

Agenda Item: <u>C.2.1</u>

## **Briefing Note**

Title 1:30 p.m. – Public Hearing – Bylaw 1387/17 – Lafarge Canada

Issue

To provide an opportunity for members of the public to present their comments to Council regarding proposed Bylaw 1387/17.

# Previous Council Direction

February 14, 2017 – Motion 093/17:

That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1387/17 to amend the Calahoo Villeneuve Sand and Area Structure Plan.

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#### **Background Information**

- Aspen Land Group Inc., on behalf of Lafarge Canada Inc., has applied for a text amendment to change the operational timelines for the Quick Extraction policy area, specifically for their Zone 1 from four (4) years to nine (9) years.
- In December 2016 the application was circulated to internal departments and external agencies; no objections or concerns were noted.
- The application was also referred to the Sand and Gravel Committee, who provided the following comments for Councils consideration:
  - Timelines established in the 2001 ASP Bylaw are no longer attainable or realistic.
  - Economy, changes in operation, and reclamation planning all impact the timelines.
  - The Committee did not identify any concerns or objections with the proposed time extension on this application.

#### **External Communication**

 The application has been circulated to the County's internal departments, and to external agencies, such as but not limited to Alberta Transportation, Alberta Health Services, and Alberta Environment.  Landowners within 800m of the subject lands were mailed an invitation to the hearing. In addition newspaper ads were placed for two consecutive weeks in *The Free Press* and *St. Albert Gazette*.

#### Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

#### Policy

- Municipal Development Plan 1313/13, Section E.4 Economic Health.
  - This section of the MDP identifies aggregate extraction as a significant economic contributor for this area of the County.
- Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Extraction Area Structure Plan 922/01, Section 8.4 Limited Extraction Period.
- The Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c.M-26, and amendments thereto authorize Council to establish and amend Bylaws.
- Provision 692 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c.M-26 and amendments thereto requires that a municipality hold a public hearing prior to giving second reading to a proposed bylaw.

#### **Implication**

#### Strategic Alignment:

#### Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership

- represents opportunity to address regional/provincial interests.
- extending the operational time frame for this gravel pit will allow the County to collect more within the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy.

**Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities** – the CAP levies collected from this operation will be invested back into the Calahoo-Villeneuve community.

#### Organizational:

Administration will coordinate the necessary requirements regarding advertising and notification for the Public Hearing.

#### Financial:

This extension would maximize the amount of money the County would receive under the CAP Levy.

#### **Follow Up Action**

- 1. Administration will work with the applicant to address any relevant concerns raised at the Public Hearing.
- 2. Administration will bring the proposed bylaw back to Council for consideration of second and third reading.

- Attachment (s) 1. Bylaw 1387/17 CVS&GASP Amendment
  - 2. Public Hearing Procedure Insert

### **Report Reviewed**

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