

Agenda Item: 5.4

Request for Decision

Title	Bylaw 1631/23 – Bylaw Enforcement Officer Technical Amendments Bylaw – Second and Third Readings
Proposed Motion	That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1631/23.
	That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1631/23.
Administrative	Administration recommends that Council give second and third readings of
Recommendation	Bylaw 1631/23.
Previous Council /	June 27, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Committee	Motion 234/23: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1631/23.
Direction	
	March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
	Motion 066/23: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1616/23.
	August 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
	Motion 418/21: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1558/21.
	August 25,2020 Regular Council Meeting
	Motion 388/20: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1433/19 as
	amended.
	July 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting
	Motion 351/17: That Council give third reading to Bylaw 1385/17, Land Use
	Bylaw.
Report	Background Information
	Through Budget 2023, Council supported the recruitment of a new Payalanment County's ability Officer position to believe the County's ability
	Development Compliance Officer position, to bolster the County's ability to support residents, proactively enforce key development interests
	(resource extraction, agritourism, etc.), and uphold safety/aesthetics
	within the community.
	main the community.
	A review was undertaken regarding enforcement provisions and powers
	within several of the relevant Sturgeon County bylaws that the

Development Compliance Officer is expected to enforce.

The review identified several minor amendments to the Land Use Bylaw,

Community Standards Bylaw, Civic Addressing Bylaw, and Surface

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Drainage Bylaw that should be processed to ensure maximum efficiency. The proposed amendments are provided in Attachment 1.

- While Municipal Violation Tags (tickets) already existed within most of the four bylaws, specific penalties attributed to them were not included.
- The proposed amendments include clarifying that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may enforce the above bylaws, and issue municipal violation tags.
- A Public Hearing for Bylaw 1631/23 is scheduled earlier in the August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Pending no public input that would necessitate bylaw amendments or a second Public Hearing, Administration recommends that Council give second and third readings of the Bylaw at the August 22, 2023 Council Meeting in order to immediately enact the bylaw changes.

External Communication

 A Public Hearing for Bylaw 1631/23 is scheduled earlier in the August 22, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices

- Section 7(i) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) allows Council to authorize enforcement of bylaws
- Land Use Bylaw 1385/17
- Community Standards Bylaw 1433/19
- Civic Addressing Bylaw 1616/23
- Surface Drainage Bylaw 1558/21

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment

 Operational Excellence – Updates clarify the responsibilities of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer designation and allow flexibility in issuing Municipal Violation Tags instead of only using Provincial Violation Tickets.

Organizational

Clarifying provisions within the four bylaws allows the Bylaw
 Enforcement Officer the ability to handle penalties independently.

Financial

 The municipality collects 100% of Municipal Violation Tag penalty revenue compared to approximately 60% of a Provincial Violation Ticket revenue.

Alternatives Considered

Council could defeat the Bylaw at second reading.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment

Alternatives Operational Excellence – Officers would rely on Provincial Violation Tickets or referrals to Peace Officers to enforce penalties.

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Organizational

Administration would be required to use multiple enforcement/peace officers to handle the same case work, resulting in lost efficiency.

Financial

None.

Follow up Action

- 1. Consolidate amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (Planning and Development Services, September 2023).
- 2. Consolidate amendments to the Civic Addressing Bylaw, Surface Drainage Bylaw, and Community Standards Bylaw (Legislative Services, September 2023).

Attachment(s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Bylaw 1631/23
- 2. Attachment 2: Bylaw 1385/17 Redline with changes from 1631/23
- 3. Attachment 3: Bylaw 1433/19 Community Standards Bylaw
- 4. Attachment 4: Bylaw 1616/23 Civic Addressing Bylaw
- 5. Attachment 5: Bylaw 1558/21 Surface Drainage Bylaw

Report Reviewed

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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		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 			\boxtimes
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			\boxtimes
Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale		⊠	
 Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 			\boxtimes
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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