

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Bylaw 1562/21 – Clean Energy Improvement Program Tax Bylaw – Second and Third Reading</b>
<b>Proposed Motion(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1562/21 as amended.</li> <li>2. That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1562/21.</li> </ol>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council give second reading as amended, and third reading of Bylaw 1562/21.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<p><u>March 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 086/22: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1562/21.</p> <p><u>May 25, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 300/21: That Council direct Administration to draft a Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw for Council consideration by the end of Q3 2021.</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Briefing Note presented in the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1562/21 includes relevant background information.</li> <li>• Administration recommends an amendment to Bylaw 1562/21 prior to Council's consideration of second reading. The amount of grant funding is proposed to be increased from \$6.8 million to \$7.3 million. Based on past energy efficiency program statistics, higher-than-normal energy costs in 2022, and healthy CEIP program uptake in other municipalities, the number of forecasted CEIP projects per year was increased. This change was suggested to ensure that program funding and grant levels will be adequate to meet anticipated demand for CEIP projects. The proposed amendment is shown in the attached redline version of the Bylaw.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Briefing Note presented in the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1562/21 includes external communication that has been undertaken.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c.M-26</i></li> <li>• <i>Bill 10: An Act to Enable Clean Energy Improvements</i></li> <li>• <i>Clean Energy Improvements Regulation, AR 212/2018</i></li> </ul>

Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<u>Strategic Alignment:</u> <b>Environmental Stewardship</b> – The implementation of a Clean Energy Improvement Program will support residents to make investments in reducing their environmental impact and making their buildings more climate resilient.  <b>Planned Growth</b> – The Clean Energy Improvement Program will help improve County agricultural competitiveness, create diverse business opportunities, and support local green jobs.																							
	<u>Organizational:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Should the Bylaw be passed, there will be some impact on staff to support the development and administration of the program. The program would primarily impact the Financial Services area to provide the general oversight of the lending, revenue, and tax-related components of the program.</li><li>The Corporate Communications department will develop program marketing and website development.</li></ul>																							
	<u>Financial:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The County will be required to secure funding for the program. Options may include grant funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and a line of credit. Borrowing to support the CEIP does not count against the County’s debt limit.</li><li>Proposed funding to support the program, based on previous uptake of energy efficiency programs within the County is as follows:</li></ul>																							
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Alternatives Considered	Council could choose not to support second reading of the Clean Energy Improvement Program Bylaw.																							
Implications of Alternatives	Residents would not have the opportunity to participate in a Clean Energy Improvement Program.																							
Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Obtain Mayor and CAO signatures on Bylaw 1562/21 (Legislative Services, April 2022).</li><li>Develop Program Terms and Condition (Financial Services/Fleet and Facility Services, Q2 2022).</li><li>Prepare and submit full application to FCM Community Energy Financing program (Financial Services/Fleet and Facility Services, Q2 2022).</li><li>Develop program marketing and website (Corporate Communications, Q3 2022).</li><li>Develop internal procedures and process for CEIP applications (Financial Services/Fleet and Facility Services, Q3 2022).</li></ol>																							

	6. Source internal financing for County CEIP Contribution once FCM funding is secured (Financial Services, Q4, 2022).
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	1. Attachment 1: Bylaw 1562/21 – Redlined 2. Attachment 2: Bylaw 1562/21 – Final
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	Brandon Sandmaier, Municipal Energy Specialist, Fleet & Facility Services  Tim Osborne, Corporate Operations Advisor, Infrastructure Services  Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer  Scott MacDougall, Chief Operating Officer – COO  Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO

## Strategic Alignment Checklist

**Vision:** *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

**Guiding Principles:** Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>