

Bylaw 37-2019 – A Bylaw to Establish the Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction Task Force**Report Purpose**

To seek three readings on a bylaw to establish a Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction Task Force

Recommendation

1. THAT bylaw 37-2019, a bylaw to establish a council committee called the Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction Task Force, be given first reading.
2. THAT bylaw 37-2019 be given second reading.
3. THAT bylaw 37-2019 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT bylaw 37-2019 be given third reading.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships
Governance Requirement

Report

At the September 24, 2019 meeting, Council directed administration to establish a Task Force with a mandate to review the current departmental operations with a view to improving the permitting process. Council directed administration to focus on increasing efficiencies in order to improve the County's business climate.

At the November 26, 2019 Council meeting, Administration presented the proposed bylaw to establish the Task Force; however, Council referred the bylaw back to Administration for further work in three areas: increasing the number of members to 9; broadening the membership to include a representative from the general public, engineering, as well as those with restaurant/hotel expertise; and making the name of the task force more specific. Accordingly, Administration made the required changes to the proposed bylaw which is included as enclosure 1 to this report.

Provided that Council is satisfied with the proposed bylaw, then Council may give the bylaw the required readings in order to establish the Task Force. Administration is also preparing a list of suggested appointees and this list will be presented to Council for consideration as soon as practicable.

Council and Committee History

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| November 26, 2019 | THAT the November 26, 2019 Legislative and Legal Services report <i>Bylaw 37-2019 Red Tape Reduction Task Force</i> be referred to Administration for further work on expanding the proposed Task Force membership so that it includes expertise from industries such as restaurants/hotels, engineering as well as the general public; and so that the Task Force title be made more specific. |
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September 24,
2019

Council approved the following motion: THAT Administration prepare a report identifying opportunities for red tape reduction with a goal of streamlining departmental operations and increasing efficiencies in order to improve the business climate within Strathcona County with consideration given to:

- streamlining the permitting process;
- reviewing departmental policies that create bottlenecks;
- striking a task force that includes members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Urban Development Institute to identify opportunities for red tape reduction; and

reporting back to council by the end of the second quarter of 2020.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Section 145(b) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) provides that a council may pass bylaws in relation to the procedure and conduct of council, council committees, and other bodies established by the council, the conduct of councillors and the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by council. Section 203(1) of the MGA provides that Council may, by bylaw, delegate certain powers, duties or functions to a council committee.

Interdepartmental: Legislative and Legal Services, Planning and Development Services, and Economic and Development and Tourism

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosure

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Proposed Bylaw 37-2019, Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction Task Force