

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT COUNCIL

Topic: Bylaw 2021-16 Repeal of Wabamun Bylaws (Set 5)

Introduction:

This report provides information regarding the Wabamun Dissolution project and, more specifically, Parkland County Bylaw 2021-16 for Council's consideration on May 11, 2021. The primary function of Bylaw 2021-16 is to temporarily establish fees for the Wabamun cemetery, Coal Diamond Sports Park and Campground, Jubilee Hall, and Bus Users. The secondary function of Bylaw 2021-16 is to repeal four Wabamun bylaws. In total, Bylaw 2021-16 provides 4 Wabamun Bylaws for repeal and establishes 25 fees and charges.

Facts (Background Information):

Following Wabamun's dissolution and integration into Parkland County pursuant to Order in Council 386/2020, the County is tasked with accounting for Wabamun bylaws. This means repealing, amending, or continuing all active bylaws enacted in the Village of Wabamun from 1980-2020. At the time of dissolution, Wabamun had 118 Bylaws in force with varying degrees of relevance and effect for Parkland County moving forward.

Bylaw 2021-16 specifically addresses the *Master Rates and Fees Bylaw* and its associated amendments, which now impinge equal application of law for all Parkland County residents. Repealing these bylaws is the next step toward the overarching objective of facilitating Wabamun's inclusion in the County's legislative and regulatory schemes.

Analysis:

Each Wabamun bylaw has been reviewed by the Wabamun Dissolution project team and then in-depth by the department which is responsible for the Bylaw or the matter addressed by the Bylaw. This review was conducted with view to four main considerations:

- Effectiveness and relevance of the Bylaw for the County's purposes
- Whether the County has one or more Bylaws that are analogous, parallel, or relevant to the Wabamun Bylaw
- Whether the Bylaw should be repealed, amended, or continued
- The rationale for repealing, amending, or continuing the Bylaw

This instance differs from the previous repeal bylaws in that this Bylaw provides some Wabamun-specific fees for continuance in Parkland County for 2021. In consultation with Executive Committee and Parkland County Departments it has been decided that it is best practice to continue with these Wabamun-specific fees and charges on a temporary basis. This avoids deregulating hamlet infrastructure and will facilitate

access to those services for all County residents. These provisions are set to expire at the end of 2021, a more permanent solution will be included in the 2022 Parkland County Fees and Charges bylaw.

Schedule A to The Admin Report provides a more detailed rationale for the repeal of *Wabamun Master Rates and Fees Bylaw* and its amending bylaws. While this bylaw is being repealed in its entirety, some of its provisions are continued by this Parkland County Bylaw for 2021. Much of what is contained in Wabamun's *Master Rates and Fees Bylaw* corresponds to Parkland County legislation and can therefore be eliminated in favour of a county-wide rate or fee. Other provisions in the *Master Rates and Fees Bylaw* are specific and tailored for Wabamun-specific matters like the Bus, Jubilee Hall, specific cemetery matters, and Coal Diamond Sports Park. In those cases, it has been decided in consultation with Executive Committee that those rates and fees should continue for 2021 to meet service level expectations and avoid de-regulating community infrastructure.

As part of this and their inclusion as Parkland County residents, Wabamun residents will experience a shift in fees and service levels as the integration process moves forward. In order to meet the mandate provided by the Province of Alberta in *Order in Council 386/2020* and by Wabamun residents in their vote to join Parkland County, Parkland County must, as much as possible, harmonize fees, rates, charges, and service levels for all residents. This proposed Bylaw is a necessary part of that process. The provisions that are continued and established by this bylaw are temporary as a thorough review of all County rates, fees, and charges for 2022 is underway.

Alternatives:

1. Continuing such Wabamun Bylaws in Parkland County as Council deems necessary and appropriate.
2. Such amendments as Council deems necessary and appropriate.

Conclusion/Summary:

Bylaw 2021-16 continues a legislative review to harmonize bylaws within the context of other governing legislation in Parkland County. These Wabamun Bylaws and continued provisions, having been reviewed and recommended by the relevant departments for repeal, are presented in Bylaw 2021-16 for consideration by Council.

AUTHORS: Joshua Culling, Avery Dawes

Wabamun Dissolution Project

Date written: 19 APRIL 2021