

Bylaw 17-2020 - A Bylaw to Address Procedural Changes Required as a result of the Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on three readings of Bylaw 17-2020, a bylaw to address procedural changes required as a result of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

1. THAT Bylaw 17-2020, a bylaw that amends Bylaw 20-2015, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 17-2020 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 17-2020 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 17-2020 be given third reading.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

In order to allow municipalities to adhere to the new restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province passed the *Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation* to modify the *Municipal Government Act* requirements for meetings in support of physical distancing recommendations from the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The regulation gives municipalities greater flexibility for conducting meetings and public hearings electronically.

The proposed bylaw sets out temporary procedural provisions for public hearings, public presentations, and open house presentations. These procedures provide that these types of presentations will be made by electronic means. This is necessary in order to comply with the recommended public health measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. These new measures will be in place as long as the COVID related restrictions remain in force.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: *Municipal Government Act, Meeting Procedures Act (COVID-19 Suppression), Regulation, and Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 603, Ministerial Regulations*

Interdepartmental: All Strathcona County departments make extensive use of the external website to communicate with citizens and other stakeholders.

Master Plan/Framework: N/A

Communication Plan

The bylaw will be posted on the website and public hearing procedures will be advertised.

Enclosures

- 1 Proposed Bylaw 17-2020, A Bylaw to Address Procedural Changes Required as a Result of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 2 Municipal Government Act, Meeting Procedures Act (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation