

Agenda Item: B.1

Briefing Note

Title Open Space Master Plan Implementation Update

Issue Update on Corporate Business Plan initiative.

Previous Council Direction

<u>September 26, 2017</u> – Motion 400/17: That Council approve the Asset Management Policy as presented.

<u>December 13, 2016</u> – Motion 449/16: That Council approve the 2017-2019 Corporate Business Plan.

<u>February 9, 2016</u> – Motion 043/16: That Council approve the Open Space Master Plan and support its use by Administration in future planning.

Report

Background Information

- Phase II: Planning for Implementation of the Municipal Reserves, Parks and Open Space Master Plan is included as an initiative under Strategic Goals 3.2: Sturgeon County residents have access to programs, services and infrastructure that contribute to their well being and quality of life.
- The proposed framework is intended to start the conversation and build an understanding of the scope and scale of a comprehensive approach to open space development. This foundational work will support current initiatives and guide the development of a future Municipal Reserve Policy to guide long-term planning.
- Sturgeon County's public land inventory includes approximately:
 - 81 Environmental Reserve parcels;
 - 115 Municipal Reserve parcels;
 - o 132 Public Utility lots; and
 - o 186 Reserve parcels.
- The County is rich in reserve land but facility and amenity poor. Most parcels remain undeveloped and undermaintained.
- The value that parks and open spaces add to building strong, resilient communities is well researched and documented.

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 One of the principles in Council's asset management policy is systematic - take a methodical approach (i.e. formal, repeatable, and consistent) to the management of assets. Development of defined, achievable and affordable Levels of Service is key to measuring and improving performance.

External Communication

 There has been no communication with the public regarding the draft Levels of Service for open space management in Sturgeon County.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Asset Management Policy
- Open Space Master Plan

Implication

Strategic Alignment:

A quote from our Strategic Plan: "To achieve success, Council needs to be very deliberate in moving forward." This work is characterized by the phrase, "solidifying the foundation and working together to build our Community".

Organizational:

Being able to deliver consistent and defined level of service to our residents improves our efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Financial:

There is no financial impact to the development of this framework. Future investments in our assets will be planned and reflected in capital budgets.

Follow Up Action

1. Gradual implementation of the framework aligned with capital budget and community needs

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Attachment (s)

- 1. Service Level Information
- 2. Decision-making Process
- 3. Draft Framework

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