

Agenda Item: <u>D.8</u>

Request for Decision

| Title | Bylaw 1401/18, Road Closure of Plan 7620104 (First Reading) |
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| Proposed Motion | That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1401/18, Road Closure of Plan 7620104. |
| Administrative Recommendation | That Council approve first reading of Bylaw 1401/18 to allow the road closure to proceed to a Public Hearing. |
| Previous Council Direction | None. |
| | On August 31, 2017, the owner of NE-15-57-20-W4M (NE15), applied to the County to close Road Plan 7620104 and requested that it be consolidated into his property. Prior to this road plan being created, the NE15 was a landlocked parcel. According to the Applicant, to develop the parcel, he was required to purchase the land for current right-of-way and dedicate it to the County (Thorhild County). The Applicant obtained permission from Thorhild County in 1976 to |
| | The Applicant obtained permission from Thornild County in 1976 to place a gate across this roadway at RR203 and stated that since then he has maintained this road at his cost. As a result of Order in Council 910/77, these lands were placed under the jurisdiction of Sturgeon County on September 6, 1977. The County has obtained and executed a proposal from a third-party consultant to assist with road closure, which the costs will be rebilled to the applicant. On November 16, 2017, the County and Applicant entered into an agreement, outlining the value of the land and the rebilling of the work required to complete the road closure. |

and parcels adjacent to the proposed closure.

Notifications of the road closures were sent to all third-party interests

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External Communication

Public Hearing notification will be sent out for all adjacent landowners of the proposed road closure. As well, the public hearing will be advertised in the local newspaper.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Section 22 of the *Municipal Government Act*

Implication of **Administrative** Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Planned Growth and Prosperity

Goal 2.3 is "Sturgeon County balances the demand for new infrastructure while managing investment in current assets". This road is currently an asset of the County's and is not maintained.

Organizational:

Administration will coordinate the signing for first reading of the attached bylaw and forward to the Minister of Transportation for review and approval, following the Public Hearing. Second and third reading will proceed to Council after the Minister has signed the bylaw.

Financial:

The attached Road Closure Transfer Agreement outlines how the purchase of the road allowance will be completed. This agreement specifies an amount per acre as the purchase price of the subject land. The dollar-peracre value was provided by the County Assessment Department.

Alternatives Considered

That County Council does not approve first reading for Bylaw 1401/18.

Implications of **Alternatives**

Strategic Alignment:

Goal 2.3 is "Sturgeon County balances the demand for new infrastructure while managing investment in current assets". If this road is deemed to be needed, then it should be kept and maintained by the County.

Organizational:

The bylaws will not be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation as first reading is required prior to being able to do so.

Financial:

The County would have future operational obligations which would have a financial impact.

Follow up Action 1. Schedule and advertise for Public Hearing.

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Attachment(s)

- 1. Bylaw 1401/18, Road Closure of Plan 7620104
- 2. Surveyed Road Plan 7620104
- 3. Road Closure Map

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 |
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| 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 | | | \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 | | \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 | | \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 | | | ⊠ |
| 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 | | \boxtimes | |
| Supports and promotes volunteer efforts | | \boxtimes | |
| Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents | | \boxtimes | |
| 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 and capability to perform their jobs | | | |
| Streamlines operational processes and policies | | \boxtimes | |
| 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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