



Town of Edson
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For Immediate Release

Council Notes

September 15th, 2015

- 1. Public Hearings.** A public hearing was held for a bylaw to redistrict a portion of land along Glenwood Drive from Urban Reserve to Business Commercial/Light Industrial. The purpose is to give future land owners the confidence that the land will not be required for residential use. There were no submissions and Council gave the bylaw 2nd reading to allow more time for advertising prior to final reading.

A public hearing was held for a bylaw to redistrict the Rodeo Grounds land from Urban Reserve to Parks and Recreation. This would line the land use district up with the current use of the property and fit within the Intermunicipal Development Plan. No submissions were received and Council approved 2nd and 3rd reading of the bylaw.

Another public hearing was held for the redistricting of five lots in Hillendale Phase II from Single Family Residential to Direct Control to allow for Multi Family/Duplex homes to be built. This aligns those lots to be the same use as other lots in that area. No submissions were received and Council approved 2nd and 3rd reading of the bylaw.

- 2. Presentations.** The Violence Threat Risk Assessment Committee gave a presentation of Council on the group's progress to date and plans for the future. The group brings together various social agencies, schools, and other groups during incidents of threat of violence to assist those involved and provide support.

Council also received a presentation from the Arts Centre for Edson Society on the progress they have made over the past year. Questions were raised over the Town plans for facilities and where ACES fits in the plans. Council made it clear that, while the desire is there to move forward with a project, the funds are simply not available at this time. Some major hurdles that remain are borrowing capacity, other mandated infrastructure projects, and the huge impact it would have on the tax base during a down time in the economy. Council indicated more discussions will take place, but any plans would also have to include Yellowhead County support. One of Council's new strategic priorities is 'Vibrant and Healthy Community' and Council recognizes the importance of all of the projects on the table. It is something that Council will continue to explore and plan for, but no timeline can be given at this time.

- 3. Outdoor Wood or Solid Fuel Burning Appliances.** Council has passed second reading of Bylaw No. 2154 to prohibit installation and use of outdoor wood or solid fuel burning appliances (attached). This will be brought back at a future meeting for possible ratification. This does NOT include indoor heating such as fireplaces and wood stoves, only specific outdoor units as described in the bylaw.
- 4. A.H. Dakin Project.** Council has defeated a motion to move forward with contributing to an enlarged gymnasium as a part of the new A.H. Dakin School build at a cost of approximately \$2.1 million. Some concerns were raised about moving forward without the support of Yellowhead County, the lack of daytime availability of the gym for the public and not including a walking track. Others felt this is a missed opportunity to partner with the School Division to fill a need. The motion to move forward with the project was defeated.

5. **Meeting Cancellation.** The Council Meeting scheduled for October 13, 2015 at 1:30pm has been cancelled due to the Thanksgiving long weekend.
6. **Tax Sale Date.** Five properties have been placed on the Public Auction list as they are in tax arrears. Council has approved a Public Auction date of November 23, 2015 with reserve prices to be set at a later date.
7. **Municipal Affairs Internship Program.** Council has approved administration to apply for a grant through Municipal Affairs to assist in funding the employment of a municipal intern for a one year term. The Town's participation in the program will be dependent on the approval of the grant funding.
8. **Equipment Disposal.** Council has approved the disposal of the following items by public auction in Edmonton.
 - **AT 151 Cosmo 180 Sander/3pt.**
 - **Ice Resurfacers Attachment**
 - **SE 155 Bear Cat 72825 Wood Chipper**
 - **V 103 1999 Ford F250 ¾ Ton with Tool Box**
 - **Belly Blade and Mounts**
 - **Ford Truck Box**
9. **Development Info.** Council accepted the latest development permit data (attached) as information.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 6th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Edson Civic Building.

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TOWN OF EDSON

BY-LAW 2154

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF EDSON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF OUTDOOR WOOD OR SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

WHEREAS Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, RSA, 2000 and amendments thereto, provides that the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Edson, duly assembled, does hereby enact as follows:

SECTION 1 Name of Bylaw

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "The Edson Bylaw Prohibiting the Installation and Use of Outdoor Wood or Solid Fuel Burning Appliances Bylaw".

