



Town of Edson
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For Immediate Release

Council Notes

June 16th, 2015

1. **Fire Bylaw.** Council has given second and third reading to Fire Bylaw No. 2119. This updates the existing bylaw that was adopted in 1963. A few of the major changes are:

- A permitting system for open fires (includes recreational fire pits);
- Ticketing for problem false alarms; and
- Amendments to the fireworks section.

There were a few changes from the original proposed bylaw including an amendment allowing for the Fire Chief's discretion regarding distances from property lines, combustible materials, etc. There will also be a grace period for recreational fire pit fees, effective until December 31, 2015. Permits will still be required, but no fees will be charged until 2016.

The new bylaw is now in effect and can be found online at www.edson.ca/bylaws.

2. **Land Use Bylaws.** Council has given first reading to a bylaw to rezone a piece of land south of 2nd Avenue and west of 63rd Street from Urban Reserve to Heavy Industrial for the purpose of a proppant transloading facility. A public hearing will be held July 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

First reading has also been given to a bylaw to rezone land at 4824 17th Avenue from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Low Density Multi-Family Residential) to accommodate a 4-plex. A public hearing will be held July 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Council has given first reading to a bylaw to rezone the lot at 1506 63rd Street from R-RL (Estate Residential Large Lot) to R-4 (Low Density Multi-Family Residential) to accommodate a 6-plex or 8-plex. There was some concern expressed regarding the size of the proposed development on that lot. A public hearing will be held July 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

First reading has been given to a bylaw to rezone multiple lots in the Skyview subdivision from Direct Control to R-1B (Single Family Residential). In light of the Land Use Bylaw review, it has been recommended that these lands be rezoned to allow greater efficiency in processing development permit applications in this area. A public hearing will be held July 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Council passed three readings to Bylaw 2162 to make a technical amendment in the Edson Urban Fringe Intermunicipal Development Plan Bylaw.

Council has given first reading to a rezoning bylaw for the most northerly proposed parcel of land at 7995 Glenwood Drive (Darcy's Welding and Mechanical Inc.) to move from Urban Reserve to C-3A (Business Commercial/Light Industrial). The purpose is to give "a future land owner the confidence that this land will not be required to be residential at a future time". A public hearing will be held on September 15, 2015 at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

Council has agreed to change the east boundary of the Direct Control district on 4 lots of land in the Grande Prairie Trail area to properly align with the lots and be clear on the zoning requirements for that area.

3. **School Zones.** On recommendation from the Protective Services Committee, Edson Town Council has given first reading to a bylaw amending the School Zone times within the Town of Edson from 8:00am to 4:30pm on days when school is in session.
4. **Community Futures.** Council has accepted a letter from Community Futures for information. The letter outlines changes to the group's Articles of Association regarding lengths of terms for directors.
5. **Public Auction.** Council has authorized the disposal of unclaimed items, currently stored on behalf of the RCMP and the Town, by way of public auction. A date will be chosen and publicly advertised now that authorization has been given.
6. **Assessment Review Clerk.** Ann Dechambeau has been appointed by Council as the Assessment Review Board Clerk for the 2015 year.
7. **Deputy Mayor.** Councillor Wilkinson has been appointed as the Deputy Mayor from the first regular meeting in July to the first regular meeting in November of 2015.
8. **Waste Water Treatment Plant.** Due to a change in scope, Council has approved additional funds for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades study in the amount of \$148,500.00 + GST.
9. **Offsite Levy Exemption.** Council has agreed to extend the Temporary Development Offsite Levy exemption for an additional 3 year period. The current Offsite Levy Policy allows for the exemption as long as the structure or land use is temporary. In this case the land use is for the temporary storage of five silos at 2828 1st Avenue.
10. **Transportation Operating Assistance Grant.** In the past the Province had provided a \$20,000 grant for this area, but that grant was eliminated a number of years ago. The Town of Edson has included \$25,000 in its budget this year to maintain this grant to ensure groups that had relied on that money could continue to operate. As a result, S.C.O.P.E. (Supporting Choices of People Edson) will receive \$6,750, E.S.T.S (Edson Senior's Transportation Society) will receive \$13,500, and McMan Youth, Family & Community Services Association will receive \$4,750 of the allotted funds. This will help ensure that the transportation needs of seniors and handicapped individuals in our community are met.
11. **Sidewalk Jamboree Closures.** Council has granted permission for 50th Street to be closed from 1st Avenue to 6th Avenue, 5th Avenue to be closed from 49th Street to 51st Street, and 3rd Avenue from 49th Street to the back alley behind Switzer's Drugs down to Horizon Music on 3rd Avenue. The closure will take place from 9:00am on August 12, 2015 to 9:00pm on August 15, 2015 for the annual Sidewalk Jamboree. The Town will provide barricades and picnic tables for the event.

