

**Road Right-of-Way (Part of Range Road 223) transfer to the City of Fort Saskatchewan****Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council to approve the transfer of a portion of Range Road 223 to the City of Fort Saskatchewan to support the development of the adjacent Heartland Industrial Park Stage 1.

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the acquisition by the City of Fort Saskatchewan of land located within the boundaries of Strathcona County, being part of Range Road 223 right-of-way as set out in Enclosure 2 of the April 24, 2018 Planning and Development Services report, be approved, subject to the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.
2. THAT administration prepare a letter to advise the City of Fort Saskatchewan of the approval.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** The transfer of road right-of-way will reduce operating and maintenance costs.

**Governance:** n/a

**Social:** n/a

**Culture:** na/

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Section 72 of the *Municipal Government Act* applies to the acquisition of land outside a municipal boundary. In particular Section 72(1) a municipality may acquire an estate or interest in land outside its boundaries only if the Council of the municipality in whose boundaries the land is located consents in writing to the acquisition.

**Interdepartmental:** Transportation and Agriculture Services

**Summary**

In accordance with the Subdivision and Development Regulations, the City of Fort Saskatchewan has referred to Strathcona County, an application to subdivide 13 industrial lots adjacent to Range Road 223. The application requires the developer to complete significant improvements to a portion of Range Road 223 (a County-owned and operated road) including an upgrade from a rural road standard to an urban industrial collector standard. This upgrade also includes installation of new water and wastewater infrastructure within the County's road right-of-way.

On March 5, 2018, Strathcona County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan met with the developer to discuss the subdivision plan, the proposed road upgrades and realignment of Josephburg Road and the potential to transfer the portion of a Strathcona County road (Range Road 223) to the City of Fort Saskatchewan. For the transfer to take place, Strathcona County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan need to agree to the transfer.

The proposal would see the transfer of approximately 395 metres of Range Road 223 south of Township Road 550 and would result in a change to the municipal boundary between Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County.

On March 27, 2018, the Council for the City of Fort Saskatchewan authorized their administration to submit a letter to Strathcona County requesting consent to the acquisition and transfer of the portion of Range Road 223 to the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

**Communication Plan**

If approved, a letter of approval will be provided to the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

**Enclosures**

- 1 Request Letter – City of Fort Saskatchewan
- 2 Location Plan