



AGENDA ITEM

Lacombe County Rates and Fees Bylaw

March 25, 2021

BACKGROUND

Administration has prepared Bylaw 1340/21 for Council's consideration. The bylaw reflects the proposed 2021 rates and fees for County services.

A copy of the bylaw is attached.

ANALYSIS

Bylaw 1340/21 follows a process that was created in 2020 where County rates and fees were consolidated into one bylaw. Except for utility rates, which are adopted under separate bylaws, the County's Rates and Fees Bylaw is the County's master bylaw for rates and fees.

The County has been incorporating rates and fees previously adopted by policy into this bylaw. New for 2021 is the inclusion of the County's fees for fire services and inspection previously adopted by Policy F(1). These fees are identified in schedule 6 of the bylaw.

Two additional changes include the current road clean-up program fees (item 12 on Schedule 5) from \$50 and \$30 to \$75 and \$50 respectively and the updated dust control rate (item 2 on Schedule 5) from \$3.09 per linear metre to \$3.20 per linear metre.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the bylaw as presented
2. Take no action. The current bylaw, Bylaw #1322/20 remains in place until replaced.
3. Additional changes to the Bylaw as directed by Council

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No major changes to rates were proposed in the 2021 operating budget and bylaw 1322/21 reflects the status quo apart from the inclusion of fire services fee



which were previously approved in the County’s Fire Protection and Emergency Response Policy and the updated dust control and clean up fees in Schedule 5.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Policy is governed by Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26 provisions:

- Section 3 – The purposes of the municipality are... (b) to provide services, facilities, or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality.
- Section 7 – A Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters...(f) services provided by or on behalf of the municipality.
- Section 180(1) - A council may act only by resolution or bylaw.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The County’s public participation related to this bylaw is limited to informing the public by adding the bylaw to the County’s website.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Core Strategies– “Finance,” “Service Delivery”
 - Strategic Priority Manage the financial assets of the County in order to obtain maximum value.
 - Strategic Priority - Provide appropriate service levels to our citizens.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council take the following actions:

1. *That Council give all three readings to Bylaw 1340/21, the “Rates and Fees Bylaw.”*
2. *That Council rescind schedule 2 and 3 of the County’s “F(1) Fire Protection and Fire Response Policy.”*

PREPARED BY: Michael Minchin, Director of Corporate Services

REVIEWED BY: Tim Timmons, County Manager