

Topic: Unauthorized Use of County Land

Introduction:

Bylaws are created, reviewed, rescinded or revised on a regular basis to ensure that they continue to meet their intended purpose. A major bylaw review project identified several County bylaws requiring revision and one bylaw proposed to be created.

Background Information:

Administration has been working on the revision and drafting of new bylaws as part of the Major bylaw review project. As part of the project, a new bylaw for the governance of county lands was identified for creation. Previously, all county land was governed under the Parks Bylaw with no differentiation between land types and permissible uses. The Unauthorized Use of County Land bylaw will look to governs all county land, with exception of parks and trails, with a focus's on the permissible or restricted uses based on land type. Moving forward in this direction will help us to preserve land assets, especially those deemed as environmentally sensitive lands.

Analysis:

The Unauthorized Use of County Land Bylaw was identified as a gap in County governance. As part of the process of developing the Municipal Land Management service area, a review of policy's, bylaws and processes from the Province and other Alberta Municipalities.

Alternatives:

1. Council could defeat Bylaw 2023-15
2. Council could request further review or changes to Bylaw 2023-15.

Conclusion/Summary:

This bylaw was a gap in our governance structure and we have now closed this gap. Bylaw 2023-15 provides the clarity and consistency required when governing activity's with direct impact to our largest asset.

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