

Request for Decision

Title	Historical Sites Inventory Review
Proposed Motion	That Council accept the Alberta Heritage Survey and Register of Historic Places lists for Sturgeon County as information.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council accept the inventory of historical sites in Sturgeon County that are listed on the Provincial Survey and Register as information.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<u>February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 063/24: That Council direct Administration to prepare a list of sites with historical significance on provincial and federal inventories within Sturgeon County.
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <p>Historical Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sturgeon County is home to a rich built and cultural heritage comprised of unique stories, trails, and historical assets. The County resides in Treaty 6 Territory, and on the traditional lands of many Indigenous peoples, including the Cree, Métis, and other First Nations groups, who have inhabited this place for thousands of years, and continue to do so. The County's development has been greatly influenced by travel routes, including the Sturgeon River, trails, and later rail and highways, which facilitated transportation, trade, and prosperity for Indigenous Peoples and settlers alike. <p><u>Inventories (Surveys) and Designation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Alberta, historic sites are identified through a 'survey' process which is a collection of records about non-archeological historic places that are older than 50 years of age. (Note: Villeneuve Airport was built in 1976) The Alberta Heritage Survey includes sites in Sturgeon County. There are 34 properties listed, including sheds, barns, residential dwellings, commercial facilities etc. It is a work in progress including data from many sources. The full list is provided in Attachment 1.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A municipality can complete a more thorough historic survey by undertaking primary source research and extensive public engagement. • Sites considered for historic designation are then prioritized from the survey in collaboration with the property owner and through bylaw in accordance with its 'Statement of Significance' (SOS) which specifies exactly what makes the site special and worth preserving. • Once designated, a historic resource is normally placed on the 'Register of Historic Places' with the Province. • Administration undertook a scan of provincial and federal designated sites. Three sites in Sturgeon County are registered as historic resources. The detailed list is provided in Attachment 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Municipal Historic Resource: Eldorena Church; ○ Provincial Historic Resource: Notre Dame De Lourdes (Our Lady of Lourdes) Roman Catholic Church; and ○ National Historic Site of Canada: Fort Augustus & Fort Edmonton. • No historic trails within Sturgeon County are currently designated on either Register. • Heritage conservation and preservation provide a huge potential to make our natural, built and cultural heritage come alive by telling the stories and acknowledging our past in a way that sets us apart. • However, the County's history continues to be lost as time and growth opportunities evolve. • Heritage conservation and preservation is not a current undertaking or level of service provided by Sturgeon County. The County does not have a standard approach, defined organizational resource, or criteria to support heritage places. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta <i>Municipal Government Act</i> (MGA) • Alberta <i>Historical Resources Act</i> • Canada <i>Historic Sites and Monuments Act</i> • Sturgeon County Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw 1556/21
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p>Thriving Communities – Understanding Sturgeon County's historical context will support the development of integrated natural spaces and trail systems, cultivating safe, beautiful, and complete communities. Engaging cultural, historic, and civic amenities contribute to growth and innovation to ensure a</p>

	<p>vibrant future. By recognizing historic places, Sturgeon County can nurture strong community identity and pride.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u> None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u> None.</p>
Alternatives Considered	After receiving this information, Council may consider a subsequent motion(s).
Implications of Alternatives	The human resource and financial implications of any subsequent motion(s) would be dependent on the motion(s). Administration would require additional time to provide background information prior to seeking Council's further direction.
Follow up Action	None.
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment 1: Alberta Heritage Survey in Sturgeon County Attachment 2: Registered Historic Places in Sturgeon County
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>