

Bylaw 41-2016 Municipal Historic Resource Designation – Prochnau Homestead (Ward 5)**Report Purpose**

To give three readings to a bylaw that proposes to designate the site known as “Prochnau Homestead” as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Recommendations

1. THAT for the purposes of the Designation as Municipal Historic Resource pursuant to the *Historical Resources Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.H-9, the Chief Commissioner be appointed to issue approvals, refusals or conditions relating to the Municipal Historic Resource.
2. THAT Bylaw 41-2016, a bylaw that proposes to designate the site known as “Prochnau Homestead” as a Municipal Historic Resource, be given first reading.
3. THAT Bylaw 41-2016 be given second reading.
4. THAT Bylaw 41-2016 be considered for third reading.
5. THAT Bylaw 41-2016 be given third reading.

Council History

November 25, 2008 – Council approved the Heritage Resources Management Plan.

December 8, 2009 – Council adopted the Community Heritage Legacy Framework.

May 10, 2011 – Council approved Policy GOV-002-027: History and Heritage.

July 19, 2016 – Council authorized issuance of Notice of Intention to Designate Prochnau Homestead as a Municipal Historic Resource.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: The *Alberta Historical Resources Act* grants municipalities the ability to designate Municipal Historic Resources and offers technical and administrative support for these resources as well as grant opportunities for heritage preservation funding.

Social: Historical resources help to define a community by invoking community character and a sense of place.

Culture: The identified heritage resource will provide distinct appreciation of Strathcona County’s history and heritage identity.

Environment: Municipal Historic Designation does not allow for the resource to be destroyed or removed, ensuring continued preservation of the lands in its current state.

Other Impacts

Policy: GOV-002-027: History and Heritage

Legislative/Legal: The *Historical Resources Act* requires issuance of a Notice of Intent to Designate as a Municipal Historic Resource 60 days prior to Council’s consideration of a designation bylaw.

Interdepartmental: Planning and Development; Recreation, Parks and Culture

Summary

An application to designate the Prochnau Homestead as a Municipal Historic Resource was submitted by the property owner. This property is on the Strathcona County Heritage Inventory and has been reviewed by the Heritage Advisory Committee. The Committee has recommended that this property be designated. In accordance with Section 26 of the *Alberta Historic Resources Act*, a Notice of Intent to Designate was issued to the landowner on July 19, 2016, for 60 days.

As outlined in the Statement of Significance, Prochnau Homestead can be considered municipally significant for the themes of agriculture development, and business and industry in Strathcona County. The main residence, granary and flour mill and summer kitchen are significant for their design and the site for its association with Ludwig Prochnau. The Prochnau's invested heavily into the farm and purchased a portable sawmill used to create the lumber used to build the 1919 residence, the flour mill and the summer kitchen.

The Prochnau homestead buildings are important symbols of the resilient nature of Alberta's early immigrant pioneers, such as Mr. Prochnau. The three structures include various character defining elements including tapered posts (the front and back porch), hewn squared log construction, gable roof, plank siding, and original door and window openings on the summer kitchen.

Communication Plan

Communication with landowner
Letter

Enclosures

- 1 Rural Location Map
- 2 Location Map
- 3 Air Photo
- 4 Bylaw 41-2016
- 5 PowerPoint Presentation