- 12. Grant Application.** Administration has been granted Council support and instructed to move forward with the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program Grant application for work at the Lions Park Campground and the Eastern Highway 16 Entrance to Town. The total cost of the project is expected to be around \$1,000,000.00. If successful, the grant would be cover up to \$500,000.00 with matching funds coming from the Town's reserves over the next two years. The project proposed significant landscaping enhancements to the area with a strong focus on beautifying the boulevards coming into Edson and the revitalization of the Lions Park Campground.
- 13. Lions Park Campground Agreement.** Council has directed administration to move forward with severing the existing Lions Park Campground Operation Agreement between the Edson Lions Club and the Town of Edson. The intention is to start a new, updated agreement which would better reflect the Town's vision for the Park.
- 14. Information items.** Council accepted a poster for the Rotary Sundays in the Park schedule (attached) and the latest Development Permit Values (attached) for information.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Edson Civic Building.

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**Bus not available Canada Day or Movie

Sunday, June 21st
Rockin' the Park & Aboriginal Day
1pm - 5pm

Wednesday, September 2nd
Free Outdoor Movie
9:00 pm

Wednesday, July 1st
Canada Day Celebrations

Sunday, September 6th
Harvest Jam
1pm - 5pm



Live Music

Sunday, July 5th
Rock Camp Alberta
1pm - 5pm

Sunday, September 27th
Alberta Culture Days

Sunday, July 12th
Play in the Park
1pm - 5pm

FREE *Face Painting & Bounce House*



Sunday, August 9th
Community Pig Roast
1pm - 5pm

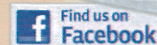


Hot Dogs & Popcorn



EVERYTHING IS FREE!

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Fun for the whole family - free to attend!

For more information or if you would like to volunteer phone The Town of Edson 780-723-4401



Edson & District Caregivers Association

KSM Construction

Mountainside Sales & Rentals



Town Of Edson Development Permit Values

YEAR	Commercial	Industrial	Institutional	Residential	TOTAL
1993	2,765,000	220,000	870,000	3,691,000	7,546,000
1994	7,904,000	134,000	1,972,000	4,000,000	14,010,000
1995	327,000	60,000	540,000	2,328,000	3,255,000
1996	8,204,000	90,000	80,000	2,377,000	10,751,000
1997	8,550,000	1,500,000	200,000	4,350,000	14,600,000
1998	300,000	4,700,000	0	7,875,000	12,875,000
1999	450,000	314,000	795,000	5,178,000	6,737,000
2000	7,542,300	515,000	235,000	3,243,300	11,535,600
2001	5,471,800	1,342,100	2,045,000	5,927,850	14,786,750
2002	1,641,600	1,830,400	5,100,000	7,406,917	15,978,917
2003	4,311,200	1,299,000	3,360,000	7,579,900	16,550,100
2004	3,133,700	26,173,800	6,496,000	10,508,950	46,312,450
2005	20,367,000	6,183,000	167,000	16,803,927	43,520,927
2006	10,930,822	1,783,000	25,700	27,820,760	40,560,282
2007	5,772,960	3,387,000	743,750	11,460,775	21,364,485
2008	3,899,474	2,978,960	3,611,500	10,101,020	20,590,954
2009	3,538,142	1,601,500	425,000	3,328,357	8,892,999
2010	1,877,700	2,449,500	3,194,275	15,131,874	22,653,349
2011	2,693,925	1,411,400	1,277,500	4,773,030	10,155,855
2012	724,300	661,500	65,079,000	4,487,780	70,954,580
2013	12,730,059	3,964,800	41,040,000	4,266,719	62,001,578
2014	6,976,450	21,473,200	50,500	6,255,950	34,756,100
2015	2,395,950	0	7,342,135	3,148,034	12,886,119

Certificate of Compliance Issued	Development Permits Issued	Subdivisions
121	107	5
60	115	8
91	116	10
132	146	10
92	167	15
137	179	12
145	156	7
101	134	5
105	169	13
145	176	8
142	164	4
157	189	7
192	247	10
128	279	11
93	210	4
72	201	4
32	148	2
42	106	4
49	110	6
42	130	4
40	101	8
40	124	8
15	52	0

TOTAL	122,507,382	84,072,160	144,649,360	172,044,143	523,275,045
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2173	3526	165
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Numbers are up to and including June 2, 2015

Note: in 2006 a permit for Hospital renovations was issued, and did not proceed. The value was \$67,000,000 and is not reflected above.

Development Permit Values to June 2, 2015

