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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Bremner Area Concept Plan Next Steps

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with the anticipated timelines and next steps for the Bremner Area Concept Plan (ACP).

Council History

May 22, 2007 – Council adopted Bylaw 1-2007, the Municipal Development Plan (MDP).

March 11, 2010 – Capital Region Growth Plan was adopted by Province.

October 23, 2012 – Council directed Administration to initiate a Growth Management Strategy and timeline for the Urban Reserve Area (Bremner).

February 19, 2013 - Council adopted Bylaw 42-2012, a Bylaw that amended the MDP to conform to the Capital Region Growth Plan.

September 23, 2014 – Council received the Bremner Growth Management Strategy as information.

March 22, 2016 – Council endorsed the Growth Management Strategy for the Urban Reserve (Bremner) and directed that Administration proceed with preparation of an ACP for the endorsed growth area.

May 24, 2016 – Council gave first reading to Bylaw 15-2016 and referred Bylaw 15-2016 to the Capital Region Board (CRB) for approval.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The Bremner ACP will provide more detailed planning and development for the Urban Reserve Policy Area (Bremner) prior to the acceptance of Area Structure Plans (ASP) and will help to guide future investment in municipal infrastructure.

Governance: Creation of the Bremner ACP will involve community organization, landowners, the general public and external stakeholders, providing them with opportunities to be involved in the planning process.

Social: The Bremner ACP will provide for the planning and development of strong communities and neighbourhoods that support the diverse needs of residents.

Culture: The Bremner Growth Management Strategy recognized the culture and heritage of the area and incorporated it into the strategy document; this will also be reflected in the Bremner Area Concept Plan.

Environment: The Bremner Growth Management Strategy identifies and promotes the protection of environmentally sensitive areas which will be carried forward to future planning stages, including the Bremner ACP.

Other Impacts

Policy: The Bremner ACP will be prepared in accordance with the applicable policies of Policy SER-008-007 Area Concept Plans/Area Structure Plans.

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Multiple Strathcona County departments will be involved in the development of the Bremner Area Concept Plan through an inter-departmental Technical Advisory Committees.

Summary

On March 22, 2016, Council endorsed the Growth Management Strategy for the Urban Reserve (Bremner) and directed that Administration proceed with preparation of an ACP for the endorsed growth area.

Proposed Bylaw 15-2016, which received first reading on May 24, 2016, is the first step in reflecting Council's decision that the Urban Reserve (Bremner) as the County's next area for urban growth. The text portion of the amendment includes policy requiring Strathcona County Administration to complete an ACP for Urban Reserve Policy Area (Bremner) prior to the County accepting any applications for ASP, Land Use Bylaw amendments or subdivision.

Administration anticipates the following timeline for the Bremner ACP. It is based on proposed Bylaw 15-2016 receiving CRB approval as well as third reading by Council in September 2016:

1. RFP drafted		July/August	2016
2. RFP posted	mid -	September	2016
3. RFP closes	mid -	October	2016
4. Consultant selection	early -	November	2016
5. Bremner ACP kick off	late November /	early December	2016

Administration would refrain from posting the Request for Proposals for the Bremner ACP until after proposed Bylaw 15-2016 receives third reading from Council. The passing of Bylaw 15-2016 would ensure direction to complete an ACP for the Urban Reserve Policy Area (Bremner) is clear in the statutory planning hierarchy.

It is anticipated that the Bremner ACP will take a minimum of eighteen (18) months to complete given the level of planning and engineering involved. The anticipated completion date would be June 2018. Consideration needs to be given with respect to the timing for starting the ACP, as other updates to regulatory documents and legislation such as the *Municipal Government Act* and the Capital Region Growth Plan are currently in progress and may have an impact on the Bremner ACP.

Planning and Development Services has funding allocated in its 2016 budget for the Bremner ACP.

Communication Plan

Updates regarding growth management in the County are made on the County's website. As part of the Bremner ACP process, a communication and engagement plan will be created.