

Request for Decision

Title	Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Resolution re: Provincial Highway Access and Setback Authority
Proposed Motion	<p>1. That Council endorse the proposed Rural Municipalities of Alberta resolution, provided as Attachment 2, for consideration at the October 7, 2019 Pembina River Zone Meeting.</p> <p>2. That Council appoint Councillor Bokenfohr as the Resolution Champion for the October 7, 2019 Pembina River Zone Meeting and any further reviews.</p>
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Councillor Bokenfohr bring the attached Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) resolution forward, for Council's support.
Previous Council Direction	<p><u>June 25, 2019 – Motion 246/19:</u></p> <p>That Council direct Administration to engage Alberta Transportation to remove roadway setbacks of 800 metres as it restricts businesses throughout Alberta.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the June 25, 2019 regular Council meeting, Council directed Administration to engage with Alberta Transportation regarding 800-metre roadway setback requirements. • Following the meeting, Councillor Bokenfohr expressed a desire to bring the matter forward as a resolution at the October 2019 RMA Zone meeting for consideration, with additional context on road access as well. • A suggested resolution is attached for Council's consideration. The resolution advocates that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Rural Municipalities of Alberta engage with Alberta Transportation to reduce red tape that limits rural development or economic potential, through a delegation of additional authority to municipalities to regulate provincial highway access and setback requirements, and a review of the provincial framework in this area to reflect best practices from jurisdictions across Canada.” • Should Council approve the resolution, Administration recommends that Council appoint Councillor Bokenfohr as the Resolution Champion,

	<p>meaning that he would be responsible for speaking to the resolution at the Pembina River Zone Meeting and ensuring that a seconder for the resolution is secured.</p> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resolution will be shared with the RMA, through its Pembina Zone meeting. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resolution format aligns with the RMA’s requirements and there is no specific legislation that dictates format or content.
<p>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Local and Regional Governance - Taking the resolution forward is consistent with this Focus Area. Moreover, Council actively participates, influences, and represents Sturgeon County’s interests, per the Strategic Plan, at the regional, provincial and federal levels. <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resolution will require negligible time to support through Council’s Resolution Champion, and through Administration (Intergovernmental Affairs). <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
<p>Alternatives Considered</p>	<p>Council may choose not to approve the proposed resolution or may appoint a different Resolution Champion.</p>
<p>Implications of Alternatives</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The request expressed in the resolution likely carries more weight provincially if the RMA and its membership are communicating the same message and advocating the issue. Not approving the resolution may be a missed opportunity in this regard. <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of a different Resolution Champion would require that individual to familiarize themselves with the issue and present as required. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
<p>Follow up Action</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will submit the resolution to the RMA Pembina Zone Secretary (Development Services, September 2019). Administration will support the Resolution Champion to find a seconder for the Pembina River Zone Meeting (Development Services, September 2019).

**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 improving competitiveness and sustainability.*

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
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 and MDP pg. 36)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Manages growth for current and future developments through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development</i> <i>targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas</i> </i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are provided with access to opportunities and quality of life. (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports the safety of people and property</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strong Local and Regional Governance			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<i>We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>