
Bylaw 1-2026 Text Amendment to the Municipal Development Plan 20-2017 Rural and Agricultural Land Use**Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council to make decisions on first, second and third readings of a bylaw that amends the text of Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 to align rural and agricultural policies with Strathcona County's Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy and the Agricultural Framework.

Motions Required for Approval

1. THAT Bylaw 1-2026, a bylaw that amends the text of Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 20-2017 to align rural and agricultural policies with Strathcona County's Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy and the Agricultural Framework, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 1-2026 be given second reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 1-2026 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 1-2026 be given third reading.

Our Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Economic Prosperity

Goal 1 Priority - Development of emerging sectors that supports innovation, economic diversification and tourism

Goal 1 Priority - Promotion of a diverse agricultural market that supports the local economy

Goal 1 Priority - Attraction and retention of small and medium sized businesses that fosters economic

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Planning and Development Services is proposing text amendments to the Municipal Development Plan to allow for increased flexibility and to better accommodate changing trends and innovations in the agricultural industry in alignment with the direction of the County's Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy and the Agricultural Framework. Additional information can be found in the attached Enclosures.

The proposal is in alignment with the associated amendments to the Land Use Bylaw, which intend to increase opportunities for agricultural activities and related operations, as well as to review rural uses for suitability.

Council and Committee History

May 6, 2025	Rural and Agricultural Land Use Amendments update to Priorities Committee
April 8, 2025	Agricultural Framework update to Priorities Committee
Oct. 1, 2024	Council approved the Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy
Sept. 20, 2024	Council adopted Land Use Bylaw 24-2024

Sept. 5, 2017 Council adopted Municipal Development Plan 20-2017

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act* provides that Council may, by bylaw, amend the Municipal Development Plan.

Financial/Budget: n/a

Interdepartmental: The proposed amendments have been circulated to internal departments.

Master Plan/Framework: Municipal Development Plan, Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy, Agricultural Framework

Communication Plan

The proposed amendments are intended to implement the direction provided through extensive engagement during Strathcona County Agriculture and Food Sector Development Strategy and the Agricultural Framework. Planning and Development Services has also presented and gathered feedback from the Agricultural Service Board, agricultural groups and individual landowners.

The public hearing will be advertised in the newspaper and on the County website.

Enclosures

- 1 Bylaw 1-2026
- 2 Description of Municipal Development Plan Rural and Agricultural Amendments
- 3 Priorities Committee May 6, 2025 - Rural and Agricultural Land Use Amendments presentation
- 4 Rural and Agricultural Land Use Amendments presentation