

Status of Report – Red Tape Reduction**Report Purpose**

To request a time extension on the preparation of a report to Council on red tape reduction.

Recommendation

THAT the due date for the Council 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, be revised from the end of Q2 2020 to the end of Q3 2020.

Original Due Date: end of Q2 2020

Revised Due Date: end of Q3 2020

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| December 10,
2019 | Bylaw 37-2019 – a bylaw to establish the Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction Task Force, was given three readings. |
| September 24,
2019 | 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 for red tape reduction, and• reporting back to Council by the end of the second quarter 2020 |

Rationale

The Red Tape Reduction Task Force was suspended due to COVID-19. The Task Force will be meeting again the first week of June and anticipate being in a position to complete the report for Council by end of Q3 2020.