

Topic: Bylaw 2017-13 - Development Authority Bylaw**Introduction:**

This bylaw establishes the County's Development Approving Authority in accordance with Section 624 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

Facts (Background Information):

Council must by bylaw provide for a development authority, in accordance with Section 624 of the MGA. Currently the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) Bylaw designates the County's Development Authority.

Council approved a new Committee structure and has appointed members to the new Committees. The Municipal Planning Commission is not part of that new Committee structure. Should the repeal of the MPC Bylaw (RFD 17-112) be successful, a bylaw is required ensuring the ongoing provision of a development authority.

Analysis:

Development approval is an administrative function. By establishing a Development Authority Bylaw, Council is clearly designating the authority for such approvals while providing a clear framework for such decisions.

The Land Use Bylaw provides the regulatory framework for development and associated decision-making. A review of the current Land Use Bylaw indicates no immediate changes are required to ensure consistency with the establishment of a new Development Authority Bylaw. Upcoming amendments that are part of the Land Use Bylaw refresh will ensure greater clarity.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration supports the recommended Development Authority Bylaw.

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