

Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force Bylaw 15-2023**Report Purpose**

To seek three readings of Bylaw 5-2023, the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force bylaw.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 15-2023 a bylaw to enact the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force, a task force to prioritize strategies, projects, and programs related to walking, running and/or rolling that guide investment in the transportation network, whether for recreation or commuting, that best aligns with community goals, as identified in the County's strategic planning documents, be given first reading.

THAT Bylaw 15-2023 be given second reading.

THAT Bylaw 15-2023 be considered for third reading.

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Our Strategic Goals

Goal 2 - Healthy and Safe Community

Goal 3 Priority - Investment in our infrastructure that supports development and complete communities

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

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Report

Through 2022, the Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) reviewed the council committee structure. Through this review process, a gap was identified by the GAC and Council passed a motion to direct Administration to draft a bylaw to enact an Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force. The task force will focus its efforts on providing advice on prioritizing strategies, projects, and programs related to walking, running and/or rolling that guide investment in the transportation network, whether for recreation or commuting, that best aligns with community goals, as identified in the County's strategic planning documents.

The task force will work to develop a report for Council with advice and opportunities from a community and active transportation user perspective for pedestrian and cyclist safety and functionality. Further, the task force will provide advice in view of the active transportation user lens being considered as the County implements identified plans, strategies, and priorities to enhance safety while achieving accessibility and transportation goals for all road users through strategic infrastructure and operational improvements.

The use of task forces in place of ongoing committees ensures focused advice for Council and focused recruitment for the specific topic. Recruitment for the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force will commence upon approval of the bylaw and will remain open for a four (4) week period unless additional time is required. The recommendations for public members and Councillor member appointments are anticipated to be brought forward to the September 5, 2023 Council meeting.

Council and Committee History

January 17, 2023 Council approved an extension in time for the preparation of the draft Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Bylaw.

September 27, 2022 Council directed Administration to bring back a bylaw for Council's consideration to enact an Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Financial/Budget: n/a

Interdepartmental: Transportation Engineering and Operations

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

Once approved, the bylaw will be available on the Strathcona County websites Frequently Requested Bylaws page listed under Boards and Committees bylaws.

Enclosure

1 Bylaw 15-2023 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force Bylaw