



For Immediate Release

Council Notes

February 2nd, 2016

1. **Delegations.** Council received a presentation from FireSmart Canada detailing a special award for the community. Edson is just the 4th municipality from across Canada that has received a FireSmart Community Protection Achievement Award. This is in recognition for outstanding work in completing a FireSmart Community Plan.

Council was also given information from the Alberta Forest Products Association. The group presented details on the forestry industry, the softwood lumber dispute, and some of the issues they are facing.

2. **Board Appointment.** Debbie Burgess has been appointed as an alternate member on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Her term begins immediately and expires in October of 2017.
3. **Development Permit Securities.** Council has adopted Policy D-P-8 Development Permit Securities as presented. The policy sets security amounts for the different types of development in the community, making it easier for developers to budget and for the Town to administer. There is a provision to allow for adjustments to be made for developments that may be larger scale, have environmental impacts, or other special circumstances.
4. **Councillor Excused Absence.** Council has authorized Councillor Gomuwka to be absent from Council for a period longer than eight weeks. This motion is required as per the Municipal Government Act.
5. **Lease Agreement.** Approval was given for administration to enter into a lease agreement with HTX & Boilers Inc. for an area of land located at the Edson Wastewater Fill Station for heating and re-sale of water. The company would be purchasing the wastewater from the Town at regular rates.

Next meetings - A Committee of the Whole Meeting is planned for February 9th, 2016 at 10:00am in the Council Chambers of the Edson Civic Building. The next Council Meeting will be February 16th, 2016 at 7:30pm.

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