

# CAP Levy Options

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# Purpose

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide Council with an overview of the recommendations in response to the motion to review the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy, focusing on the balance between broad community benefits and direct benefits to communities near aggregate operations.

# Context and Background

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With Motion 255/23, Council approved the Public Communications Plan related to the RERR, which included the following recommendation:

*Review the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy and allocation model, to reflect greater expected revenue over time and to achieve the following:*

- **The distribution of broad community benefit versus benefit to communities immediately near aggregate operations**
- The appropriate percentage of allocations of CAP levy for different types of initiatives (regulatory support, community facilities, local programs, infrastructure, municipal tax relief, etc.)
- Identify the possibility for supportive policies and procedures related to the allocation of the CAP Levy.

# Current State

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- Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) is enabled in Part 10 (*Taxation*) of the MGA:
  - *A CAP Bylaw authorizes Council to impose a levy in respect of all sand and gravel business operating in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of infrastructure and other costs in the municipality (Sec. 409.1(2))*
- Revenue generated through the resource extraction Community Aggregate Payment Levy (CAP Levy) is utilized to provide benefit to Sturgeon County residents.
- Sturgeon County provides funding to support a range of community facilities including arenas, community halls and seniors' centres.
- Community Capital Grants are funded through the Community Aggregate Payment Levy, for minor renovations and upgrades.
- Direct requests have been made directly to Council for larger capital projects.

# Overview of Options

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## Minor Grants (<\$75,000)

	Current	Option 1	Option 2
General Revenue	50%	50%	50%
CAP Levy Area	25%	37.5%	25%
Outside CAP Levy Area	12.5%		12.5%
CAP Levy Reserves	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%

## Major Grants (>\$75,000) (New Process For Both Options)

	Funding Sources	Initial Review
CAP Levy Area	CAP Levy Reserve	Sand and Gravel Committee
Outside CAP Levy Area	Community & Municipal Recreation Reserve	Community Services Advisory Board

