

Topic: Redistricting Bylaw 2022-13 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 to redistrict Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 982 0548 & Lot 1, Plan 962 4168 from CR-Country Residential District to CRE-Country Residential Estate District

Administration Recommendation:

- Option #1
1. THAT Bylaw 2022-13 receive first reading.
 2. THAT a Public Hearing be scheduled for September 13, 2022, at 9:30am in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2022-13.

Introduction:

A Land Use Bylaw (LUB) redistricting application has been submitted by Collaborative Futures on behalf of Springbank Park Estates Ltd. for lands located within the Big Lake area. The objective of these applications is to redistrict the west half of SW-16-53-26-W4M from CR-Country Residential District to CRE-Country Residential Estate District and to support future subdivision of the lands for country residential estate purposes. A development concept is proposed within the Conceptual Scheme, which was approved by the Director of Planning & Development Services on December 13, 2021 and is presented to Council as information to support the Redistricting Application.

Facts (Background Information):

Proposed Bylaw 2022-13 is a Land Use Bylaw amendment to redistrict approximately 30.35 ha (75 ac) of land from CR-Country Residential District to CRE-Country Residential Estate District. Council approved waiver to Section 19.6.1 of Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 on June 14, 2022 allowing for the landowner to reapply to redistrict Springbank Park Estates to CRE District sooner than the February 8, 2023. The proposed amendment will allow the owners to proceed with the development of smaller lot sizes (a minimum of 0.2 ha (0.5 ac) in accordance with the proposed land use district for their lands as the current CR-Country Residential District is intended to limit lot size to a minimum of 0.8 ha (2.0 ac) and would not allow for future subdivision to meet the density target set out in the Big Lake Area Structure Plan (ASP).

The subject lands are currently identified as *Country Residential Area (CRA) #2* within the Big Lake ASP, which supports the subdivision of lots with a minimum area of 0.2 ha (0.5 ac). Therefore, the lands are able to be redistricted without amendments to the ASP.

Analysis:

The proposed redistricting is in alignment with the goals, intentions and policies of the supporting Conceptual Scheme and the Big Lake Area Structure Plan. As this Conceptual Scheme Area is located within the *CRA #2* area of the Big Lake ASP, CRE is considered an appropriate land use designation as the minimum lot size within this district (0.2 ha (0.5 ac) is consistent with the *CRA #2* area. The Big Lake ASP limits the combined parcel density to a maximum of 129 lots per quarter section. The east half of the Conceptual Scheme Area is comprised of the existing Royal Spring Estates, containing 47 lots. This limits Springbank Park Estates located on the west half of the quarter section to 82 new lots which is acknowledged and reflected in the Conceptual Scheme.

Based on this policy alignment, Administration supports the redistricting of the two (2) parcels legally described as Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 982 0548 and Lot 1, Plan 962 4168 within SW-16-53-26-W4M from CR-Country Residential District to CRE-Country Residential Estate District.

Conceptual Scheme: Springbank Park Estates and Royal Spring Estates

The redistricting application is supported by a Conceptual Scheme prepared by the applicant in coordination with Administration. The Conceptual Scheme provides a policy framework to guide development and ultimate buildout of the subject lands. The Conceptual Scheme was approved by the Director of Planning & Development Services on December 13, 2021. The Conceptual Scheme is presented to Council as information to support the redistricting application.

The proposed Conceptual Scheme was developed under the policy direction of the Big Lake Area Structure Plan. The Conceptual Scheme is a policy oriented document that was developed in close consultation with the applicants and their consulting team to ensure a policy structure that meets both the goals of the developers as well ensuring that the requirements of the Municipal Development Plan, Area Structure Plan and Provincial Legislation and Regulations are addressed.

Public Consultation

Developer Open Houses

In support of the application for Bylaw 2022-13, the applicant undertook Public and Stakeholder Engagement in late-November through early-December 2020. Due to limitations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, remote engagement was conducted consisting of a Project Information package and an associated fillable form Workbook. The engagement was advertised through a direct mail-out to landowners in proximity to the site, and ads were placed for two weeks prior to the engagement period in the Spruce Grove Examiner and the Stony Plain Reporter. Notification was also provided to "The One" FM to provide the opportunity for a public service announcement, and a list of stakeholders was emailed directly. See the Engagement Summary Report attached to this report for full details.

