AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8.1

TOWN OF STONY PLAIN
COUNCIL AGENDA
REQUEST FOR DECISION

PUBLIC SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: February 10, 2020

ITEM DESCRIPTION OR TITLE

Municipal Development Plan Update

Bylaw 2631/D&P/20 Uniquely Stony Plain Municipal Development Plan 2020 for the purpose of updating the Municipal Development Plan

RECOMMENDATION

That Town Council:
  a) gives first reading to Bylaw 2631/D&P/20 for the purpose of adopting an updated Municipal Development Plan;
  b) authorizes Administration to submit the draft Municipal Development Plan to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) for approval; and
  c) authorizes Administration to proceed with newspaper advertising and notification of a public hearing to be held on April 27, 2020.

STRATEGIC PLAN
In 2018, the Town of Stony Plain completed a Regional Context Statement to identify how the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) complies with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (EMRGP). The Town’s Regional Context Statement revealed four policy areas that need to be strengthened in the MDP: economic development, environment and sustainability, housing, and agricultural lands.

Council approved the MDP Update initiative to align the Plan’s policies with the EMRGP in the 2019-2021 Corporate Plan. In addition to this, Council has revisited the Plan’s Vision and Administration has updated the document to align with recent changes to the Municipal Government Act. Administrative text changes were also included within this update as this document was last reviewed in 2013. A summary of the project timeline is shown below.

Components of this project have been presented on the following dates:
- Regional Context Statement Approved - October 9, 2018
- MDP Information Presentation - March 25, 2019
- MDP Information Presentation - December 2, 2019
- Public Open House - December 3, 2019
- MDP First Reading - February 10, 2020

By Ministerial Order (no. MDL:111/17), municipalities must refer proposed statutory plan amendments that meet the following condition to the EMRB for approval:
  a) The proposed amendment to a municipal development plan is pursuant to Chapter 5, section 5.1.3. of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan for the purpose of updating the municipal development plan to conform to the Growth Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS

If Council gives first reading to Bylaw 2631/D&P/20, Administration will circulate the draft MDP to the EMRB for approval and communicate the public hearing via newspaper advertisement and on the Town website.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public open house was held on December 3, 2019 in Council Chambers to convey major changes to policy areas and gather feedback from the community on proposed policies. Questions from the open house were posted on the Town website via an online form to extend the public participation period until January 10, 2020. Comments received during the public participation period are presented in attachment 4 (Public Participation Comments – What We Heard).

The associated public hearing will provide an additional opportunity for members of the public to comment on the updated MDP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The initiative will update the Town’s Municipal Development Plan according to provincial and regional planning policies and regulations.

ATTACHMENTS

3. Summary Table - General Text Changes
4. Public Participation Comments - What We Heard
5. Update Table - Addressing the Regional Context Statement
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