

Legislation Text

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11:00 a.m. Resource Extraction Regulatory Review: Recommendations and Report

1. That Council accept the Resource Extraction Regulatory Review Final Report as information.
2. That Council direct Administration to implement the following recommendations, by working with appropriate stakeholders and fulfilling noted implementation activities:
 - a. Bring forward bylaw amendments to implement a new, dual-approach regulatory framework, based on enhanced performance standards and corresponding setbacks from residential developments of 200m or 50m for extraction activities, and 300m for crushing activities. Make no changes to the existing Resource Extraction (RE) district, unless and until such time as all operators have transitioned. Ensure enhanced performance standards for extraction operations that protect air and water quality, minimize noise levels, reduce traffic and dust impacts, ensure acceptable visual impacts, and require progressive extraction and reclamation.
 - b. Apply new flexibility in the municipal permitting process for operators, to accommodate options to either re-district to one of the new resource extraction zones, or to apply for a discretionary use within the Agriculture district.
 - c. Increase municipal compliance and education resourcing, to complement enhanced operator quarterly reporting and annual third-party validation requirements.
 - d. Update municipal application processes, including fee schedules, policies, and administrative procedures, to align to the revised regulatory framework.
 - e. Develop a new municipal communications and information platform to support all stakeholders in local resource extraction activity, inclusive of a dedicated web platform, educational materials, contact information, newsletters, and more.
 - f. Conduct a review of the Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy allocation model to reflect a greater expected revenue over time, the appropriate distribution of broad community benefit versus benefit to communities near aggregate operations, the percentage of allocations for different types of initiatives (regulatory support, community facilities, local programs, infrastructure, municipal tax relief, etc.); and the possibility for supportive policies and procedures related to the allocation of the CAP Levy.
 - g. Review the Calahoo-Villeneuve Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee terms of reference to identify a geographic area, membership, and other elements that are reflective of known extraction areas in Sturgeon County.
 - h. Prepare transition communications to describe implications of new regulations for existing operators and residents, and possible processes for those operations that may opt for the new regulatory model.