory plans;
5. Mitigation of land-use conflicts between urban and rural development;
6. Clarification regarding school site policies (discussed in detail below and in Enclosure 1).

In addition to the above, proposed amendments will also include other items administration has determined are needed to provide clarity and consistency within the document after working with it for six months, such as:

7. Policies regarding pedestrian safety measures and midblock crosswalks to clarify and reduce duplication;
8. Policy regarding mixed-used setbacks for consistency between policy areas;
9. Policy regarding Major Public Services in the Rural Service Area to provide clarity to the policy intent;
10. Policy regarding implementation of a first parcel out of an un-subdivided quarter section for consistency with the Land Use Bylaw;
11. Proposed map amendment to Map 8: Transportation Concept, clarifying the future alignment of Township Road 534.

As noted in Item #6, Council directed administration to bring back a report, after consultation with the school boards, addressing proposed school site policy amendments identified by Council. In this regard, prior to Council consideration of the clerical and clarification amendments identified above, administration has come to Priorities Committee to report back on the proposed school site policy amendments.

Administration met with the school board administrations as part of the School Site Allocation Committee on March 1, 2018. The proposed school site policy amendments and proposed changes that were agreed to with the committee are identified in Enclosure 1.

Communication Plan

A range of stakeholders such as community groups, school boards, developers, as well as the general public were consulted for the MDP that was approved in 2017. The County utilized traditional engagement tools such as open houses, stakeholder interviews, posters, newspaper advertisements and the County website. In addition, the County utilized a whiteboard video, online engagement hub, background discussion papers, e-newsletters, postcards, bus ads, portable signs and has utilized social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to engage the public.

Enclosure

- 1 School site policy chart