

Agenda Item: 6.1

Request for Decision

Title	Scheduling of a Regular Council Meeting for Bylaw 1625/23 – 2023 Taxation Rates Bylaw
Proposed Motion	That Council schedule a Regular Council Meeting on April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to consider Bylaw 1625/23 – 2023 Taxation Rates Bylaw.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council schedule a Regular Council Meeting on April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to consider Bylaw 1625/23 – 2023 Taxation Rates Bylaw.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	None.
Report	 Section 353 of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (MGA) requires that Council pass a property tax bylaw annually. Administration intended to present the proposed 2023 Taxation Rates Bylaw at the April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; however, information regarding school requisitions was not made available in time for the bylaw to be presented at the April 11, 2023 meeting. Once the taxation rates bylaw is passed, there are very short timelines for Administration to prepare and mail tax notices. In recognition of these short timelines and potential impacts should the passage of the taxation rates bylaw be delayed, Administration recommends that Council consider the Bylaw before the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on April 25, 2023. Section 193(1) of the MGA provides that a Council may decide at a Council meeting at which all members of Council are present to hold a regularly scheduled Council meeting on a specified date, time, and place. If all members of Council attend the April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, a Regular Council Meeting could be scheduled for April 20, 2023. External Communication

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Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices

Municipal Government Act, sections 193(1) and 353

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment

Collaborative Governance – Transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale.

Organizational

Administration has the capacity to coordinate an additional Regular Council Meeting.

Financial

None.

Alternatives Considered

Council could receive this Request for Decision as information, thereby deciding not to schedule a Regular Council Meeting for April 20, 2023.

Implications of **Alternatives**

Strategic Alignment

Collaborative Governance – This alternative would be inconsistent with transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale.

Organizational

A delay in the passage of the 2023 Taxation Rates Bylaw may impact the preparation and mail out of 2023 tax notices and other logistics.

Financial

None.

Follow up Action

Advertise the April 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting (Legislative Services, April 2023).

Attachment(s) None.

Report Reviewed

by:

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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			
• Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation			×
Modern broadband and digital capabilities			\boxtimes
Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations			\boxtimes
• Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning			×
Thriving Communities			
 Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 			×
Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride			×
Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life			×
Environmental Stewardship			
 Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 			\boxtimes
 Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 			\boxtimes
 Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 			\boxtimes
Collaborative Governance			
Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships			\boxtimes
Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			X
Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale		×	
 Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 		×	
Operational Excellence			
 Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 			⊠
• 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			×
Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges			\boxtimes
Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			\boxtimes

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