



Town of Edson
P.O. Box 6300
605 - 50 Street
EDSON, Alberta Canada
T7E 1T7



For Immediate Release

Council Notes

October 6th, 2015

1. **Outdoor Wood or Solid Fuel Burning Appliances.** Council has passed third reading of Bylaw No. 2154 to prohibit installation and use of outdoor wood or solid fuel burning appliances. This does NOT include indoor heating such as fireplaces and wood stoves, only specific outdoor units as described in the bylaw. The full bylaw can be found at www.edson.ca/bylaws.
2. **Bylaw Changes.** Council has passed first reading of Development Authority Bylaw No. 2167, Subdivision Authority Bylaw No. 2168, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Bylaw No. 2169, and Bylaw No. 2170 amending Land Use Bylaw No. 2070. These changes were at the directive of the Municipal Development Plan Steering Committee and one of the main goals is to provide the Town Manager and/or his designate with more authority in certain areas. For example, processing Development Permits for discretionary uses and processing simple subdivision applications without having to wait for a meeting with Town Council or the Municipal Planning Commission. This should help with better turnaround times for developers. A public hearing for the Land Use Bylaw 2070 amendments will be held at the Town Office on October 27, 2015 at 1:30PM.
3. **Recreation Complex Update.** The Edson and District Recreation Society has given notice that it will be taking steps to dissolve as a society. This would return the Recreation Complex building management to the Town of Edson. In discussions with Yellowhead County, the Recreation Society, and the current Recreation Complex management team, the Town of Edson has begun the process of taking over. The Town will manage the facility under the Rec Society during this transition period, which will end on December 31st, 2015. During this time status quo will be maintained. In the New Year the Town of Edson will take over full control and plans are being drawn up to operate the facility with a model similar to what is being done at Talisman Place.
4. **Violence Threat Risk Assessment Committee.** Council has approved the Town of Edson to sign the Committee's Intervention Protocol document, with the understanding the R.C.M.P. will act on behalf of the Town regarding any actions or committee representation required.
5. **Equipment Disposal.** Permission was granted to dispose of the 1997 Mobil Athey M9B Sweeper unit by public auction in Edmonton at Osman Auctions. This still leaves Edson with two newer sweepers.
6. **SOA's.** Council has agreed to extend the following SOA's awarded to McPhee Construction Ltd. for an additional year ending December 31, 2016. The rates will remain the same.
 - **SOA 16-2015 Gravel**
 - **SOA 17-2015 Pit Run**
 - **SOA 18-2015 Winter Gravel**
 - **SOA 19-2015 Sand**
7. **Subdivision Extension.** Council has granted an extension to a subdivision application at 7022 4th Avenue in Glenwood for an additional year. The application will now expire September 10, 2016.

- 8. Subdivision Application.** Council has approved a subdivision application on the northwest edge of the Town boundary. This development is unique in that it is titled within the Town and Yellowhead County boundaries. Approval was given to subdivide the land within the Town into 4 residential lots and an environmental reserve with the conditions outlined by the Engineering and Planning Committee.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 20th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Edson Civic Building.

Media Contact:

Steve Bethge
Communications Coordinator
Town of Edson
780-723-4401
steveb@edson.ca
www.edson.ca