

# Request for Decision – to Council

Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert Joint Infrastructure Review
That County Council receives the "Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert Joint Infrastructure Review" report as Information and refers to the Intermunicipal Affairs Committee meeting on June 24, 2015.
March 17, 2014: St. Albert Council passed a motion supporting the Infrastructure review with Sturgeon County including funding via grant application.
March 25, 2014: County Council passed a motion authorizing Sturgeon County to apply for a Regional Collaboration Grant with the City of St. Albert.
Background Information
<ul> <li>On June 26, 2013: The Intermunicipal Affairs Committee (IAC) formed an administrative sub-committee named the Intermunicipal Affairs Strategic Advisory Group (IASAG).</li> <li>The IASAG's work plan, updated by the IAC on February 26, 2014, guided the efforts of the IASAG. (Note: Resource requirements required the approval of each individual Council.)</li> <li>March 31, 2014: The project RFP was issued to Alberta Purchasing Connection.</li> <li>April 25, 2014: RFP closed.</li> <li>June 26, 2014: Contract signed with Urban Systems.</li> <li>Joint workshops were held between Administrations of both St. Albert and Sturgeon County on the following dates: <ol> <li>June 17, 2014</li> <li>August 18, 2014</li> <li>October 30, 2014</li> <li>December 3, 2014</li> <li>January 8, 2015</li> <li>February 12, 2015</li> </ol> </li> <li>Updates to IAC occurred on the following dates: <ol> <li>February 26, 2014</li> <li>June 25, 2014</li> <li>June 25, 2014</li> </ol> </li> <li>October 29, 2014</li> </ul>
<ul><li>3. October 29, 2014</li><li>4. February 25, 2015: Preliminary Presentation and latest Update</li></ul>

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#### **External Communication**

 Application for a grant of \$150,000 to the Alberta Municipal Affairs (Regional Collaboration Grant Program) was successful.

### Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

None

## Administrative Recommendation

That County Council accepts as information, the "Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert Joint Infrastructure Review".

#### **Implication**

#### Strategic Alignment:

Consistent with multiple focus areas.

## **Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership:**

We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes.

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Inter-municipal working agreements are developed which strengthens the competiveness of Sturgeon County and the sub-region.

## **Planned Growth and Prosperity:**

Sturgeon County balances the demand for new infrastructure while managing investments in current assets.

#### Organizational:

This project was a success as it has examined the optimal configuration and possibility of joint infrastructure servicing to support future land uses along the Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert shared border.

#### Financial:

The cost for this infrastructure review was 100% covered by provincial grants.

## Alternatives Considered

That County Council does not accept the "Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert Joint Infrastructure Review" as information.

## Implications of Alternatives

#### Strategic Alignment:

## **Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership:**

Inter-municipal working agreements would not be developed or delayed.

#### **Organizational:**

Negative impact on how Sturgeon County is perceived in terms of cooperation with neighbouring municipalities.

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#### Financial:

We completed this initiative with the use of provincial grant funding. To not complete the final steps could result in Sturgeon County losing on future funding requests.

## **Follow up Action**

- 1. Review adoption of St. Albert Council of the report.
- 2. Report to IAC that the report was adopted as information successfully by both City of St. Albert Council and Sturgeon County Council.

## Attachment (s)

 Final Report – Sturgeon County / City of St. Albert Joint Servicing Review

## **Report Reviewed**

by:

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## **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

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Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes ( Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			
Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies			$\boxtimes$
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			$\boxtimes$
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation			×
Respect the Natural Environment			
We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems ( Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			
Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation			
Ensure effective environmental risk management			⊠
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			×
Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County			$\boxtimes$
Enhances service provision through community partnerships			⊠
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		×	
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
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)			⊠
<ul> <li>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</li> </ul>			×
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications			$\boxtimes$
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure			×
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			×
Positive impact on residents' quality of life			$\boxtimes$
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		$\boxtimes$	
Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents		$\boxtimes$	
Operational Excellence			
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner			$\boxtimes$
Staff have the knowledge, skills, resources and capability to perform their jobs			⊠
Streamlines operational processes and policies			×
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			⊠
<ul> <li>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</li> </ul>			×

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