



## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society – 2018 Tax Cancellation</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council cancel the 2018 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 – Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council support and promotes volunteerism in Sturgeon County through the cancellation of property taxes for Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society.
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	<p>June 13, 2017 – Motion 252/17 That Council cancel the 2017 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 - Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society</p> <p>June 28, 2016 – Motion 230/16 That Council cancels the 2016 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 - Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society</p> <p>June 23, 2015 – Motion 378/15 That County Council cancels the 2015 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 - Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society</p>
<b>Report</b>	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society is a not-for-profit organization.</li><li>• Current taxes amount to \$264.75.</li><li>• Taxes for previous three years: 2017 - \$263.95; 2016 - \$265.93; 2015 - \$262.31.</li><li>• Since 1973, local groups have recognized the value of the site and have worked to ensure that Riverlot 56 is maintained as a natural setting for outdoor education and recreation.</li><li>• The Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society was formed in 1980 and granted a lease to manage the site as a “Natural Area”. Its goal is to preserve the physical and ecological diversity of the area while promoting nature-oriented educational and recreational activities.</li><li>• The site received a designation of protection by the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas in 1987 and is a protected area.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information regarding the events and news of Riverlot 56 can be found on their website: <a href="http://riverlot56.ca">http://riverlot56.ca</a>.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 347(1)(b) of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> permits Council to cancel or refund all or part of the taxes levied.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b> - Sturgeon County actively supports the County's relationship with community associations, not-for-profit organizations and private/public enterprises.</li> <li><b>Respect the Natural Environment</b> - The environmental impact on natural areas is minimized for the enjoyment of the local and regional community.</li> <li><b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b> - Sturgeon County actively support and promotes volunteerism in in Sturgeon County</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sturgeon County maintains a mutually beneficial relationship with the Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society and facilitates the maintenance of the natural area by supporting their organization.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This cancellation will have minimal impact (\$264.75) on the 2018 budget.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternatives Considered</b></p>	<p>That Sturgeon County Council does not cancel the 2018 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 - Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society.</p>
<p><b>Implications of Alternatives</b></p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May not align with goals and may be inconsistent with the focus areas in the strategic plan. Inconsistent with past patterns.</li> </ul> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be not be any significant impact to the 2018 budget.</li> </ul>

- 
- Follow up Action**
1. Taxes will be cancelled immediately upon Council's direction (Financial Services June 30).
  2. A letter will be sent to the Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society notifying them of the tax cancellation (Financial Services June 30).
- 

- Attachment(s)**
1. Letter from Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society
- 

**Report Reviewed  
by:**



Ed Kaemingh, Manager Financial Services



Rick Wojtkiw, General Manager Corporate Support



Bill Minnes, County Commissioner-CAO

## 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
<b>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership</b>			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Respect the Natural Environment</b>			
<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"> <li><i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Identity &amp; Spirit</b>			
<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"> <li><i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planned Growth and Prosperity</b>			
<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"> <li><i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities</b>			
<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"> <li><i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>