

Agenda Item: D.5

## **Request for Decision**

### Sturgeon County Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18 **Proposed Motion** 1. That Council give first reading to Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18. 2. That Council give second reading to Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18. 3. That Council give unanimous consent to proceed to third reading to Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18. 4. That Council give third reading of Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18. That Council gives first, second and third reading to Sanitary Sewer Administrative Recommendation Bylaw 1402/18 to align with the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission's (ACRWC) newly enacted "Quality Wastewater Bylaw No. 8", which was passed by the ACRWC board in March 2016. **Previous Council** None. Direction Report **Background Information** In March 2016, the ACRWC Board of Directors approved the "Quality of Wastewater Bylaw No. 8". It was recommended by the ACRWC that each of its members revise their wastewater bylaws to align with the ACRWC's bylaw by March 31, 2018. The bylaw outlines controls for the discharge of pollutants into the regional system and aims to protect the sewer system, the wastewater treatment process, the environment, the public and wastewater industry workers. Key changes include requirements for industrial and commercial facilities to install and properly maintain pre-treatment devices and keep maintenance records; and liquid waste haulers' requirement to complete and sign a manifest and then deposit in an approved location at the time of discharge. The bylaw also specifies new requirements to manage and report spills and a provision to require non-compliant dischargers to adopt Compliance Programs.

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- Sturgeon County's bylaw was revised utilizing the CCME (Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment) model sewer use bylaw guidelines, which were developed as part of the Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent to harmonize the management approach for municipal wastewater in Canadian provinces, territories and on federal and Aboriginal lands.
- The CCME guidelines are intended for the development of sewer use bylaws by municipalities, utilities and other organizations providing wastewater services to communities in Canada.

#### **External Communication**

- 31 letters were sent out March 5, 2018 to all impacted wastewater haulers, advising them of proposed changes to Sturgeon County's Sanitary Sewer Bylaw.
- The letter indicated that Bylaw 1402/18 was coming before Council on March 27, 2018.
- Impacted customers received Utility Services contact information, in the event they had questions relating to the changes.
- To date, Utility Services has received two calls requesting more information on the proposed bylaw change. No concerns were identified through these conversations.

#### Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Section 7, Municipal Government Act (MGA)
- Section 606, MGA
- Bylaw 1253/11, which will be repealed by this bylaw
- ACRWC Bylaw "Quality of Wastewater" No. 8 (2016)

#### Implication of Administrative Recommendation

#### Strategic Alignment:

**Respect the Natural Environment** – Sturgeon County will continue to comply with Provincial and Federal regulations and legislation.

**Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership** – The update of the Sanitary Bylaw 1402/18 is consistent with legislation, master plans, policies and procedures. Bylaw updates are a normal process in municipal governance.

**Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities** – amending the Bylaw demonstrates a commitment to the community to maintaining and updating existing infrastructure.

#### Organizational:

The MGA allows a municipality to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting public utilities.

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The ACRWC passed the Quality of Wastewater Bylaw No. 8 in March of 2016 and will implement this changes by March 31, 2018.

The Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18 will provide consistency between the newly enacted ACRWC Quality of Wastewater Bylaw No. 8 and the County's Sanitary Sewer Bylaw. In particular, it will offer consistency regarding the wastewater discharge limits and provisions under Liquid Waste Handling.

#### Financial:

None.

# Alternatives

That Council defers second and third reading of Sanitary Sewer Considered | Bylaw 1253/11.

#### **Implications of** Alternatives

#### Strategic Alignment:

As members and users of the ACRWC Wastewater Treatment Plant, the alternative put us out of compliance with the ACRWC Bylaw

#### Organizational:

Enforcement complications due to inconsistencies between the ACRWC bylaw and Sturgeon County's bylaw.

#### Financial:

None.

#### **Follow up Action**

- Notify ACRWC once bylaw is passed (Utilities).
- 2. Administration will ensure bylaw is available online (Legislative Services).

#### Attachment(s)

- 1. Request for Decision
- 2. Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1402/18
- 3. Sanitary Sewer Bylaw 1253/11
- 4. ACRWC Bylaw No. 8

#### **Report Reviewed**

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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
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
<ul> <li>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</li> </ul>			$\boxtimes$
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability		$\boxtimes$	
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation		$\boxtimes$	
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			$\boxtimes$
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		$\boxtimes$	
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		$\boxtimes$	
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)		×	
Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP		×	
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications		$\boxtimes$	
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure		$\boxtimes$	
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			
Operational Excellence	_ <del>_</del>		
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 and capability to perform their jobs		$\boxtimes$	
Streamlines operational processes and policies		$\boxtimes$	
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders		$\boxtimes$	
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context			

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