



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Where There's Room to Grow

Request for Decision

March 24, 2020

Resolution No. _____

Date Prepared February 26, 2020

Subject

Decision-making topic title

Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-14 – The Special Areas Board and Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

THAT Council proceed with Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-14, this being the Bylaw for the Special Areas Board and Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

GM Comments

Any additional comments regarding the reason for the recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Report/Document:

Attached

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Available

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None

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Key Issue(s) / Concepts Defined

Define the topic, reference background material and state question to be answered

Municipalities that share a border were required to enter into an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) as of the April 1st, 2018 amendments to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*. With recent amendments to the MGA, if both municipalities agree they do not require an IDP, they are no longer required to enter into one. However with the IDP nearly complete, staff from both municipalities chose to continue the process. The Special Areas Board and Wheatland County did not previously have an IDP.

The plan area of the IDP encompasses approximately 22,773 acres in total. The IDP's land use goals and objectives focus on retaining agriculture and grazing as primary land uses, and that non-agricultural development should be limited in size and scale and only considered in areas that will not result in significant or negative impacts to agricultural lands or environmentally and historically sensitive areas. Section 3.7 Natural and Historical Environment has a series of policies that aim to protect and preserve the flood risk areas, and the environmentally and historically sensitive areas. The IDP's policies are high-level, focusing on when to notify the other municipality of new developments and encouraging collaboration. The policies address all of the *MGA* required topics while allowing each municipality to retain control within their respective jurisdictions.

Due to the small number of residents within the plan area, it was determined that an open house would not be the most effective manner to contact landowners. Wheatland County staff mailed letters to landowners within the plan area to notify them of the public hearing. No responses were received. Due to low development pressure, staff did not organize an Intermunicipal Committee Meeting to review the draft document and followed the feedback that had been given for other IDPs.

Relevant Policy / Practices / Legislation

Cite existing policies, practices and/or legislation

Municipal Government Act – Section 631
South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP)
Regional Growth Management Strategy (RGMS)
Municipal Development Plan (MDP)

Strategic Relevance

Reference to goals or priorities of current work program

N/A

Response Options and Desired Outcome(s)

Main result, along with highlighted requisites and benefits

That Council proceed with the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2020-14.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION**General**

Consequences to community, overall organization and/or other agencies

The community has an opportunity to provide comment regarding the plan and have their concerns or comments addressed.

Organizational

Policy change or staff workload requirements

N/A

Financial

Current and/or future budget impact

N/A

Environmental, Staff and Public Safety

Consequences for the environment, consideration of effects on the safety of staff and the public

N/A

Follow-up Action / Communications

Timelines, decision-making milestones and key products

That Council consider proceeding with 1st reading of the proposed document.

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