

**Subject: Bylaw No. 18/002 – Road Closure Adjacent to Municipal Land (Portion of Section SW 16, Township 86, Range 7, W4M) - Anzac**

**APPROVALS:**

**Annette Antoniak**

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Director

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Chief Administrative Officer

**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Bylaw No.18/002, being a bylaw to close a portion of an undeveloped government road allowance adjacent to Municipal land in SW Section 16, Township 86, Range 7, W4M, located in the Hamlet of Anzac, be read a first time; and

THAT the required Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

**Summary:**

The Municipality received a request from the Camp Yogi Society to use a portion of the surveyed government road allowance adjacent to their lease boundary in order to facilitate the rebuild of their camp as it was prior to the 2016 Wildfire.

**Background:**

The Municipality is the registered owner of a parcel of land within SW of Section 16, Township 86, Range 7, W4M (201 Townsend Drive) which is approximately 5.0 acres in size and located in the Hamlet of Anzac (Attachment 2). The Municipality currently leases this parcel of land to the Camp Yogi Society (CYS).

The CYS is a registered non-profit society that operates a rental and recreational camp facility. The lease is for a yearly rate of \$1.00 and was issued for a 25 year term expiring July 18, 2032, with the option to renew for two 10 year terms.

The CYS requested that the portion of the surveyed government road allowance adjacent to their lease boundary, which is under the direction, control and management of the Municipality, be closed and consolidated with the existing adjacent municipal land to allow the Municipality to increase their lease boundary.

Government road allowances exist in Alberta to provide public access, granting the public the right to travel over and along all road allowances within the province. If the proposed road closure is approved, the Municipality will legally be able to expand CYS's lease boundary enabling them to control and manage access through the camp facility

area. Existing access to the site will continue along Townsend Drive.

In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, a road closure must be effected by a bylaw, which requires Council approval. A public hearing must also be held after the bylaw is given first reading in order to provide an opportunity for individuals who may be affected by the road closure to be heard by Council.

The attached bylaw has been reviewed by the Land Title Office to ensure the accuracy of the legal description. The proposed road closure has been circulated to internal municipal departments, Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) and franchise and utility companies. No issues or concerns were raised.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

There is no book value assigned to the road; therefore, there will be no financial loss or gain realized by the Municipality as a result of the closure.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

Administration supports the proposed road closure as it will facilitate the rebuild of the CYS camp facility by consolidating these lands with the adjacent municipal lands and expanding CYS's lease boundary. CYS's camp facility is a facility that is much needed for the benefit of the community of Anzac and all concerned.

**Strategic Plan Linkages:**

Pillar 4 - Building an Effective Land Strategy

**Attachments:**

1. Bylaw No. 18/002
2. Subject Area Map