

Request for Decision

Title	Closure and Consolidation of a Portion of Road Plan 7880Y (Portion of Range Road 261A)
Proposed Motion	That Council support the resolution provided in Attachment 1 of item 6.6 of the June 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda to facilitate the closure and consolidation of a portion of Road Plan 7880Y (portion of Range Road 261A).
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends the proposed closure given that the construction of the new realigned portion of road has been completed.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	None.
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the active erosion of the outer bank of the Sturgeon River adjacent to Range Road 261A (located approximately 100 metres north of Meadowview Drive), a slope assessment was conducted in 2018 for the County. • As per the assessment report, the recommendations were to realign Range Road 261A further to the west and to reinforce the outer riverbank where the active erosion has been occurring. Both these items were completed in 2021 as part of the Range Road 261A Realignment Project. • As part of this project, an agreement was reached with the owner of River Lot 2, St. Albert Settlement, whereby the land required for the new road alignment would be exchanged for the old road allowance to be closed. • To finalize the above agreement, the old road allowance must be officially closed. With a Council resolution, the portion of closed road will be returned to the title that it was excepted from without the need for a transfer of land to be registered at Land Titles or a consolidation with the parcel. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The matter was circulated within Administration, to adjacent landowners, and to Fortis, ATCO Gas, and Telus. No objections were noted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matter was circulated to Alberta Transportation. While no response was received at the time of preparing this report, in accordance with Part 24 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, the Minister of Transportation typically grants consent <i>after</i> a municipal resolution is approved. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 24 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>: “The council of a municipal district may by resolution, with the approval of the Minister of Transportation, close the whole or any part of a road described in a surveyed road plan that the council determines is no longer required for use by the travelling public owing to the existence of an alternate route”.
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u> Operational Excellence –The realignment of the Range Road 261A is consistent with the County’s work to upgrade road infrastructure when needed.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u> Administration has capacity to work with the applicant to finalize the necessary documentation for Alberta Land Titles and the Minister of Transportation.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u> Compensation to the County from the landowner is not required.</p>
Alternatives Considered	Council could deny the road closure.
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u> Sturgeon County would continue to retain the redundant road allowance and not comply with the agreement made with the private landowner.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u> Additional Administrative effort to work with the landowner would be required.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u> The County would have to compensate the landowner for the portion of land that was taken for the road realignment.</p>
Follow up Action	1. Finalize the necessary documentation for Alberta Land Titles and the Minister of Transportation (Planning & Development Services, June/July 2022).
Attachment(s)	1. Attachment 1: Proposed Council Resolution 2. Attachment 2: Plan of Survey
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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
Planned Growth			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern broadband and digital capabilities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thriving Communities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>