

Agenda Item: <u>D.4</u>

Request for Decision

Title Snow and Ice Control Agreement with Westlock County

Proposed Motion

That Council authorize Administration to execute the Snow and Ice Control Agreement with Westlock County for snow and ice control services on Lily Lake Road for 3 miles north of County boundaries into Westlock County on a fee-for-service basis.

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends Council direct this agreement be executed.

Previous Council Direction

No previous direction.

Report

Background Information

- Sturgeon County conducts snow and ice control in accordance with Council Policy ply_SER_Snow_&_Ice_Control_2016, which defines levels of service for snow and ice control that are consistently implemented and funded through Council's approved budget parameters.
- County Administration, together with Westlock County Administration, through interactions with stakeholders, has identified the regional opportunity for Sturgeon County to conduct snow and ice control on Lily Lake Road beginning at the County boundary and extending north for a distance of 3 miles into Westlock County. This is an excellent example of regional collaboration which would have a very minor impact on Sturgeon County operations and services to our residents.
- The agreement permits Sturgeon County to conduct snow and ice control on a section of road on Lily Lake Road in Westlock County.
- Sturgeon County would invoice Westlock County for said services on a full cost-recovery basis.
- The agreement will be effective for a three-year period, subject to an annual review.

External Communication

None.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c.M26
- Sturgeon County Council Policy ply_SER_Snow_&_Ice_Control_2016

Implication

Strategic Alignment:

This agreement demonstrates Strong Regional Leadership. It is expected this type of service will be included in discussions with Westlock County regarding Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF).

Organizational:

This agreement has minimal impact on Transportation Operations capacity and ability to meet the defined service levels and winter snow and ice control policy for Sturgeon County residents.

Financial:

Costs incurred to execute terms of the agreement will be billed to Westlock County at a \$250 fee per service occurrence.

Alternatives Considered

1. To not engage into agreement.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment:

The relationship with Westlock County and potentially other neighbours will be impacted negatively.

Organizational:

Alternative has no impact to the current organization and ability to provide currently defined services.

Financial:

Alternative has no financial implications.

Follow up Action

1. Sturgeon County's Manager of Transportation Services and Westlock County's Director of Infrastructure will execute the agreement (January 2018, Transportation).

Attachment (s) 1. Snow and Ice Control Agreement

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)			⊠
Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies			×
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			×
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation			⊠
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		\boxtimes	
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			×
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		×	
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			×
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		×	
Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents			×
Operational Excellence			
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner			×
 Staff have the knowledge, skills, resources and capability to perform their jobs 			×
Streamlines operational processes and policies			×
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			×
 Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context 			×

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