



**For Immediate Release**

# Council Notes

July 18th, 2017

1. **Moment of Silence.** A flower arraignment was set up and Council and staff observed a moment of silence for Councillor Brian Boyce, who passed away suddenly on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
2. **Public Hearings.** No submissions were received regarding Bylaw 2202, the Anderson Area Structure Plan. Council gave second and third reading to the bylaw, which lays out the subdivision plans for land on the west side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

Council also received no submissions during the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2203, to close a portion of road related to the Anderson Area Structure Plan. The closure would allow for a small land swap to better line up the road access to 63<sup>rd</sup> street in that area. Council gave second and third reading to the bylaw following the hearing.

3. **AFPA Delegation.** Council received a brief presentation from Brock Mulligan of the Alberta Forest Products Association. The presentation included an update on the happenings in the lumber industry, including the Soft Wood Lumber Dispute and potential changes in legislation that would have an impact on the industry.
4. **Offsite Levy Bylaws.** Council repealed a number of old Offsite Levy Bylaws that were implemented between 1977 and 1994. As land can only be charged an offsite levy once, records were reviewed to determine which properties had already paid. The current Offsite Levy Bylaw will now be the only one in effect.
5. **Offsite Levy Rates.** As the Town's Master Servicing Plan is currently under review, which includes a review of the Offsite Levy calculation, administration has recommended the current rates remain in effect until that review is complete. Council approved the rates remaining at the 2016 levels, as well as approved the addition of a "test of burden" worksheet to the current Offsite Levy Policy. This worksheet outlines considerations when deciding if Offsite Levies will be applied to a development.
6. **Airport Bylaw.** Council has given first reading to Bylaw 2201, regulating operations at the Edson Airport. The new bylaw would formalize operational practices at the airport, and enable enforcement of regulations. Only first reading was given at this time to allow further review and communication with Yellowhead County as major partners in the airport.
7. **Front Driveways.** Approval was given to adopt a new Residential Front Access Driveway Policy. The new policy establishes a clear, concise, and consistent approach with respect to front access driveways, outlining considerations such as lane access, minimum spacing, traffic safety concerns and more.
8. **Street Repairs.** Council has approved KSM Construction to complete rehabilitation work on 48<sup>th</sup> street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The work includes sewer manholes and pipe upgrades. The work will be broken up into two separate jobs to allow for minimal disruption to highway traffic flow.

- 9. Municipal Election – Institutional Voting Stations.** Council has given approval to allow for an institutional voting stations to be set up at the Parkland Senior Citizen Lodge and Edson Healthcare Centre, Long Term Care Unit.

**Next meetings - The next Council Meeting will be held August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm.**

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