

SER-001-011 Sewage Sludge on Farmland Policy for Rescission**Report Purpose**

To rescind SER-001-011 Sewage Sludge on Farmland Policy.

Recommendation

THAT SER-001-011 Sewage Sludge on Farmland Policy be rescinded.

Council History

June 22, 1993 – Council approved SER-001-011 Sewage Sludge on Farmland Policy.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Ensuring that policies are updated and relevant is connected to a sound governance process and supports effective decision-making and increases public confidence.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: GOV-002-021 Mandatory Review of Bylaws and Policies require that policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle.

Legislative/Legal: The Municipal Government Act (MGA) s.5 sets out that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on it by enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

Interdepartmental: The policy review initiative involves all County departments.

Summary

Legislative and Legal Services has been working with all Strathcona County departments to conduct a thorough policy review. The goals of the review include updating policies that are no longer current, identifying potential policy gaps, and eliminating or rescinding policies that are no longer required.

Work on this initiative is progressing and, as part of this work, Administration recommends that SER-001-011 Sewage Sludge on Farmland Policy be rescinded. With the introduction of Road Use Agreements, the individual participating in the sewage sludge program would notify the County of the location when the product would be applied; therefore notification through this policy is redundant.

Communication Plan

Legislative and Legal Services documents all policies and works with the various departments to ensure that the Municipal Policy Handbook is updated and that any webpage or external reference to the policy are updated appropriately.

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