



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

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

Recommendation

Clear resolution answering – what/who/how/when

That Council choose Option #1, to Approve Bylaw 2020-14, this being the Bylaw for the Special Areas Board and Wheatland County Intermunicipal Development Plan.

Resolution 1: That Council move First Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Resolution 2: That Council move Second Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Resolution 3: That Council move approval to proceed with Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-14.

Resolution 4: That Council move Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

CAO Comments

Any additional comments regarding the reason for the recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Report/Document:

Attached

Available

None

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.

Staff is recommending all three readings be considered if no further amendments or major changes are required following the public hearing and Council's review.

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

Option #1 THAT Council Approve Bylaw 2020-14.

Resolution 1: That Council move First Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Resolution 2: That Council move Second Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Resolution 3: That Council move approval to proceed with Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-14.

Resolution 4: That Council move Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606,

631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Option #2 THAT Bylaw 2020-14 be refused.

Resolution 1: That Council move to Refuse Bylaw 2020-14, this being a bylaw for the purpose of adopting the Wheatland County and the Special Areas Board Intermunicipal Development Plan in accordance with Sections 230, 606, 631 and 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

Option #3 THAT Council approve an alternate recommendation.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

General

Consequences to community, overall organization and/or other agencies

Approval of this document will solidify already positive relations between the Special Areas Board and Wheatland County.

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

If approved for final reading, Staff will place final document on website for public access.

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