

Agenda Item: 5.3

## **Request for Decision**

### Title | 2025 Subsidized Dust Suppression Program 1. That Council approve the 2025 fully subsidized dust suppression **Proposed Motion** treatments in front of residences as identified in Attachment 1. 2. That Council approve a subsidy of \$205 per residence for dust suppression treatments as identified in Attachment 2. 3. That Council approve the locations identified in Attachment 3 for fully subsidized dust suppression treatments in 2025, at an additional cost of \$33,040 to be absorbed within the 2025 year base budget. Administrative Administration recommends that Council approve locations identified for **Recommendation** | subsidized mineral oil dust suppression treatment. Previous Council / March 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Motion 085/24: That Council approve the 2024 fully subsidized dust Committee suppression treatments in front of residences as identified in Attachment 1. Direction Motion 086/24: That Council approve a subsidy of \$205 per residence for dust suppression treatments as identified in Attachment 2. Motion 087/24: That Council approve the locations identified in Attachment 3 for fully subsidized dust suppression treatments in 2024, at an additional cost of \$17,700 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve. April 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Motion 128/23: That Council approve the 2023 fully subsidized dust suppression treatments in front of residences as identified in Attachment 1. Motion 129/23: That Council approve a subsidy of \$205 per residence for dust suppression treatments as identified in Attachment 2. Motion 130/23: That Council approve the locations identified in Attachment 3 as amended for fully subsidized dust suppression treatments in 2023, at an additional cost of \$20,060 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve. May 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Motion 180/22: That Council approve the 2022 fully subsidized dust

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suppression treatments in front of residences as identified in Attachment 1.

Motion 181/22: That Council approve a subsidy of \$205 per residence for dust suppression treatments as identified in Attachment 2.

Motion 182/22: That Council approve the locations identified in Attachment 3 for fully subsidized dust suppression treatments in 2022, at an additional cost of \$42,185, to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

### April 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion 260/21: That Council approve the addition of locations identified in Attachment 1 for fully subsidized dust suppression treatment in front of residences in 2021, and for the additional cost of \$70,800 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

Motion 261/21: That Council approve an additional subsidy of \$205 per residence for dust suppression treatment as identified in Attachment 2, and for the additional cost of \$27,768 to be funded from the General Operating Reserve.

### April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Motion 218/21: That Council approve fully subsidized dust suppression treatment in front of residences in 2021 as identified in Attachment 1.

### Report

### **Background Information**

- Sturgeon County's Dust Suppression Policy specifies that responsible party(ies) will be required to provide dust control to accommodate residents that are located along a designated haul route.
- The County has accepted responsibility as the responsible party in previous years for the following locations identified in Attachment 1:
  - o Range Road 280 from Hwy 633 north to dead end
  - o Range Road 10 from Hwy 37 to Pinesands
  - Township Road 544 from Range Road 253 (St. Albert boundary) to paved portion
  - Range Road 251 from Cardiff Pittsburgh north to Roseridge Landfill
  - Range Road 251 from Township Road 552 south to Highway 37
  - Sturgeon Valley routes to the Summerbrook Truck Fill and for residential construction access routes due to road bans
  - Gibbonslea/Lost Point Lake Access Road
  - Heartland Traffic Mitigation
  - Routes to the previous Heartland Traffic Mitigation routes
  - Range Road 261 from Highway 37 south past Northern Lights to
     St. Albert boundary

