# Land Use by the Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum Society [Museum] from the Town of Stony Plain [Town]

February 16, 2016

Town Mayor William Choy and Town Manager Tom Goulden attend Museum Board of Directors meeting to announce to the Museum that the Town intends to redraw the property lines on the lands operated by the Museum. Mayor Choy explains of the 14 acres of land the Museum currently occupies, the six acres where the Museum's buildings now stand would not be impacted but the remaining lands may not be permanently available.

#### March 28, 2016

Museum Board of Directors communicates by letter to Town officials its desire to seek clarification of the 14 acre parcel of land currently being used by the Museum and to present the Museum's 25 Year Concept Plan.

#### May 17, 2016

Town Manager Tom Goulden attends Museum Board of Director's Meeting to explain the Town's Strategic Plan.

#### January 10, 2017

Meeting of Museum's Board Executive and Town Manager Tom Goulden and Town Cultural Coordinator Chantelle Leberge to present Museum's 25 Year Concept Plain.

#### March 06, 2017

Museum's 25 Year Concept Plan is presented to Town Council with specific reference to the Museum requesting a long-term agreement for the unimpeded use of the 14 acres.

#### March 07, 2017

Museum's 25 Year Concept Plan is presented to Parkland County Council with specific reference to the Museum requesting a long-term agreement for the unimpeded use of the 14 acres.

# May 23, 2017

Land use issue brought to Stony Plain Town Council by Town's Planning and Infrastructure Department to re-establish lot lines as they pertain to the Museum. Town Council votes unanimously to refer "The Use of Stony Plain Lands by the Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum Society Report back to Administration until a courageous conversation with the Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum Society has occurred.

Museum contacts Town Manager Tom Goulden inquiring as to a date for discussions regarding land use, and seeks clarification of the parties involved: specifically will the Museum meet with Town Council or with Town Administration. Town Manager arranges for a meeting with Museum's Board of Directors and Town Administration.

## July 12, 2017

Meeting of Museum's Board Executive and Town Manager Tom Goulden who indicates the land use decision would go back before Council on August 21, 2017. Goulden explains the intent of the August decision by Council is to seek clarification on the land use issue. The August report to Council may include the Town's concern with operational sustainability of expansion and may also separate land/lot lines from discussion of Museum expansion. Also discussed was Town's future use of the lands, and future use of the lands by the Museum. Museum expresses their concerns with future planning without the ability to expand. Both the Town and Museum agreed that certainty is needed. Town Manager informs the Museum of the idea of an 'area use plan' similar to one the Town is developing for the sporting and recreational lands in and around the outdoor pool and arena. Museum and Town agree to reflect on their discussion prior to further meetings.

### July 20, 2017

In response to July 12, 2017 meeting with Town Manager Tom Goulden, the Museum sends him a letter requesting postponement of the August 21, 2017 land use decision. The Museum states this postponement would allow for discussions to continue regarding the Museum's 25 Year Concept Plan and future use of the 14 acres in question. Also in the letter, the Museum offers to willingly participate in Mr. Goulden's option of an 'area use plan', similar to what is being done with the stakeholders for the proposed sports and recreations hub near the outdoor pool and arena.

#### July 28, 2017

Museum sends letter to Mayor Choy outlining concerns expressed by its Board members and volunteers that not enough discussion or consultation has taken place regarding the Museum's 25 year Concept Plan and the Museum's unrestricted use of the 14 acres. The letter also expresses surprise with the Town Manager's ending further "courageous conversation" when he informed the Museum that the land issue was going back to Council on August 21, 2017. Further, the Museum expresses confusion with no time being available to participate in the Town Manager's suggestion of an alternative format for consultation, ('area use plan' meeting similar to those scheduled for the planned sports hub) with the pending August 21, 2017 land use decision.

## August 15, 2017

Town Mayor Choy and Councillor Pat Hansard attend Museum's Board of Director's Meeting and advise that the Museum's 25 Year Concept Plan has not been reviewed by Mayor and Council. The Mayor expresses concerns about land use discussions in the community. The Museum requests more time for discussions, especially regarding their 25 Year Concept Plan and expansion. The Museum repeatedly requests clarification on the Town's timelines to redraw lot lines without further discussion; the Museum's requests go unanswered.

## August 21, 2017

Museum's Board Executive attends Town of Stony Plain Council meeting with four requests:

- 1. Mayor and Council familiarize themselves with the Museum's 25 year Concept Plan;
- 2. Mayor and Council consider an Agreement for the Museum to have continued and unimpeded use of the current 14 acres;
- 3. Communication continue for meaningful discussions to arrive at a win-win situation for the Town of Stony Plain the Museum;
- 4. Mayor and Council delay any further action on property line changes until the land use by the Museum is agreed upon.

Town of Stony Plain Town Manager recommends to Council the matter be referred to Town Council's Annual Retreat in January 2018.

#### August 30, 2017

Museum receives letter from Town Manager Tom Goulden advising the land use and requests of the Museum will be reviewed by Town Council in the first quarter of 2018.