
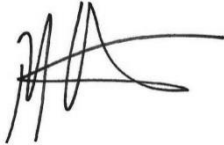



## Request for Decision – to Council

<b>Title</b>	<b>Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society – 2015 Tax Cancellation</b>
<b>Motion</b>	That County Council cancels the 2015 taxes levied against tax roll #5151000 – Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society
<b>Previous Council Direction</b>	<p>At the December 14, 1984 Regular Meeting of Council, Motion 2215/84 directed that the Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society make a yearly application to Sturgeon County to have their taxes cancelled.</p> <p>Sturgeon County Council has cancelled the taxes levied against Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society each consecutive year since 1984.</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 [REDACTED].</li> <li>• Taxes for previous year - 2014 were [REDACTED].</li> <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>• NA</li> </ul> <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 347 (1) (b) of the Municipal Government Act permits Council to cancel or refund all or part of taxes levied.</li> </ul>
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Sturgeon County Council support and promotes volunteerism in Sturgeon County through the cancellation of property taxes for Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society.
<b>Implication</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Goal 3.2</u> Sturgeon County actively supports the County’s relationship with community associations, not-for-profit organizations and private/public enterprises.</li> <li>• <u>Goal 2.2</u> The environmental impact on natural areas is minimized for the enjoyment of the local and regional community.</li> </ul>

Section 16 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act has been considered when severing this content.

	<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 on the 2015 budget</li> </ul>
<p><b>Alternatives Considered</b></p>	<p>That Sturgeon County Council does not cancel the 2015 taxes ( [REDACTED] ) 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 pattern.</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 no material impact to the 2015 budget</li> </ul>
<p><b>Follow up Action</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxes will be cancelled immediately upon Sturgeon County Council approval</li> <li>A letter will be sent to the Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society notifying them of the tax cancellation.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Attachment (s)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from Riverlot 56 Natural Area Society</li> </ol>
<p><b>Report Reviewed by:</b></p>	 <p>Ed Kaemingh, Manager Financial Services</p>  <p>Rick Wojtkiw, GM Corporate Support</p>  <p>Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

### 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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, resources 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"/>