

**Bylaw 9-2023 – Amendment to Bylaw 51-2022, 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges****Report Purpose**

To seek first, second and third reading of Bylaw 9-2023, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 51-2022, 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges that prescribes an increase to the discount offered for low-cost housing projects within Strathcona County.

**Recommendation**

1. THAT Bylaw 9-2023, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 51-2022, 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 9-2023 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 9-2023 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 9-2023 be given third reading.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 2 - Healthy and Safe Community

Goal 2 Priority - A diversity of housing options that addresses affordability, aligns with community needs and responds to changing demographics

Goal 2 Priority - Social supports that enhance community well-being and safety, and build community connection

**Report**

In 2019, Strathcona County commissioned the Alberta Rural Development Network to initiate a Housing Needs and Demand assessment to better understand existing needs and housing trends in the County. This assessment sought to build an understanding of the current and future housing needs in the community; examine affordability, suitability, and adequacy in relation to the current housing inventory to assess gaps in affordable housing; and provide recommendations to address housing gaps along the housing continuum.

In order to incentivize the construction of new affordable housing, Strathcona County wishes to reduce planning and development fees charged to affordable housing providers. A diverse selection of housing within the County impacts not only the affordability for current and future residents but the County's ability to accommodate an individual's different life stages. This one-time incentive is in alignment with the County's Housing Affordability Implementation Plan and will help address our community's housing issues and gaps.

**Council and Committee History**

November 24, 2022	Council approved the 2023 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget.
November 24, 2022	Council approved Bylaw 51-2022 which sets out the 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges.
May 23, 2017	Council approved the Social Framework, which included the outcome of affordability.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Section 8(c)(i) of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 allows for the establishment of various fees and charges by bylaw or by resolution.

**Financial/Budget:** Approval of the bylaw amendment will result in a one-time loss of planning and development revenues as housing projects come forward.

**Interdepartmental:** Financial and Strategic Services, Planning and Development Services, Family and Community Services, Assessment and Tax, and Legislative and Legal Services

**Master Plan/Framework:** Strategic Plan, Social Framework, Land Management Framework, Edmonton Metropolitan Growth Plan, Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw

**Enclosures**

- 1 Bylaw 9-2023, 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw 51-2022 Amending Bylaw No. 1
- 2 Schedule A – 2023 Fees, Rates and Charges Amendments to Pages 18, 34 and 42