

Bylaw 29-2016 – Amendment to Bylaw 46-2015 to amend the Terms of Reference for the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee**Report Purpose**

To give three readings to Bylaw 29-2016, thereby amending the Terms of Reference for the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee contained in Bylaw 46-2015, being the Strathcona County Boards and Committees Bylaw.

Recommendation

1. THAT Bylaw 29-2016, a bylaw to amend Bylaw 46-2015, the Strathcona County Boards and Committees Bylaw, be given first reading.
2. THAT Bylaw 29-2016 be given second reading.
3. THAT third reading of Bylaw 29-2016 be considered.
4. THAT Bylaw 29-2016 be given third reading.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: The Terms of Reference of each council committee established by Bylaw 46-2015 need to be appropriate for each council committee and allow each council committee to meet the objectives of Council. Further, the Terms of Reference and mandate of each council committee established by Bylaw 46-2015 should align with Council's Strategic Plan and priorities.

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The Terms of Reference for each council committee established by Bylaw 46-2015 should provide for a composition that enables it to perform its mandate and purpose.

Interdepartmental: Each council committee established by Bylaw 46-2015 is to have an administrative representative appointed by the Chief Commissioner. The Energy Exploration Advisory Committee Administrative Representative is from the Planning and Development Services department.

Summary

In fulfilling its responsibilities under Bylaw 46-2015, the Governance Advisory Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee at its meeting of May 9, 2016 to ensure alignment with Strathcona County Council's Strategic Plan and priorities. No recommendations to Council regarding adjustments to ensure alignment with Strathcona County Council's Strategic Plan and priorities were determined to be necessary. However, increasing the number of public members was discussed in order to allow the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee to better perform its duties and exercise its powers to fulfill its purpose, especially related to landowner education.

Given the meeting schedule of the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee, feedback from the current Energy Exploration Advisory Committee regarding increasing the number of public members was solicited outside of a meeting of the Energy Exploration Advisory Committee in order that such a change could be implemented prior to the fall boards and

committees recruitment. The Energy Exploration Advisory Committee supports the increase in the number of public members from five to six.

Enclosure

1 Bylaw 29-2016