

Agenda Item: D.2

Request for Decision

Title	G3 Canada Limited (Second and Third Reading) Bylaw 1418/18 – Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 1385/17
Proposed Motion	 That Council give second reading to Bylaw 1418/18. That Council give third reading to Bylaw 1418/18.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration supports second and third reading of Bylaw 1418/18. G3 Canada Limited will subsequently apply for a development permit that can address the concerns raised at the Public Hearing through the permit conditions and development agreement.
Previous Council Direction	July 9, 2018 - Motion 206/18: That Council give first reading to Bylaw 1418/18.
Report	 Background Information The applicant and owner of the subject lands have applied to amend the County's Land Use Bylaw from Agriculture to Rural Industry Support on Part NE-06-56-25-W4M & SE-06-56-25-W4M, located west of Morinville. The rezoning is required to allow for the applicant to apply for a development permit for a grain elevator operation, with an estimated 14 permanent full-time employees. The operation will receive grain via truck in deliveries from local producers and load railcars for transportation to the West Coast. The facility is projected to handle approximately 400,000 metric tonnes per year.
	The proposed development and rezoning are consistent with the intent of the Municipal Development Plan, since the proposed development supports the needs of the County's primary industry and utilizes existing infrastructure (rail). As well, it is contiguous to existing rural industry support development. A Public Hearing was hold on August 28, 2018 and was kept open until
	 A Public Hearing was held on August 28, 2018 and was kept open until September 11, 2018. During this time, several concerns were raised by adjacent landowners regarding traffic safety, noise and dust.

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- One of the main concerns that was raised by the adjacent landowners
 was the traffic safety. G3 hired Stantec Consulting to prepare a Traffic
 Impact Assessment (TIA) which looked at the existing traffic patterns,
 the proposed traffic that would be generated by G3 and what this would
 look like over a twenty-year horizon. The conclusion of the TIA, which
 was approved by Alberta Transportation, was that a Type 2b
 intersection (improved turning radius) would be required.
- Adjacent landowners brought forward observations at the Public Hearing that this intersection is currently not safe and that the recommended intersection improvements would not address their safety concerns.
- Through discussions with G3, it was agreed that in lieu of paving Rge Rd 255, G3 would have Stantec revise the TIA by designing an intersection that would accommodate doubling of the traffic volumes accessing Rge Rd 255 off of HWY 642. This would address future traffic volumes, if and when Alberta Transportation requires the future closure of Westmor Terminals' current highway access. Due to the revised TIA, the intersection is proposed to be upgraded to a Type 3 intersection (turning lanes and tapers). It should be noted that this intersection will likely involve the acquisition of additional land for road right of way.
- G3 has agreed to upgrade Rge Rd 255 to ensure sufficient width and suitable materials, as a gravel road, to handle the proposed increase in traffic. G3 will also be entering into a Road Use Agreement with Transportation Services to address the enhanced road maintenance and dust suppression. This reconstructed roadway will be designed to accommodate future asphalt when required.
- On September 26, 2018, G3 arranged to have the owners of two nearby properties tour one of their existing facilities in Manitoba.
- G3 has modified their site plan to include berms and landscaping to minimize the noise, dust, and visual impacts.

External Communication

• Landowners within 1000 m of the subject lands were mailed an invitation to the public hearing. In addition, newspaper ads were placed for two consecutive weeks in the local papers (Free Press) as required by the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- The MGA authorizes Council to establish and amend Bylaws.
- Provision 692 of the MGA requires that a municipality hold a public hearing prior to giving second reading to a proposed bylaw.
- Municipal Development Plan 1313/13
 - Section 5.2: Promoting an Integrated Economy

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- Section 5.3: Administrating Responsible Primary Industry Subdivision and Development Practices
- Section 5.4: Implementing Responsible Non-Residential Subdivision and Development Practices
- Section 5.5: Fostering a Diverse Economy
- Outcome B4: Economic health output actions

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Planned Growth and Prosperity

- Goal 2.2 Sturgeon County fosters growth through the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy
- Strategy 2.2.2 Promote land use activities that provide a positive return on investment and facilitate the development of a complete community

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- Goal 2.3 Sturgeon County balances the demand for new infrastructure while managing investment in current assets
- Strategy 2.3.1 Encourage maximum development around existing County infrastructure

Organizational:

Administration will bring the development permit application to a future
 Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Financial:

None

Alternatives Considered

Council can refuse to grant second reading of the bylaw which would result in the current application being terminated.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment:

 If Council refuses to grant second reading the proposal will be defeated and will not proceed. The concerns with the existing intersection safety would not be addressed at this time.

Organizational:

 Administration will close the amendment file and will work with the applicant to find a potential alternative location within Sturgeon County.

Financial:

The County would not receive any additional tax revenue from these lands.

Follow up Action

If approved, Administration will bring the development permit application to a future Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

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Attachment(s)

- 1. Bylaw 1418/18
- 2. Schedule A to Bylaw 1418/18
- 3. G3 Location Map

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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			
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)			×
 Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation 			⊠
 Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan. 			\boxtimes
 Manages growth for current and future developments through: transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development 			⊠
 targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas 			⊠
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are			
provided with access to opportunities and quality of life.			\boxtimes
(Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)			
 Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life 			×
 Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets 			\boxtimes
Supports the safety of people and property			⊠
Strong Local and Regional Governance			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)			×
 Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement 			×
 Considers fiscal stability and sustainability 			\boxtimes
 Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships 		\boxtimes	
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)			⊠
 Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County 			\boxtimes
Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region		\boxtimes	
Environmental Stewardship			
We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)		\boxtimes	
 Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas 		×	
Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County		\boxtimes	

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