SECTION 2 Definitions:

In this Bylaw words and phrases shall be construed as follows:

- 2.1 "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; a Peace Officer; a Community Peace Officer employed by the Town of Edson.
- 2.2 "Council" means the Council of the Town of Edson.
- 2.3 "Fire Chief" means the person appointed as head of the Edson and District Fire Department.
- 2.4 "Inspector" means anyone who is appointed as such from time to time by the Town of Edson and any person delegated in carrying out his/her duties under this bylaw, including, but not limited to, a Peace Officer, the Fire Chief, the Town of Edson Director of Operations, to enter and inspect property in accordance with this bylaw.
- 2.5 "Municipal Tag" means a notice issued by the Town pursuant to the Municipal Government Act for the purpose of providing a person with an opportunity to acknowledge a contravention of this Bylaw and to pay a penalty directly to the Town, in order to avoid prosecution for the contravention.

- 2.6 "Outdoor Wood or Solid Fuel Burning Appliance" means an outdoor wood burning appliance or a solid fuel burning appliance which is used for the space heating of buildings, the heating of water, or other such purpose and which is located in a separate building or on the exterior of the building which it serves. These appliances are also referred to as outdoor wood fired furnaces, outdoor solid fuel combustion appliances, or outdoor wood fire hydronic heaters.
- 2.7 "Violation Ticket" means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, RSA 2000, c P-34, as amended.

SECTION 3 Prohibitions:

- 3.1 The installation of an outdoor wood or solid fuel burning appliance within the Town of Edson is prohibited.
- 3.2 The operation of an outdoor wood or solid fuel burning appliance within the Town of Edson is prohibited.

SECTION 4 Inspection:

- 4.1 Inspectors are authorized to enter at all reasonable times and in a reasonable manner on property to determine whether the requirements of this bylaw are being observed.

SECTION 5 Offences and penalties:

- 5.1 Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence.
- 5.2 A Person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine not less than \$300.00.
- 5.3 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any Person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
- 5.4 A Municipal Tag may be issued to such person:
- (1) Either personally; or
 - (2) By mailing a copy to such Person at his or her last known post office address.
- 5.5 The Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by the Chief Administrative Office and shall state:
- (1) The name of the person;
 - (2) The offence;

- (3) The specified penalty established by this Bylaw for the offence;
 - (4) That the penalty shall be paid within 14 days of the issuance of the Municipal Tag; and
 - (5) Any other information as may be required by the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 5.6 Where a Municipal Tag is issued pursuant to this Bylaw, the Person to whom the Municipal Tag is issued may, in lieu of being prosecuted for the offence, pay the Town the penalty specified within the time period indicated on the Municipal Tag.
- 5.7 If a Municipal tag has been issued and if the specified penalty has not been paid within the prescribed time, then a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- 5.8 Notwithstanding section 5.7, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedure Act to a Person who the Peace Officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.
- 5.9 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may:
- (1) specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
 - (2) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 5.10 A person who commits an offence may:
- (1) if a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
 - (2) if the Violation Ticket specifies the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence;

Make a voluntary payment by submitting to a Clerk of the Provincial Court, on or before the initial appearance date indicated on the Violation Ticket, the specified penalty set out on the Violation Ticket.

SECTION 6 Severability:

- 6.1 Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section found to be improperly enacted had not been enacted as part of this Bylaw.

SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE:

7.1. This bylaw becomes effective upon third reading.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

READ A THIRD AND FINALLY PASSED THIS DAY OF A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Schedule "A"

**Specified Penalties for Offence Tickets
For Operation of an Outdoor Wood Burning Appliance**

First Offence:	\$300.00
Second Offence and Subsequent Offences	\$500.00

Each day that an offence against this bylaw continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offence.

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	1,685,950	1,791,000	41,445,000	4,005,633	48,927,583

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
31	94	1

TOTAL	121,797,382	85,863,160	178,752,225	172,901,742	559,316,509
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Numbers are up to and including September 3, 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 September 3, 2015