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- Range Road 260 from Highway 37 south past ProNorth Industrial
   Park to St. Albert boundary
- Range Road 255 from Highway 642 north to Township Road 564
   past Westmor Terminal and G3 entrances (four miles)
- Range Road 255 from Highway 642 south to Township Road 554 (two miles)
- Range Road 231 from Highway 643 south to Range Road 552 (six miles)
- Legal Alfalfa Road (Range Road 252A)
- Routes near Sturgeon Industrial Park (SIP) and Lamoureux connection to Highway 37 to accommodate Alberta
   Transportation capital project improvements/congestion
- o Range Road 232 from Township Road 572 north to Highway 651
- o Range Road 234 from Highway 37 north to Township Road 560.
- o Township Road 580 from Highway 2 west to Range Road 254
- Range Road 262 from bridge north of Fairhaven Subdivision for
   250 meters
- Waterdale Subdivision
- o Range Road 220 from Juniper Hills north to Redwater
- Range Road 225 from Township Road 554 to the major Equine
   Center
- Township Road 572 from Highway 28 east to Austin Acres
- Township Road 545 from Range Rd 275 west to Range Rd 280
- Township Road 582 from Lily Lake Road east to end of subdivision (Clearview Acres and Braun Village)
- Range Road 230 from Vista Road south to creek (360 metres)
- Township Road 554 from Range Road 234 west to Range Road 240
- Township Road 542 from Range Road 250 west to Range Road 251
- Twp Rd 562 from Hwy 803 east for 280 metres
- Township Road 540 between Highway 44 and Range Road 262
- Range Road 230 between Township Road 555A and Township Road
   554 100m at residence south of creek
- Township Road 570 300 meters west from Highway 44
- o Range Road 243 300m south from Hwy 37

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- In prior years, Council has authorized an additional subsidy of \$205 per residence for the following locations, identified in Attachment 2;
  - Gravel section of Highway 651
  - Range Road 240 north of Bon Accord to Township Road 564
  - Range Road 252 from Highway 651 to Township Road 580 past Leomar
- The following locations are being proposed to be added to the list of sites that Sturgeon County has accepted responsibility as the responsible party for dust suppression:
  - o Range Road 250 from Highway 37 to Township Road 554 (Cardiff Road)
  - Range Road 261 from Highway 37 to Township Road 552
- As part of the County's commitment to continuous improvement of service delivery, this allocation will support the use of a mineral oilbased dust suppression product, applied in combination with recycled asphalt millings. This approach will be implemented at locations where the County holds responsibility.
- This change marks a strategic shift away from the traditional use of calcium chloride, which has been a source of concern among residents due to its associated impact on vehicles. By reducing the number of calcium-treated sites, the County aims to improve the experience of residents who travel these roads.

### Implication of **Administrative** Recommendation

**Thriving Communities** – By providing this service, the County re-affirms its commitment to safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life for those impacted.

### Organizational:

The additional sites will require additional time to complete. It is expected that the dust suppression program will be completed in June.

### Financial:

In accordance with Council Motion 418/23, approved at the November 22, 2023 Council Budget Meeting, an ongoing annual allocation of \$250,000 has been established to support maintenance improvements across the County's road network. This allocation will support the use of a mineral oilbased dust suppression product, applied in combination with recycled asphalt millings.

# Alternatives

Council could add or remove roads from the proposed list of fully subsidized **Considered** roads for dust suppression.

### Implications of **Alternatives**

### Organizational:

Additional roads would take longer to schedule in the field; however, Administration has the capacity to deliver the program with minor changes.

#### Financial:

The funding impact would be dependent on Council's direction.

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**Follow up Action** 1. Provide fully subsidized dust suppression treatment at the sites approved by Council (Transportation and Engineering Services, Q2 2025).

### Attachment(s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Proposed 2025 Fully Subsidized Dust Suppression **Treatment Locations**
- 2. Attachment 2: Proposed Location for \$205 Dust Suppression Subsidy
- 3. Attachment 3: Proposed Additions to the 2025 Subsidized Dust **Suppression Program**
- 4. Attachment 4: Dust Suppression Policy
- 5. Attachment 5: Map 2025 Subsidized Dust Suppression Program
- 6. Attachment 6: Map \$205 Dust Suppression Subsidy
- 7. Attachment 7: Map Proposed Additions to 2025 Subsidized Dust **Suppression Program**

### **Report Reviewed** by:

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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			
• 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			×
• Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning		$\boxtimes$	
Thriving Communities			
<ul> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces</li> <li>&amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>		⊠	
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
Collaborative Governance			
Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships			
Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
<ul> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
Operational Excellence			
<ul> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>			⊠
<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>		⊠	
<ul> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>			×
Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			$\boxtimes$

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