

Bylaw 44-2020, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 17-2020, A Bylaw to Address Procedural Changes as a Result of the Response to Covid-19 Pandemic**Report Purpose**

To seek three readings of Bylaw 44-2020, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 17-2020, A Bylaw to Address Procedural Changes as a Result of the Response to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 44-2020, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 17-2020, A bylaw to Address Procedural Changes as a Result of the Response to Covid-19 Pandemic, be given first reading.

THAT Bylaw 44-2020 be given second reading.

THAT Bylaw 44-2020 be considered for third reading.

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Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

At the July 14, 2020 meeting, Council gave direction to amend Bylaw 17-2020 to address procedures related to the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The procedural changes introduced in Bylaw 17-2020 were required to ensure that physical distancing measures could be included in public hearings and other public presentations. The change in procedures was made possible because the Government of Alberta provided a regulation that allowed for departure from certain *Municipal Government Act* requirements related to meetings and public participation.

Since the pandemic situation is evolving and the County can now allow some public in-person attendance in Council Chamber for meetings, it is desirable to amend Bylaw 17-2020 to allow for an in-person option for public hearings and other public presentations.

The proposed bylaw is provided as enclosure 1 and, should Council give the bylaw three readings, it will take effect by August 1, 2020 and will apply to any upcoming public hearings from that time forward. Finally, it should be noted that Bylaw 17-2020 and any amending bylaws are only in place as long as the provincial Regulation is in force.

Council and Committee History

July 14, 2020	Council approved "THAT Administration prepare an amendment bylaw, for Council's consideration on July 21, 2020, to Bylaw 17-2020 to allow for the option of in-person attendance at public hearings."
April 21, 2020	Council gave three readings to Bylaw 17-2020.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: *Municipal Government Act*, Meeting Procedures Act (COVID-19 Suppression), Regulation, and *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, Section 603, Ministerial Regulations.

Interdepartmental: LLS coordinates Public Hearings in consultation and cooperation with PDS and other departments as required.

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

The bylaw will be published on the County's public website.

Enclosure

1 Bylaw 44-2020, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 17-2020