Public Comment Summary from completed Workbooks and emails received by Collaborative Futures:

- Three respondents voiced support for the concept approach
- Five respondents sought clarification on the envisioned lot sizing and overall density, expressing a preference for 1 acre lot sizes or a larger number of 1 acre vs. 0.5 acre lots to retain the acreage feel
- Four respondents sought clarification regarding vehicular access/egress, and expressed concern with a roadway connection between Springbank Park Estates and Royal Spring Estates
- One respondent expressed concern related to the appearance of the County road rights-of-way
- One respondent expressed concern related to the capacity of the sanitary system and costs associated with replacing the infrastructure
- Two respondents sought clarification regarding the proposed stormwater drainage system, identifying that this can be an issue in the area

The public response indicated general support for working with the topography and preserving existing trees and wetlands which is reflected in the Conceptual Scheme through the conservation/cluster design approach. Concerns were identified related to the envisioned lot sizing and lot density, however the proposed CRE district allows for smaller lots (0.5 acre) combined with larger lots (up to 1 acre) which allocates less land for private lots and more as new public lands providing for tree and wetland preservation as the ASP limits the number of private lots per quarter section.

Legislative Public Comment Period Conducted by Administration

After First Reading, and prior to the proposed Public Hearing, the application will be circulated to relevant external agencies, adjacent landowners, and advertised in the newspaper and on the County's website in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* (RSA 2000). Members of the public will also be able to provide feedback at the proposed Public Hearing.

Policy Framework Review

The policy frameworks relevant to the consideration of the proposed redistricting application are as follows:

1. Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

- Bylaw 2022-13 does not require referral to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) as Land Use Bylaw amendments and Conceptual Schemes are not a requirement under the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF).

2. Parkland County Strategic Plan 2022-2025

The following policy statement within the current Parkland County Strategic Plan supports the proposed amendment:

- Pillar A: Complete Communities
 - Goal 1: To create a sense of belonging and well-being by linking our communities together with roadways, pathways, and utilities.
 - Goal 3: To ensure that County infrastructure meets the needs of residents, business, and industry.
- Pillar C: Respected Environment and Agriculture
 - Goal 2: To ensure residential development plans incorporate relevant public amenities.

3. Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Bylaw No. 2017-14

In addition to the Figures of the MDP listed in the chart below, the proposed redistricting and Conceptual Scheme are consistent with Section 7 ("Rural Communities & Housing") of the County's MDP.

Figure 2 – Edmonton Metropolitan Region – Policy Tiers	The subject lands are located within the Rural Area of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region.
Figure 4 – Natural Resource Consideration	This area is identified as having a low concentration of oil and gas well activity.
Figure 5 – Environmentally Significant Areas	The subject lands are NOT located within an Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) however the Big Lake Surrounding Area ESA is located approximately 60m north of the subject lands.
Figure 7 – Development Concept	The subject lands are located within the Country Residential Area.
Figure 9 – Prime Agriculture Areas	The subject lands are NOT located within one of the identified Prime Agricultural Areas.
Figure 11 – Prime Recreation and Tourism Areas	The subject lands are NOT located within one of the identified Prime Recreation and Tourism Area.
Figure 14 – High Priority Landscapes	The subject lands ARE located within a High Priority Landscape.

4. Big Lake Area Structure Plan Bylaw No: 17-91

The proposed Conceptual Scheme and Redistricting were developed to ensure compliance with the intent and overall policy direction provided within the Area Structure Plan.

Alternatives:

1. Upon giving first reading, Council may schedule a Public Hearing regarding Bylaw 2022-13 on a date other than 9:30 a.m. on September 13, 2022, in Council Chambers.
2. Council may defeat Bylaw 2022-13 at first reading.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration finds the proposed redistricting in alignment with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, Council Strategic Plan, Municipal Development Plan, and the Big Lake Area Structure Plan and therefore supports the proposed bylaw amendment and recommends that Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 2022-13.

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