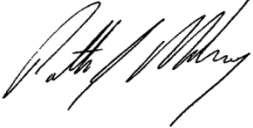




Request for Decision – to Council

Title	Fire Services Bylaw, Bylaw 1354/15
Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Council approves second reading of the Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15 as presented. 2. County Council approves third reading of the Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15 as presented.
Previous Council Direction	<p>June 9, 2015, Council provided first reading to this bylaw.</p> <p>May 26, 2015 at the Committee of the Whole Council received a presentation on this bylaw outlining its importance and legislative requirement. The presentation was accepted as information and administration was directed to bring before Council for first reading.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Fire Services Bylaw is a bylaw that outlines, authorises and guides the level of service provided by members of the County Fire Services to County residents and businesses. It contains current service levels regarding fire protection and response. Also included is expected training levels of members; • There is a Legislative Requirement under Occupation Health and Safety in conjunction with “Code of Practice for Fighters “; • The “Code of Practice for Firefighters “describes the minimum standard to which a service must comply. “...a fire department may provide and perform any number or type of emergency services with varying degrees of complexity, based on the resources of the municipality/owner and the technical expertise available to that department...”; • The 2007 Emergency Services Master Plan was compiled and it made the recommendation to have a bylaw that specified level of service or type of service from the fire department; and • 2014/2015 Corporate Initiative, Emergency Services Review for the Industrial Heartland and Sturgeon Industrial Park presented to Council at the March 24 Committee of the Whole meeting, building on the 2007 report, also included this recommendation and outlined the creation of this bylaw as a next step in providing services to these areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bylaw has been compared to other municipalities' bylaws, reviewed by legal and legislative services. It formalizes the services already in place and solidifies legislative requirements. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once bylaw receives third reading it will become the basis for the level of services provided by the Sturgeon County Emergency Services. Standard Operating Guidelines will be amended as required and all changes, if any, will be communicated to its members and any external partners on an as required basis, ie mutual aid agreements. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Occupational Health and Safety, code of Practice for Firefighters; and Sturgeon County Emergency Services Standard Operating Guidelines.
Administrative Recommendation	1) Administration recommends that County Council provides second and third readings.
Implication	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>By providing first reading to this bylaw County Council will be consistent with its approach to Strong Local Governance. It is also consistent with Maintaining and Enhancing Strong Communities and Operational Excellence formalizing those fire services that are being provided to County residents and businesses.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Current service levels will be clear, training expectations of members will be identified and the bylaw allows for additional services to be explored, added as deemed necessary.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>No impact at this time.</p>
Alternatives Considered	1. Council could decide not to provide second and third readings and direct staff to re-write bylaw or deem there is no requirement for such a bylaw at this time.
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not supporting this bylaw could leave some questioning Strong Local Governance in not recognizing the legislative need. The creation of this bylaw has also been recommend in two formal emergency services studies, not supporting this bylaw could affect the outcomes of the most recent study.

	<p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not formally approving this bylaw and its contents could send mixed messages to staff, residents and businesses on what services, service levels are supported by Council. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No impact at this time.
Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribution of new bylaw will be made to members to ensure they are aware of levels of service and training expectations. 2. Bylaw will be referenced when reviewing and compiling all new Standard Operating Guidelines and service levels.
Attachment (s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15- Fire Services Bylaw, draft
Report Reviewed by:	 <p>Fire Chief/Manager of Protective Services</p>  <p>Ian McKay, P.Eng, GM Municipal Services</p>  <p>Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills, resources and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>