

# Administrative Backgrounder

## Councillor Notice of Motion

<b>Title</b>	<b>Documentation of Heritage Trails in Sturgeon County (Deputy Mayor Stang)</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide information in response to Deputy Mayor Stang's Notice of Motion made at the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.
<b>Proposed Motion(s)</b>	That Council direct Administration to prepare a list of trails with historical significance on provincial and federal inventories within Sturgeon County.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	None.
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Council's Strategic Plan community outcome statement includes <i>Thriving Communities: Engaging cultural, historic, and civic amenities</i> .
<b>Statutory Requirement Considerations</b>	There are no statutory requirements for municipalities to review provincial and federal heritage surveys and registers for historic places.
<b>Alignment to Levels of Service Delivery</b>	Heritage conservation and preservation is not a level of service currently provided by Sturgeon County. Open Spaces is responsible for ensuring that capital projects and park plans comply with legislative requirements under the <i>Historical Resources Act</i> , which applies to all landowners in Alberta.
<b>Anticipated Human Resource Requirements</b>	Undertaking a review of provincial and federal heritage surveys, registers of historic places, and drafting the results in a report will require approximately six hours of staff time. This does not include any additional research and consultation with other stakeholders.
<b>Anticipated Financial Resource Requirements</b>	A review of provincial and federal heritage surveys does not require additional financial resources.
<b>Additional Background Information</b>	This scope of work will only include a search of designated or surveyed historic places under provincial and federal programs.

	Alberta municipalities are empowered under the <i>Historical Resources Act</i> to designate historic places through the passage of a local bylaw. The bylaw legally protects historic resources from demolition or alterations that take away from their heritage value.
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	None.
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