



AGENDA ITEM

Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage Bylaw Amendment

June 11, 2020

BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2020 Council Meeting, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Ms. Shepherd that Lacombe County defer the requirement for property owners within the Sylvan Lake Communal Servicing Project area to connect to this system to October 31, 2021.

Carried.

ANALYSIS

To accomplish this, the Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage Bylaw requires updating to reflect the change.

The attached bylaw reflects Council's intention and changes the date for mandatory connection to October 31, 2021.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The amendment of this Bylaw will defer repayment of some \$358,490 in connection fees until 2021.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purpose of a municipality are:
 - a) To provide good government,
 - b) To provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and
 - c) To develop and maintain safe and viable communities.
- Section 7 of the MGA provides Council with the authority to pass bylaws for municipal purposes with respect to:
 - (f) services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; and
 - (g) public utilities.



- Section 180(1) of the MGA states that Council may act only by resolution or bylaw.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The County's public engagement will be limited to informing the public of Council's decision on this matter. This communication will be carried out through the County News as well as information in the monthly utility billings for the affected utility customers.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: "An attractive, balanced and progressive community".

Our Mission: "Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships".

Key Principles: 1) "Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals", and 2) "Accountability for our decisions and for our actions".

Service Delivery Strategy: "Provide appropriate service levels to our citizens"

Key Success Measures – Sustainability: "Current services are maintainable and provide benefits for the future, while minimizing negative impacts on the community".

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give all three readings to Bylaw No. 1327/20 – Sylvan Lake Communal Sewage as presented.

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