



AGENDA ITEM

Fire Safety Plans Guide

Council Report

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BACKGROUND

Both the National Fire Code – Alberta Edition (NFC-AE) and the National Building Code – Alberta Edition (NBC-AE) require the development of a Fire Safety Plan for the construction of new buildings, the modification or renovation of existing buildings, and the demolition of the whole or part of existing buildings.

The codes also require that these plans be prepared in cooperation with, and shall be acceptable to, the authority having jurisdiction. For Lacombe County this approval is done by the County Fire Chief.

ANALYSIS

The *Fire Safety Plans, Lacombe County's Guide to Developing a Fire Safety Plan* document (attached) was developed in an effort to assist residents, contractors, and developers with the creation of these plans and to help ensure developed plans are finalized and approved as easily and efficiently as possible.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications to the current budget with the development of this guide.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes 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 5(b) of the MGA states that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on it by the MGA and other enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.



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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform:* To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

Highlights of all County Council meetings are published on the County Website and in the County News

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of Lacombe County’s Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: “An attractive, balanced, and progressive community”.

Our Mission: “To build a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and healthy relationships”.

Our Key Principles: “Recognizing our history and solid foundation, we approach the role of providing the best possible level of municipal services for our citizens through a base of collaborative and supportive teamwork.”

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the *Fire Safety Plans: Lacombe County’s Guide to Developing a Fire Safety Plan* document.

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