

Agenda Item: D.1

Request for Decision

Title Bylaw 1403/18 - Bylaw Regulating Operation of Off-Highway Vehicles Within Sturgeon County (Second and Third Reading)

Proposed Motion

- 1. That Council accept the proposed changes to Bylaw 1403/18 as presented.
- 2. That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1403/18 as amended.
- 3. That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1403/18.

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends that Council give consideration for second and third reading of this bylaw as this project was within the 2017/2018 Protective Services Department Business Plan.

Previous Council Direction

February 27, 2018

Motion 057/18: That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1403/18.

December 14, 2004

Motion 665/04: That Bylaw 1047/04 be given third reading this 14th day of December 2004.

Report

Background Information

- Through regular department activities, reviews of bylaws are undertaken, and updates are a normal process in municipal governance. The current bylaw in place relating to the "Operation of Off Highway Vehicles Within Sturgeon County" was last reviewed and approved in 2004. There were substantial updates, and it was determined that a replacement bylaw should be prepared for Council's consideration.
- The revisions made to the bylaw are consistent with recently established Provincial legislation, policies, and procedures.
- Subsequently, notice of the updated bylaw can be placed onto the County's website for review for those who choose, with a contact phone number to Protective Services for additional inquiries.

NEW INFORMATION

 After first reading was given and applying comments received from Council in conjunction with Communications, the proposed amendments for Bylaw 1403/18 were advertised through regular means such as County website, local paper, twitter etc. Enforcement Staff also developed and held a public OHV/ATV safety presentation, which also

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September 13, 2018 September 25, 2018 provided an opportunity for those in attendance to learn about the proposed changes and provide feedback.

- Overall feedback received regarding content was favourable. There
 were comments made regarding general enforcement, operation on
 roadways. Also, some concerns were raised about damages caused to
 ditches and driveways.
- Since first reading, the following changes have been made, along with general formatting, and are within the attached track changes version:
 - Paragraph 1 Reworded to read "Title: This bylaw may be referred to as the "Regulating the Operation of Off-Highway Vehicles Within Sturgeon County Bylaw";
 - Paragraph 2(d): definition of "Highway" reformatted, and the following wording was added "This includes highways owned and managed by Sturgeon County";
 - Paragraph 2(h): definition of "Operator's license" or "Driver's License" was added;
 - Paragraph 3(i): Hours of Operations amended to 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight versus 8:00 am to 11:00 pm as previously presented;
 - Paragraph 10 referring to schedules being changed by resolution of Council was removed as it conflicts with section 191 of the MGA;
 - Paragraph 14, date of first reading inserted;
 - All paragraph numbering re-adjusted.

External Communication

 If second and third readings are approved, in conjunction with the Communications Department, plans will be made for advertising, notifying the public of the changes in the upcoming weeks, i.e., local newspaper, website etc.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000 c.T-6

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – The update of the Regulating Operation of OHV Bylaw is consistent with legislation, master plans, policies and procedures. Bylaw reviews and updates are a normal process in municipal governance.

Organizational:

Having up-to-date and current bylaws ensures duties and responsibilities of staff are being conducted properly and all legislative requirements are being met.

Financial:

Low impact. There will be some advertising costs in relation to the Bylaw implementation.

Alternatives Considered

No action; the current Bylaw could have been left in place.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment:

 By not progressing forward with updates, this does not support Strong Local Government and Regional Leadership.

Organizational:

No impact.

Financial:

None.

Follow Up Action

- 1. Collaborate with the Legislative Services and Communications
 Departments and determine the best means of finalizing format and
 communications related to bylaw changes.
- 2. Enforcement Service Staff and local RCMP Detachments will be provided the details of the new bylaw and undertake to educate residents during the normal course of their duties and during public engagements.

Attachment (s)

- 1. Bylaw 1047/04
- 2. Bylaw 1403/18 First Reading
- 3. Bylaw 1403/18 Track Changes

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 		X	
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		\boxtimes	
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure		\boxtimes	
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 and capability to perform their jobs			
Streamlines operational processes and policies			\boxtimes
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			\boxtimes
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context		\boxtimes	

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