

Request for Decision

Title	Scheduling of Public Hearings for Bylaw 1607/22 - Resource Extraction Amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 and Bylaw 1608/22 - Repeal of the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Area Structure Plan Bylaw 922/01
Proposed Motion	That Council schedule a Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers for the purpose of holding Public Hearings for Bylaw 1607/22 and Bylaw 1608/22.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council schedule Public Hearings to receive public input on Bylaw 1607/22 and Bylaw 1608/22.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>January 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion 007/23: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1607/22.</p> <p>Motion 008/23: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1608/22.</p> <p>Motion 009/23: That Council direct Administration to bring forward a public communications plan related to the implementation of Resource Extraction Regulatory Review recommendations at the time that Bylaws 1607/22 and Bylaw 1608/22 are presented for consideration of third reading.</p> <p>Motion 010/23: That Council direct Administration to, subject to the final approval of Bylaws 1608/22 and 1607/22, implement the following Resource Extraction Regulatory Review recommendations by or before September 30, 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compile a groundwater monitoring policy and necessary management plans as required; b) Bring forward a recommended approach for municipal compliance and education resourcing, to complement enhanced operator quarterly reporting and annual third-party validation requirements; c) Develop a new municipal communications and information platform to support all stakeholders in local resource extraction activity, inclusive of a dedicated web platform, educational materials, contact information, newsletters, and more; d) Conduct a review of the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy allocation model to reflect a greater expected revenue over time, the appropriate distribution of broad community benefit

	<p>versus benefit to communities near aggregate operations, the percentage of allocations for different types of initiatives (community facilities, local programs and services, infrastructure, municipal tax relief, etc.); and the possibility for supportive policies and procedures related to the allocation of the CAP Levy; and e) Review the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee terms of reference to identify a geographic area, membership, and other elements that are reflective of known extraction areas in Sturgeon County.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate the public review of the Land Use Bylaw amendments recommended through the Resource Extraction Regulatory Review, Public Hearings are proposed for March 15, 2023 starting at 5:30 p.m. An evening Regular Council Meeting for the Public Hearings is recommended to allow for a greater potential opportunity for public input. The date in March (versus a more typical scheduled date in February following first reading) also accommodates the completion and mailing of supplemental information to all dwellings in Sturgeon County. Administration will also implement supplemental communications following third reading of the Land Use Bylaw amendments, if approved. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder engagement for this Review, which informed the What we heard Report in June 2022, has been extensive. Holding the Public Hearing at the recommended date and time will continue with that commitment to robust engagement. The Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee has been invited to comment and/or attend the Public Hearing. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000 c M-26 as amended (MGA) Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Area Structure Plan Bylaw 922/01
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p>Collaborative Governance – Continuing public engagement showcases a collaborative and transparent approach to governance.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Evening public hearings require additional staff resources on that day, and the allocation of some overtime.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Expanding typical public hearing notice to include an informational mailout increases costs compared to typical processes; however, the approach is recommended in this instance. Both this and staff overtime costs can be managed within existing departmental budgets.</p>

Alternatives Considered	Council could choose to include the Public Hearings on a scheduled Regular Council Meeting date and time.
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u> Collaborative Governance – The public hearing engagement process would continue to be transparent and collaborative; however, there could be more constraints on public participation.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u> None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u> None.</p>
Follow up Action	1. Schedule Public Hearings with respect to Bylaw 1607/22 and 1608/22 for March 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (Planning & Development Services, February 2023).
Attachment(s)	1. Attachment 1: Bylaw 1607/22 2. Attachment 2: Bylaw 1608/22
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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>