

# Wheatland County

## Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2020

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### Historic Resource Designation Policy 2.7 amendments

#### **Recommendation from Administration**

That Council approve the amendments made to the Historic Resource Designation Policy 2.7 dated August 18, 2020.

#### **Chief Administrative Officer's Comments**

N/A

#### **Report**

##### **Division: County-wide**

Administration recently reviewed the Historical Resources Act and the current Municipal Historic Resource Designation Policy 2.7 to ensure that the policy is up to date and reflects the intention of the Act. As per Section 153(b) of the MGA, Councillors have the duty "to participate generally in developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality." Within Policy 2.7, there is a procedure and it is recommended that this be separated from the policy and procedures fall within the CAO's responsibilities. As per Section 207(b), the CAO "ensures that the policies and programs of the municipality are implemented." Procedures are frequently amended and by keeping policies and procedures separate, this will allow Council meetings to be efficient.

#### **Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation**

Historical Resources Act

Historic Resource Designation Policy

Land Use Bylaw Section 3.4 (Historic Resources), 4.12 Supplementary Requirements for a Development Permit Application, and 9.7 (Natural Resource Extraction / Processing District (NRE)).

#### **Alignment with the Strategic Plan**

Wheatland County is committed to serving the needs of our diverse rural community.

#### **Response Options**

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

#### **Implications of Recommendation**

#### **General**

It is best practice to review and ensure policies are updated and reflect current practices or legislation.

## **Organizational**

The Act supersedes the policy. Should Council or a resident make a request, the Act will need to be strictly followed.

## **Financial**

Should Council proceed with a designation, under Section 28(1) of the Historical Resources Act, Council must provide compensation to an owner if the designation decreases the economic values of a building, structure, or land. Further, Section 23(4) states that Council, may with the agreement of the owner, provide the compensation under subsection (1) by grant, tax relief or any other means.

## **Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety**

The amended policy will be sent to staff for review.

## **Follow-up Action / Communications**

The amended policy will be added to the website for resident awareness.

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Henderson", with a stylized, cursive script.

Brian Henderson