

Boundary Adjustment – Transfer of Road Jurisdiction to Fort Saskatchewan**Report Purpose**

To seek Council's approval of the Report on Negotiations with the City of Fort Saskatchewan as required under Section 118(2) of the Municipal Government Act and authorize the Chief Commissioner to sign the same on behalf of Strathcona County.

Recommendation

THAT the Report on Negotiations with the City of Fort Saskatchewan, as set out in enclosure 1 to the May 18, 2021 Intergovernmental Affairs Report, be approved; and THAT the Chief Commissioner, on behalf of Strathcona County, sign the Report on Negotiations.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

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

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

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Report

Intermunicipal discussions between the two administrations and during the Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IMRC) meetings with Fort Saskatchewan identified an operational and future development challenge for Fort Saskatchewan in relation to a portion of Range Road 223 that was within Strathcona County.

IMRC was updated and provided guidance as required in September and December 2020, as well as February and April 2021.

The collaborative, short-term resolution included an upgrading and maintenance road agreement approved by both Councils in January 2021. The final resolution is to transfer jurisdiction over a portion of Range Road 223 to the City of Fort Saskatchewan. A summary of the intermunicipal negotiations can be found in Enclosure 1.

In March 2021, the City of Fort Saskatchewan sent a letter and a written Notice of Intent to Annex to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Strathcona County (Enclosures 3 and 4).

As outlined in the Public Consultation Summary (Enclosure 2), the City of Fort Saskatchewan notified adjacent landowners, including those in Strathcona County. The City also placed notices in the local newspaper as required. No inquiries or concerns were received on this matter.

On April 22, 2021 IMRC was updated and agreed to proceed to the next step by seeking their respective Councils' approval to move forward collaboratively with an application for an uncontested annexation without conditions.

Fort Saskatchewan's application package requires a Strathcona County Council resolution and a signed Report on Negotiations (Enclosure 1), as required under Section 118(2) of the Municipal Government Act, to proceed.

Council's approval of the recommended motion will enable the City to submit a complete application to the Municipal Government Board to adjust the municipal boundary between the City of Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County to transfer jurisdiction for a portion of Range Road 223 to the City.

Council and Committee History

January 19, 2021	Council approved: 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.
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	<p>Council approved: 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.</p> <p>THAT administration prepare a letter to advise the City of Fort Saskatchewan of the approval.</p>

Other Impacts**Policy:** n/a**Legislative/Legal:** The legislated process for municipal annexations is covered under Division 6, Section 112.1-128.1 of the *Municipal Government Act*.**Interdepartmental:** Intergovernmental Affairs, Legislative and Legal Services and the Infrastructure and Planning Services Division**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a**Communication Plan**

A joint communications plan will be developed with the City of Fort Saskatchewan, subject to Government of Alberta approval.

Enclosures

1	Report on Negotiations with Fort Saskatchewan
2	Public Consultation Summary
3	Notification Letter from Fort Saskatchewan
4	Notice of Intent to Annex