




Request for Decision

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| Title | Bylaw 1433/19 - Community Standards Bylaw (First Reading) |
| Proposed Motion | That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1433/19. |
| Administrative Recommendation | Administration recommends that Council give first reading of Bylaw 1433/19. |
| Previous Council Direction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the Community Standards Bylaw is a corporate initiative under Goal 2.3 of the County's 2019-2021 Corporate Business Plan. • At the July 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Administration presented the proposed draft Community Standards Bylaw. • At the August 28, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, Administration presented initial findings surrounding the formation of a Community Standards Bylaw. |
| Report | <p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the past several years, requests for service have been received by Protective Services and issues raised with members of Council surrounding noise, unsightly properties, number of animals on a property, outdoor storage, etc. • Various discussions have been held by staff and Council over several years surrounding the viability of a Community Standards Bylaw to guide issues raised by the public (residents, property owners, and visitors). • The Community Standards Bylaw can address areas not currently contemplated within the Land Use Bylaw. • As part of the 2018 Department Business Plan, Protective Services committed to conducting research into how other municipalities are addressing issues typically found within a Community Standards Bylaw. • In a collaborative approach with the assistance and support of Development Services, preliminary research was conducted, and a report of findings was compiled. These findings were presented to Council at the August 28, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. • Collaborative work has continued over the last several months with meetings between Agriculture Services, Community Services, |

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| | <p>Development Services and Protective Services, the culmination of which has resulted in the proposed Community Standards Bylaw.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsequent to the July 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole presentation to Council, the draft bylaw was forwarded and reviewed by legal services. • As outlined in the previous presentation to Council and again today, perhaps the most important message is that this bylaw does <i>not</i> include land zoned Agricultural. • Administration recommends that such a bylaw be applicable only to Sturgeon County areas districted (zoned) Residential except for Part VI – Noise. Administration is recommending this section be made applicable throughout the County, thus providing the RCMP and County Enforcement a mechanism to deal with such complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inclusion of Part VI - Noise does not apply to bona fide Agricultural Practices. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of this bylaw aligns to similar bylaws in place within many of the regional municipalities. This bylaw is meant to provide benefits to residents in addition to guidance. It provides a mechanism to deal with several items that currently are a challenge to address in addition to providing enforcement abilities. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Municipal Government Act</i> |
| Implication of Administrative Recommendation | <p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <p>Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership, Planned Growth and Prosperity – Research conducted with other municipalities demonstrates the development of a Community Standards Bylaw is consistent with legislation, master plans and policies and procedures. Items contained within this bylaw are generally aligned with surrounding municipalities.</p> <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>Support for a new bylaw of this nature will provide benefits and guidance to residents. It will allow Enforcement (County and RCMP) a mechanism to deal with several items that currently are difficult to deal with, as the current bylaws are either outdated and unenforceable, or items have never been addressed.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>Low impact; there will be minor advertising costs in relation to the bylaw’s development, public awareness and input.</p> |
| Alternatives Considered | <p>Council may choose not to proceed with first reading and request staff to carry out additional work surrounding the proposed bylaw.</p> |

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| Implications of Alternatives | <p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership, Planned Growth and Prosperity – Enforcement of issues addressed within the proposed bylaw will continue to be a challenge to enforce. <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current practices will continue. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. |
| Follow up Action | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If first reading is given to the bylaw, in conjunction with the Communications Department, plans will be made for additional advertising, notifying the public of the proposed bylaw and to allow for public input. 2. Once comments are collected and considered, additional amendments/changes will be brought forth for consideration during second and third readings. |
| Attachment(s) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Bylaw 1433/19 |
| Report Reviewed by: | <div data-bbox="527 934 738 1039"></div> <p>Pat Mahoney, Manager of Protective Services/Fire Chief</p> <div data-bbox="527 1123 771 1207"></div> <p>Scott MacDougall, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services</p> <div data-bbox="544 1270 738 1396"></div> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO</p> |

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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| Planned Growth and Prosperity | | | |
| <i>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)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a strong thriving business environment to strengthen our economic foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for responsible growth through the MDP and regional growth plan. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manages growth for current and future developments through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> transparent bylaws, policies and processes to enable responsible land development targeting growth around existing and identified future growth areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities | | | |
| <i>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)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides access to programs and services that have a positive impact on residents' quality of life | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides access to safe and reliable infrastructure assets | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the safety of people and property | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Strong Local and Regional Governance | | | |
| <i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan and pg. 27 MDP)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides effective leadership and management consistent with Strategic Plan, MDP, master plans, bylaws, policies, community engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers fiscal stability and sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community Identity & Spirit | | | |
| <i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and/or collaborate with voluntary organizations in the region | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environmental Stewardship | | | |
| <i>We foster a healthy environment and minimize our impact on ecosystems. (Strategic Plan and MDP pg. 27)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans and partnerships that minimize environmental impact on natural areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides awareness of environmental issues impacting the County | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |