

**Priorities Committee Meeting\_Nov22\_2016**

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**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE****2016 Energy Exploration Advisory Committee (EEC) Annual Report****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with the 2016 EEC annual Report.

**Council History**

June 24, 2003, Council directed administration to establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of developing policy and guidelines to minimize the impact of oil and gas exploration and extraction to residents and land in Strathcona County.

October 7, 2003, Council amended the Council Committee Bylaw 117-2002 to establish an Energy Exploration Ad Hoc Committee.

September 15, 2015 Bylaw 46-2015: Boards and Committees Bylaw, was approved by Council inclusive of the EEC.

November 10, 2015, EEC updated the Priorities Committee on key activities in 2015.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** The EEC encourages a cooperative and collaborative approach to oil and gas development to ensure best outcomes for agricultural producers and industry.

**Governance:** Educating property owners about energy development on their lands provides for informed decision making by landowners and for the economic use of lands.

**Social:** The goal of the EEC is to have meaningful engagement about energy development with reduced conflict and ensure least impact to quality of life for residents.

**Environment:** Environmental protection and reclamation are part of the planning and education process implemented with landowners and industry.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Bylaw 46-2015 requires an annual report to Priorities Committee on Committee activities.

**Interdepartmental:** The Strathcona County Technical Review Team (administered by the Energy Exploration Liaison) reviews all oil and gas proposals and is made up of Planning and Development Services, Transportation and Agriculture Services, Utilities, Capital Planning and Construction, and Recreation, Parks and Culture.

**Enclosure**

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