

Agenda Item: <u>D.7</u>

Request for Decision

Title	Bylaw 1440/19 – Closure of Road Plan 7770Z (First Reading)		
Proposed Motion	That Council give first reading to Bylaw 1440/19.		
Administrative Recommendation	That Council give first reading to Bylaw 1440/19 to close Road Plan 7770Z. The closure of this road allowance will allow the Sturgeon School Division No. 24 to consolidate the Camilla school site into one parcel.		
Previous Council Direction	April 24, 2018 Motion 127/18: That Council approve a Resolution to temporary closure of a portion of road in Rivière Qui Barre described as: Plan 7770Z All that portion of road lying north of a line drawn from the southeast corner of Lot 3 to the southwest corner of Lot 18 on said Plan and lying south of a line drawn from the northeast corner of Lot 10 to the northwest corner of Lot 11 on said Plan. Motion 128/18: That Council authorize the County Commissioner to enter into a License Agreement, for the area of the temporary closed road, with the Sturgeon School Board.		
Report	Background Information		
	• In April 2018, Council approved a temporary closure of this section of road to allow the Camilla School Replacement Project to proceed. As part of the project, the School Board is required to consolidate the lots into a single parcel.		
	• In 1969, Sturgeon County (formerly Sturgeon No. 90) and Alberta Transportation (formerly the Ministry of Highways) approved Bylaw 93/69 to close this portion of road and to consolidate it into the lands owned by the Sturgeon School Division No. 24.		
	 After reviewing Bylaw 93/69 and enquiring with Alberta Land Titles (LTO), it was confirmed that although this bylaw was approved it was never submitted to LTO, and therefore never closed. It was also determined by LTO that the road description contained within the bylaw was invalid and that a proper metes and bounds description was required as part of the new bylaw. 		

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- Administration discussed the 1969 Road Closure Bylaw with Alberta Transportation (AT), and it was determined that a new road closure is necessary.
- This process will follow Alberta Transportation procedures for road closures.
- Council must give first reading to the bylaw prior to submitting the signed, dated original bylaw to the Minister of Transportation for approval. A Public Hearing is also required prior to sending the bylaw to the Minister of Transportation for approval.
- The School Board could be defined as a non-profit organization under s. 241(f) of the Municipal Government Act ("as an entity established under a law of Canada or Alberta for any purpose other than to make a profit"). This means that the County may choose to transfer the land to them for less than market value.

External Communication

- Notifications of the road closures were sent to all third-party interests for parcels adjacent to the proposed closure area.
- Public Hearing notifications will be sent out to all landowners within 800m of the proposed road closure area. The Public Hearing will be advertised in the local newspaper.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act
- Section 38.1 of the *Highways Development and Protection Act*

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Planned Growth and Prosperity – The proposed Road Closures are in alignment with Goal 1.2 – "Sturgeon County plans for responsible growth through the Sturgeon County Municipal Development Plan and regional growth management plans" and Goal 1.3 – "Sturgeon County manages growth for current and future developments", of the Strategic Plan. MDP Neighborhood B directs growth and development to the Hamlet of Rivière Qui Barre, and the closure of this road allowance will allow for a new school in that areas to be constructed.

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. Once the Minister has signed the bylaw, it will come to Council for consideration of second and third readings.

Financial:

None.

Alternatives Considered

Council could choose to defeat Bylaw 1440/19 at first reading.

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Implications of **Alternatives**

Strategic Alignment:

This action would not align with previous County direction, such as working with the School Board in 1969 to close this section of road or in 2018 when the County approved the temporary closure in advance of the permanent closure.

Organizational:

The bylaw would not be forwarded to the Minster of Transportation.

Financial:

Unknown.

Follow up Action | 1. Advertise for the public hearing.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Bylaw 1440/19
- 2. Location 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
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 and MDP pg. 36)			×
 Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation 			⊠
 Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan. 			\boxtimes
 Manages growth for current and future developments through: transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development 			×
 targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas 			⊠
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are provided with access to opportunities and quality of life. (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)		×	
 Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life 		×	
Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets			\boxtimes
Supports the safety of people and property		×	
Strong Local and Regional Governance			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)			×
 Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement 			
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			\boxtimes
Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships			\boxtimes
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)		×	
 Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County 		\boxtimes	
Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region		×	
Environmental Stewardship			
We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)		×	
 Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas 		×	
 Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County 		\boxtimes	

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