

Agenda Item: <u>D.2</u>

Request for Decision

Title 10:00 a.m. Heartland Residents Task Force Recommendations **Proposed Motion** 1. That Council accept the Heartland Residents Task Force recommendations as information. 2. That Council direct Administration to bring forward a Request for Decision to the September 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting outlining proposed responses to the Heartland Residents Task Force recommendations for Council's consideration. Administrative That Council accept the Heartland Residents Task Force Recommendations Recommendation as information. That Council also directs Administration to provide suggestions on how to respond to the Heartland Task Force Recommendations and bring a summary back to a future Council for further consideration. **Previous Council** May 22, 2018 – Motion 159/18 Direction That Council amend the Heartland Residents Task Force Terms of Reference Membership Section 5.1 to allow for up to seven public members living on parcels districted IH-Heavy Industrial within the AIH-ASP boundary. February 27, 2018 Motion 059/18: That Council approve the Heartland Area Residents Task Force Terms of Reference. Motion 060/18: That Council rescind Motion 388/17. December 12, 2017 - Motion 473/17 That Council direct Administration to develop a Terms of Reference regarding a Heartland Residents task force to bring forward to Council on January 23, 2018. September 12, 2017 Motion 387/17: That Administration bring forward an up-to-date and

comprehensive listing 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 - 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 Q1 2018.

January 27, 2015 – Motion 027/15

That County Council direct staff to include in 2015 Council Retreats, further development of the approach to addressing impacts of heavy industrial growth in the Heartland area on remaining residents.

Report

Background Information

- On June 21, 2018, the first Heartland Residents Task Force ("the Task Force") meeting took place. At this meeting, the following items were addressed: nominations of a Chair and Vice-Chair, discussion surrounding existing issues in the Heartland and discussion surrounding identifying options to improve the quality of life for Heartland residents.
- On July 12, 2018, the Heartland Residents Task Force met, and the Chair went over a PowerPoint presentation that identified issues that residents face on a regular basis, with ideas on how those issues could be addressed.
 - As part of this meeting, the Task Force also agreed to the following mission statement: "The mission of the Heartland Residents Task Force is to increase the quality of life of those residents who are living within the Heartland and to explore alternative options."
- On August 12, 2018, the Task Force met to discuss the following:
 - Chief Mahoney outlined the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for the Heartland.
 - The Task Force reviewed and discussed their role and goals as a Task Force.
 - At this meeting, the Task Force agreed that it would be in the best interest of the process to look at an external facilitator for future meetings.
- On November 22, 2018, Sturgeon County entered into an agreement with Barbara McNeil & Associates to facilitate future meetings between the Task Force and Administration.
- On January 12, 2019, a facilitated workshop occurred between the Task Force members (including Mayor Hnatiw and Councillor Shaw) and the CAO.
- On January 30, 2019, Administration met with the Task Force to answer questions and provide feedback on proposed mitigations.

- On April 8, 2019, Administration met with the Task Force to review the draft set of recommendations and answer questions about the process going forward.
- Ron Shaw, the Chair of the Heartland Residents Task Force, will be in attendance at the June 11, 2019 Council meeting to present the Task Force's recommendations to Council.

External Communication

- On April 3, 2018, letters were sent to 30 residents asking for volunteers to serve on the Task Force.
- In early May 2019, letters were sent out to all landowners in the Heartland advising them of the presentation to occur by the Task Force at the June 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Municipal Development Plan Neighborhood J
- Alberta's Industrial Heartland Area Structure Plan (Bylaw 1118/07)

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

The work of the Task Force provides further insight into the issues faced by those who are currently living in Sturgeon County's portion of Alberta's Industrial Heartland, with actions aimed at evaluating next steps the County can take to address the concerns of residents

Sturgeon County Strategic Plan – 2018-2027

Focus Area: Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities

Community Outcome: We are committed to a safe and viable community, where our residents are provided with access to opportunities and quality of life.

Goal 2.1.3 - Sturgeon County residents have access to programs and services that contribute to their well-being and quality of life by having short- and long-term impacts assessed on the changing needs in Sturgeon County.

Focus Area: Strong Local and Regional Governance

Community Outcome: We provide consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes.

Goal 3.1.2 – Sturgeon County provides effective leadership and management by having opportunities for residents to represent the community and participate in municipal matters, including Boards and Committees of Council

Organizational:

Administration across the organization assisted the Task Force by providing technical support, subject matter expertise, and assistance where required.

Financial: Unknown at this time. **Alternatives** Council could decide not to accept the Heartland Residents Task Force Considered recommendations as information. Implications of Strategic Alignment: **Alternatives** The status quo will be maintained. Organizational: The status quo will be maintained. Financial: None. **Follow up Action** Administration will bring forward a Request for Decision to the September 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting outlining the proposed recommendations for Council's consideration.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Task Force Terms of Reference
- 2. Task Force Report to Council

Report Reviewed

bv:

Colin Krywiak, Manager, Current Planning & Development

Collin Steffes, General Manager, Integrated Growth

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO

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 		\boxtimes	
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			⊠
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			⋈
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			⊠
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		×	