

Bylaw 53-2022 Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw

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Outline



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 - Support animal welfare
 - Promote environmental and land stewardship
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Purpose

- Strathcona County is a specialized municipality that includes both rural and urban elements; and, as such, different standards are required with respect to livestock in the rural areas, urban areas, and mixed rural-urban areas.
 - Residents are encouraged to be involved with agriculture through responsible livestock ownership or learning opportunities
- Livestock is a complex topic
 - Livestock play an important role in the economy and food security
 - Legislative requirements for the protection of the public, livestock and the environment
 - Many types of livestock and different breeds within livestock types
 - People have emotional connections to livestock

What is responsible livestock ownership?

- It is about:
 - respecting animal and public health and safety; neighbouring properties; the environment and the economy.
- It is based on three key principles:
 - Minimize disease risk
 - Support animal welfare
 - Promote environmental and land stewardship

Consolidation

Animal Control Bylaw 18-2011

- Current livestock allowances remain including offspring
- Clarification of livestock classifications

Apiculture Bylaw 43-2011

- Apiculture permit not required for Agriculture General purpose
- Apiculture permit required for rural areas with greater population and smaller property size
- Native pollinators continue to be supported within urban service area or hamlets

Modernizations

- Temporary livestock event permits
 - Intentional and safe opportunities to experience livestock in urban areas
- Inclusion of an appeal process for permits
 - Common practice for bylaws that allow for permits to be issued
- Banning of new wild boar farms
 - Protecting wildlife, environment and agriculture from wild boar at large, a provincial pest
- Livestock officer designation
 - Achieving compliance through education
- Honeybee management
 - Encouraging honeybee health



Enhancements:

Minimize disease risk

- Livestock health is monitored, and animals are treated when sick
- Disease risk is reduced through management of:
 - Manure and other waste
 - Deadstock



Enhancements:

Support animal welfare



- Animal wellness considerations for:
 - Space and housing requirements
 - Needs of herd animals
 - Predation control
- Livestock are contained for the safety of the public and livestock

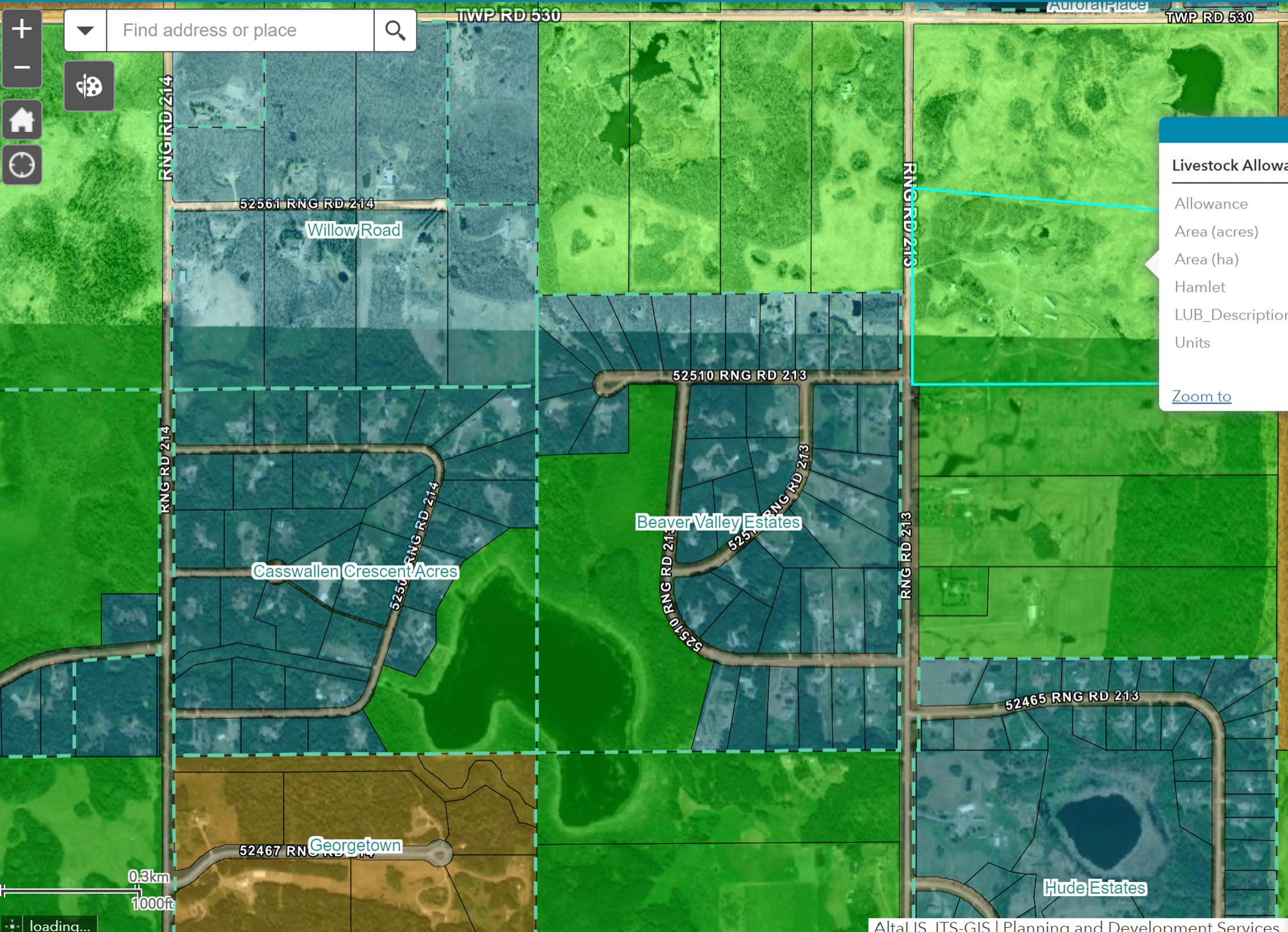
Enhancements: Promote environmental and land stewardship

- Pasture management is conducted in a way that minimizes overgrazing
- Minimize manure runoff onto or into adjacent properties, riparian areas, ground water and water, and watercourses



Implementation

- Communication:
 - Plan initiated once Council has approved bylaw
- Commitment:
 - Registration process of current wild boar farmers
 - Livestock Officer designation of current Agriculture Services staff
- Awareness:
 - Opportunities to experience livestock safely through event permitting process
- Education:
 - Provide educational resources and opportunities identified through public engagement



Legend

Municipal Boundary

Livestock Allowance

Allowance	No Restriction
Area (acres)	78.67
Area (ha)	31.84
Hamlet	N
LUB_Description	AG - Agriculture: General
Units	No Restriction

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Rural Subdivisions

Livestock Allowance

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Livestock Allowance

20 Unit / Acre

No Restriction

Permit Required

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Recommendation

- THAT Bylaw 53-2022, Responsible Livestock Ownership Bylaw, a bylaw that establishes the different standards required in respect of livestock in the rural areas, urban areas, and mixed rural-urban areas, be given first reading.
- THAT Bylaw 53-2022 be given second reading.
- THAT Bylaw 53-2022 be considered for third reading.
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