

Agreements with City of Fort Saskatchewan related to Range Road 223**Report Purpose**

To seek approval for agreements with the City of Fort Saskatchewan related to construction and maintenance of a certain portion of Range Road 223.

Recommendation

THAT agreements between Strathcona County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan, for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining a portion of Range Road 223, in accordance with the terms set out in Enclosure 2 of the January 19, 2021 Transportation and Agricultural Services report, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

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

Report

The subject portion of Range Road 223 is under the jurisdiction of Strathcona County (the "County"). It is located in the rural services area and is therefore subject to a rural road standard pursuant to the County's Transportation Systems Bylaw. It is located on the eastern boundary of an industrial zoning district of the City of Fort Saskatchewan (the "City"). The County does not have plans to upgrade the applicable standard in this area for Range Road 223 in the immediate or short-term future.

A proposed subdivision within the City necessitates improvements to a portion of Range Road 223 to upgrade it from a rural standard to an urban standard. The subject portion of Range Road 223 starts at the intersection with Township Road 550 and then south 395 meters to a future intersection that is proposed to align with the extension of 88th Avenue within the City (as shown in Enclosure 1). The City desires that the road be upgraded in order to facilitate and encourage development.

Administration from each of the County and the City have worked together to develop a collaborative solution to this situation. Specifically, that the County and the City enter into agreements that allow the City to construct the improvements needed to upgrade the road and thereafter maintain the road to a standard that is equal to or exceeds the County maintenance standards. The subject portion of Range Road 223 would still remain under the County's jurisdiction. Both agreements include provisions that require the City to indemnify the County from liabilities arising due to the performance or lack of performance by the City of its obligations under the agreements.

Council and Committee History

December 7, 2020 The Strathcona County / City of Fort Saskatchewan Intermunicipal Relations Committee passed a motion to recommend that the County and the City move forward with a joint annexation (boundary adjustment) of the subject portion of Range Road 223.

April 24, 2018 Council passed the following motions: 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 and; THAT administration prepare a letter to advise the City of Fort Saskatchewan of the approval.

Other Impacts

Policy: SER-009-016 (Access to Roads Under the County's Jurisdiction), SER-009-026 (Winter Maintenance Policy – Roads, Sidewalks, and Parking Lots), SER-009-030 (Road, Sidewalk and Parking Lot Network Maintenance)

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 provides that a municipality may provide outside its municipal boundaries any service or thing that it provides within its municipal boundaries in another municipality, but only with the agreement of the other municipality.

Interdepartmental: Planning and Development Services, Transportation Engineering and Planning, and Legislative and Legal Services.

Master Plan/Framework: Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan, Integrated Transportation Master Plan

Enclosures

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| 1 | Sketch showing subject portion of Range Road 223 |
| 2 | Terms of proposed agreements |