

Subject: Bylaw No. 19/013 - Repeal of Obsolete Bylaws

APPROVALS:

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Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

1. THAT Bylaw No. 19/013, being a bylaw to repeal obsolete, redundant and outdated bylaws, be read a second time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 19/013 be read a third and final time

Summary and Background:

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's bylaw database contains nearly 3,000 records, including bylaws from the former City of Fort McMurray, Ministerial and ID Orders from the former Improvement District and bylaws for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Legislation has changed dramatically over the years and the need for many of these bylaws and orders no longer exists. A comprehensive review of the bylaw database has identified more than 1200 bylaws as obsolete or redundant. These bylaws largely fall into one of four categories:

1. Bylaws that were created for a very specific purpose and once acted upon, have no further effect or are no longer required;
2. Bylaws that have been superceded by a change in overarching legislation or by another bylaw;
3. Bylaws that were created for a specific purpose or situation that no longer exists;
or
4. Bylaws that were created for a specified time period, which has now elapsed.

Although obsolete, the noted bylaws are still considered active because they have never been repealed, which can create challenges from an enforcement perspective. Many of the bylaws contain provisions which are no longer reflective of the current environment or are inconsistent with other legislation or bylaws, which makes them

unenforceable. Depending on the nature of the bylaw, there is risk that residents will be misinformed of their rights and obligations.

Rationale for Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council proceed with repealing all bylaws which have been identified as being obsolete or redundant. Doing so will greatly reduce the size of the bylaw database, thereby aiding in the identification of gaps and facilitating needed updates. Modernization will also provide greater clarity to both municipal staff and residents with respect to their rights and obligations

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

- 1. Bylaw No. 19/013**