

Agenda Item: D.3

# Request for Decision

| Title                            | Bylaw 1450/19 - Amendment of Bylaw 1354/15, Fire Services Bylaw   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Proposed Motion                  | 1. That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1450/19.  |
|                                  | 2. That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1450/19.   |
|                                  | 3. That Council consider third reading of Bylaw 1450/19.  |
|                                  | 4. That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1450/19.  |
| Administrative<br>Recommendation | Administration recommends that Council give three readings to Bylaw 1450/19, an amendment Bylaw 1354/15, the Fire Services Bylaw.   |
| Previous Council                 | June 23, 2015:  |
| Direction                        | Motion 214/15: That County Council approves second reading of the Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15 as presented.   |
|                                  | Motion 215/15: That County Council approves third reading of the Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15 as presented.  |
| Report                           | Background Information  |
|                                  | Through regular department activities, reviews of bylaws are undertaken.  |
|                                  | • In 2015, Bylaw 1354/15 – Fire Services Bylaw, was approved by Council. This is a bylaw that outlines, authorizes and guides the level of service provided by the County Fire Department to residents and businesses. It contains current service levels regarding fire protection and response and the expected training levels for members.  |
|                                  | <ul> <li>Sturgeon County Protective Services has obtained equipment and has carried out formalized training in order to provide additional service to our County residents, visitors and industrial partners. Earlier this year, twenty-four members, including full time and paid on-call firefighters, were qualified in ice rescue. Therefore, Administration recommends adding this service to the Fire Services Bylaw (section 3.1(q)).</li> </ul> |
|                                  | In April 2019, a release in the City of Fort Saskatchewan occurred involving an industrial site. The action taken by the municipality   |

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prompted inquires and concerns from industry in the Heartland in relation to Sturgeon County's Fire Services Bylaw, and in particular, Section 13, Reporting. This section of Sturgeon County's Fire Services Bylaw, like many of our neighbouring municipalities' bylaws, lacked clarity.

In collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities and the Northeast Capital Industrial Association, common wording was discussed and agreed upon. Each municipality agreed to amend their respective bylaws. The amendment being presented and considered by Council still provides a requirement for reporting; however, it adds clarity for our industrial partners in relation to their activities.

#### **External Communication**

Industrial partners will be advised of the changes once the amendment has been passed.

## Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations
- Alberta Fire Code
- Alberta Occupational Health and Safety, Code of Practice for Firefighters
- Sturgeon County Emergency Services Standard Operating Guidelines

# **Implication of** Administrative Recommendation

#### Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership - Council continues to support key partnerships and maintains and enhances municipal service levels. The amendment of the Fire Services Bylaw ensures the County is meeting its legislative requirements.

Maintaining and Enhancing Strong Communities – The Fire Services Bylaw indicates the service level provided to Sturgeon County residents and businesses.

## Organizational:

Current service levels will be clear and training expectations of members will be identified.

#### Financial:

None.

# Alternatives Considered

Council could decide not to approve the Bylaw amendment.

# **Implications of** | <u>Strategic Alignment:</u> Alternatives

**Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership** - Not supporting this bylaw amendment would not support Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership

# Organizational:

None.

# Financial:

None.

# **Follow up Action**

- 1. Obtain Mayor and CAO signatures on the Bylaw (Legislative Services, September 2019).
- 2. Communicate the Bylaw amendments to industry (Protective Services, September 2019).

#### Attachment(s)

- 1. Bylaw 1450/19 Amendment to Fire Services Bylaw 1354/15
- 2. Bylaw 1354/15 Fire Services Bylaw

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# **Report Reviewed**

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Pat Mahoney, Manager of Protective Services/Fire Chief

Scott MacDougall, General Manager, Infrastructure Services

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO

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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)               |                | ×           |             |
| <ul> <li>Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation</li> </ul>   |                | X           |             |
| <ul> <li>Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan.</li> </ul>  |                | $\boxtimes$ |             |
| <ul> <li>Manages growth for current and future developments through:         <ul> <li>transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible</li> <li>land development</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                |             | ×           |
| <ul> <li>targeting growth around existing and identified future growth<br/>areas</li> </ul>   |                | $\boxtimes$ |             |
| 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)   |                |             |             |
| <ul> <li>Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on<br/>residents' quality of life</li> </ul>  |                |             | ⊠           |
| <ul> <li>Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets</li> </ul>  |                |             | $\boxtimes$ |
| 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)  |                |             | ×           |
| <ul> <li>Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic<br/>Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement</li> </ul>  |                |             | $\boxtimes$ |
| <ul> <li>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</li> </ul>   |                |             | $\boxtimes$ |
| <ul> <li>Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships</li> </ul>  |                | $\boxtimes$ |             |
| Community Identity & Spirit   |                |             |             |
| We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)  |                |             | ⊠           |
| <ul> <li>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</li> </ul>   |                |             | $\boxtimes$ |
| 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)  |                | $\boxtimes$ |             |
| <ul> <li>Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas</li> </ul>  |                | ×           |             |
| Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County   |                | $\boxtimes$ |             |

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