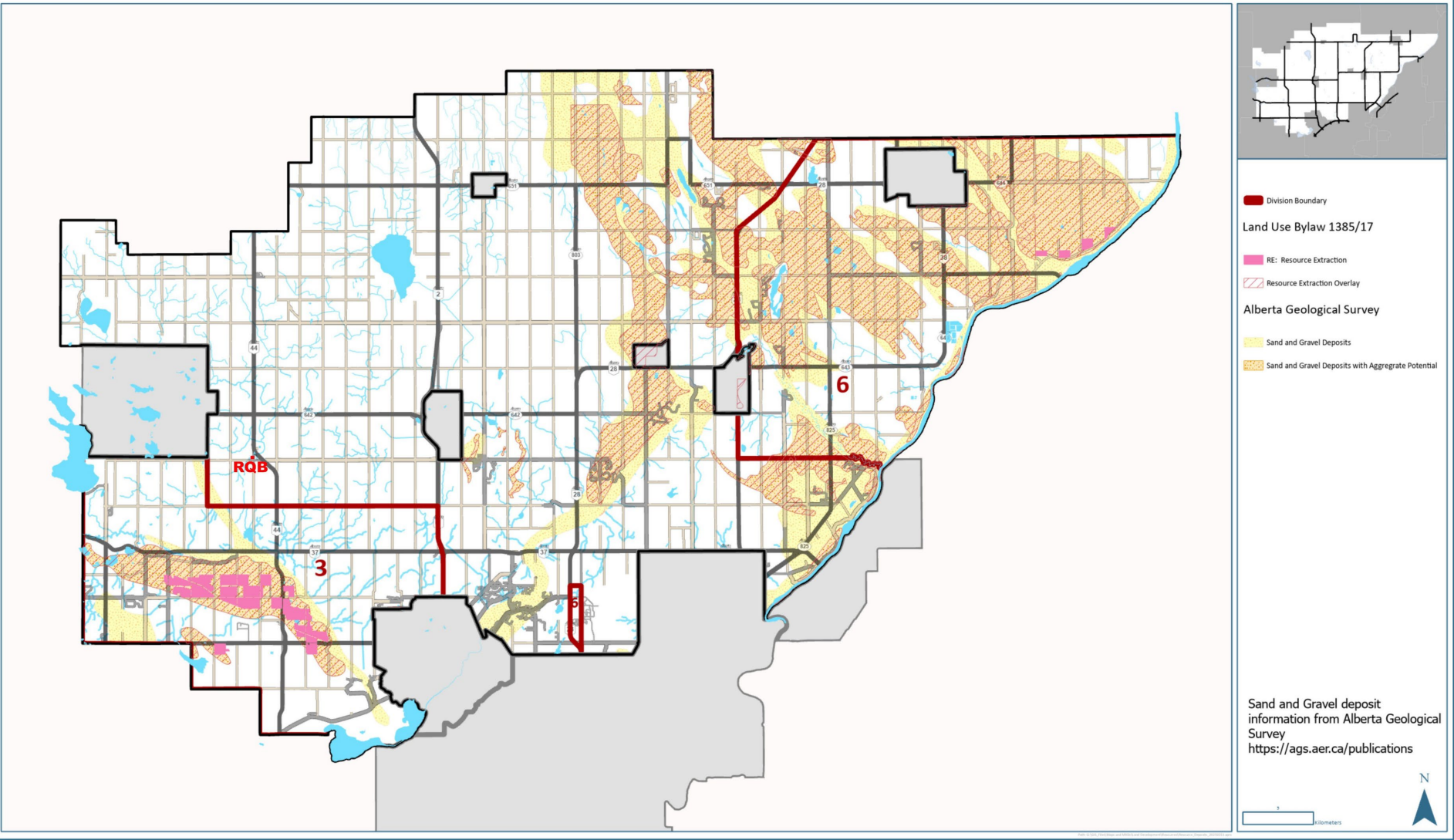
# CAP Levy Area

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- The previous CAP Levy area was defined in part by the Calahoo-Villeneuve Area Structure Plan which was repealed as part of the Resource Extraction Regulatory Review.
- There are mineral deposits and active pits located throughout the County, with the heaviest concentration being in Division 3 and Division 6.
- For the purpose of determining grant eligibility, a new definition of the CAP Levy Area needs to be established.
- Feedback from stakeholders has included a suggestion to expand the CAP Levy Area in Division 6 due to a lack of eligible groups in the area immediately surrounding the Sturgeon Industrial Park.

# Resource Extraction Maps

Sand and Gravel Deposit and Extraction Locations  
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# Proposed CAP Levy Area – Eligible Groups

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- Based on maps of existing operations and future deposits, Administration is recommending that the “CAP Levy Area” be defined to include Division 3, Division 6 and the RQB Ag Society.
- The impact of this boundary is as follows:

## Current

- Calahoo Golden Agers
- Villeneuve Athletic Association
- Villeneuve Happy Sixties Club
- West Sturgeon Ag Society
- West Sturgeon People Aging in Place

## Proposed

- Calahoo Golden Agers
- Casa Vista Country Club
- Coronado Community League
- Rivière Qui Barre Ag Society
- Villeneuve Athletic Association
- Villeneuve Happy Sixties Club
- West Sturgeon Ag Society
- West Sturgeon People Aging in Place

# Proposed Motions

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That Council direct Administration to bring forward the necessary policy updates to reflect a split of CAP Levy revenue as follows: 50% General Revenue, 37.5% Recognized Community Associations, 12.5% CAP Levy Reserves.

That Council define the CAP Levy Area as outlined in Attachment #1 to include Division 3, Division 6, and the RQB Agricultural Society.

That Council direct Administration to prepare updates to the Community Grant Policy to create a Minor and Major Capital Grant Program with funding for Major Capital projects in the CAP Levy Area to be funded through CAP Levy Reserves and those outside the CAP Levy Area to be funded through the Community & Municipal Recreation Reserve.



# Questions?