

Agenda Item: 3.1

Briefing Note

Title	1:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Road Closure Bylaw 1646/23 – Block 3, Plan 866 CG, Alcomdale
Issue	To provide an opportunity for the public to comment on Bylaw 1646/23, which proposes to close a portion of lane within Block 3, Plan 866 CG, Alcomdale.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting Motion 006/24: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1646/23. November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Motion 382/23: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1634/23.
Report	 Background Information Item 4.2 of the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda addressed the application of the Alcomdale Community League to redistrict Block 3, Plan 866 CG (consisting of ±3.26 acres (1.32 ha)) from R4 – Hamlet Services Residential District to REC – Recreational District to accommodate existing development.
	At this meeting, Council gave third reading of the proposed Bylaw that allowed for the redistricting of the said lands.
	The following was also mentioned in the presentation: The site is bisected by two undeveloped road rights-of way and segmented into four separated parcels because of land title and road plan registrations dating back to the 1940s. Existing playground structures on the parcel cross multiple property lines and partially encroach onto the undeveloped road plan. To correct this issue, a road closure application (bylaw) will run concurrently. Once the roads are closed, the intention is to consolidate all parcels together under one title.
	 As such, Council gave first reading of Road Closure Bylaw 1646/23 at the January 16, 2024 Council Meeting resulting in this Public Hearing as the next step.
	 Alcomdale Community League is recognized as a not-for profit organization as defined in section 241(f) of the MGA; as such there is no requirement to advertise the transfer of the land.
	Following the Public Hearing, this Bylaw will be submitted to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for review and

approval. Once Ministerial approval is given, the Bylaw will be returned to Council for consideration of second and third readings.

External Communication

- Newspaper advertisements for the Public Hearing were placed in the Morinville Free Press and Redwater Review for the weeks of February 12 and 19, 2024.
- All landowners in Alcomdale were also notified of the Public Hearing by mail.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices

- Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA)
- Section 70(1) of the MGA
- Section 241(f) of the MGA
- Section 38.1 of the Highways Development and Protection Act

Implication

Strategic Alignment

Planned Growth – This applicant is seeking to consolidate the lands into one parcel to ensure the future success of the Alcomdale Community League.

Thriving Communities – Committing the proposed resources to this project will support the residents of Alcomdale and those individuals who book events at the Alcomdale Community Hall.

Collaborative Governance – The road closure process is legislated by the MGA. Those affected by the proposed bylaw are provided the opportunity to comment during the Public Hearing, ensuring communities are consulted and engaged. Decisions made by Council are transparent and based on policy after respectful and informed debate.

Organizational

Administration has capacity to process the proposed road closure and related administrative requirements.

Financial

None.

Follow Up Action

- 1. Submit the Bylaw to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for review and approval (Integrated Development and Land Services, March 2024).
- 2. Once Ministerial approval has been given, bring the Bylaw forward to Council for consideration of second and third readings (Integrated Development and Land Services, TBC).

Attachment (s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Road Closure Bylaw 1646/23 Block 3, Plan 866 CG, Alcomdale
- 2. Attachment 2: Descriptive plan showing proposed consolidation
- 3. Attachment 3: Public Hearing Process

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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

Con	nmunity Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A	
Planned Growth					
•	Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation			\boxtimes	
•	Modern broadband and digital capabilities			\boxtimes	
•	Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations		×		
•	Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning		×		
Thri	ving 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		×		
Envi	ronmental 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	
Coll	aborative Governance				
•	Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships		×		
•	Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			×	
•	Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale		×		
•	Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes		×		
Ope	rational 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		×		
•	Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			×	

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