

Agenda Item: B.3

Briefing Note

Title Heartland Area Residents Task Force – Draft Terms of Reference

Issue

To review the draft Terms of Reference with Council and gather input prior to finalizing for consideration at a subsequent Council Meeting.

Previous Council Direction

December 12, 2017 – Motion 473/17: That Council direct Administration to develop a Terms of Reference regarding a Heartland Residential task force to bring forward to Council on January 23, 2018.

<u>September 12, 2017</u>

Motion 387/17: That Administration bring forward an up-to-date and comprehensive inventory of occupied Heavy Industrial zoned lands within the Sturgeon County Industrial Heartland area (Neighbourhood J) to the November 28, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion 388/17: That Administration prepare a report identifying potential investments to enhance the quality of life of residents living on Heavy Industrial zoned lands within Sturgeon County, that could be contemplated over the next 5 to 10 years, and funded in accordance with the 'Heartland Mitigation Strategy' priority of the Significant Tax Revenue Growth Policy approved on March 28, 2017, and bring forward for discussion in QI 2018.

July 10, 2017 – Marty Derouin made a presentation to Council during regular Council Meeting.

Report

Background Information

- In 2003 and 2004 Sturgeon County adopted a number of amending bylaws redistricting lands within the Alberta's Industrial Heartland Area Structure Plan to a Heavy Industrial land use district to ready the lands for forecasted heavy industrial growth in the area.
- Some residential properties were purchased by heavy industrial companies and others were not. The Land Use Bylaw does have provisions to allow the existing residential land uses to remain, but very limited ability to expand these non-industrial land uses.
- The full extent of growth forecast in 2003 has not materialized and many of the existing residents have been left to adjust to life in a partially developed industrial area.

- The proposed Task Force would be established to discuss and fully understand existing quality of life issues residents are experiencing and then work towards making recommendations to Council to mitigate these issues.
- The draft Terms of Reference (TOR) is being presented for review by Council to garner any further input before finalizing the document and presenting for a decision at a future Council Meeting.

External Communication

Following the December 12, 2017 Council Meeting, where direction was provided (Motion 473/17), Mr. Marty Derouin and Mr. Robert Shaw both expressed interest in providing input into the draft TOR before presenting to Committee of the Whole on January 23, 2018. The draft TOR has been referred to them and their comments have been noted.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Part 17 of Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 c.M-26
- Municipal Development Plan Neighborhood J
- Alberta's Industrial Heartland Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 1118/07)
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

Implication

Strategic Alignment:

Community Identity and Spirit - the establishment of a Resident Task Force with actions aimed at evaluating next steps the County can take to address concerns of residents.

Planned Growth – encouraging further development within the Sturgeon County Industrial Heartland Area.

Organizational:

If supported, select staff would be assigned to work on or with the Task Force. Although this is unplanned work it is not anticipated to have a negative impact on existing priorities.

Financial:

None, other than staff time participating on the Task Force.

Follow up Action

1. Administration will make any suggested revisions to the draft TOR and bring back a Request for Decision at a future Council Meeting.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Draft Terms of Reference
- 2. Schedule 1

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