

**Subject: Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance –  
Hamlet of Anzac – Bylaw No. 14/028****APPROVALS:**

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**Process Note:**

Following the Public Hearing being held, Bylaw No. 14/028 will be submitted for signature to the Minister of Transportation. Once Bylaw No. 14/028 is signed by the Minister it will be scheduled for consideration of second and third readings.

**Summary:**

A portion of an undeveloped government road allowance located east of SE 8-86-7-4 (as highlighted in red on Attachment 2) and within the proposed Phase One residential lands (as highlighted in yellow on Attachment 2), in the Hamlet of Anzac requires closure in order to enable the consolidation of the road allowance with the adjacent municipal properties. Closure and consolidation will allow for the creation of proposed Phase One residential land being approximately 52 acres in size.

**Background:**

The Hamlet of Anzac is designated as the rural growth area in the Municipal Development Plan. In 2012 Council approved an Area Structure Plan to guide the development of the Hamlet. The subject road allowance is within a 52 acre parcel which has been designated as the Phase One lands for residential development.

To consolidate the undeveloped government road allowances with adjacent properties, the road allowance must be closed by bylaw. A public hearing must also be held after the bylaw is given a first reading in order to provide an opportunity for any individuals who may be affected by the closure, to be heard by Council. A bylaw closing a road allowance in the Rural Service Area has no effect unless it is approved by the Minister of Transportation before the bylaw receives a second reading.

The portion of road allowance designated for closure has an area totaling approximately 0.63 Ha (1.55 Ac).

The proposed road allowance closure was circulated to internal Municipal departments, Alberta Transportation, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, along with franchise and utility companies. No objections were raised regarding the proposal, and the road allowance closure will have no impact on Municipal operations. The Road Closure Bylaw has been reviewed by Alberta Land Titles to ensure the accuracy of the legal descriptions.

**Budget/Financial Implications**

No financial impact to the Municipality will result from closure of the road allowance area as the allowance is undeveloped, and does not contain a roadway.

An appraisal to determine current market value for the portion of undeveloped government road allowance to be closed was not undertaken because the lands are to be consolidated with adjacent properties owned by the Municipality, not a third party.

**Rationale for Recommendations:**

Administration supports the road allowance closure and the consolidation with adjacent municipal properties because the road allowance is undeveloped and does not provide physical access to public utilities nor does it serve as public access to any of the adjacent lands. Further, there will be a new configuration of roads established as part of the subdivision development to provide access in the residential subdivision.

**Attachments:**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 14/028
2. Subject Area Map