






Subject: **Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1808 by Bylaw 1889**
Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee of the Whole provide clarification to Administration specific to the weed and pest control requirements related to renewable energy sites.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- MGA, Renewable Energy Act, Alberta Utilities Commission Act

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Bylaw 1829, Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw 1808

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Over the last several months Council and Administration have worked to revise the renewable energy sections of the current Land Use Bylaw 1808. These amendments are directed at protecting the high classification farmland that is being taken out of production for these renewable energy projects. The amendments also address setbacks and provides a list of information required to be submitted with an application.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

At the September 26, 2023, Council meeting, further direction was given to add Braconnier Dam to the list of waterbodies requiring setbacks for these projects. Council also wanted to amend the 1:30 year storm event to a 1:50 year storm event to calculate the stormwater management requirements. These changes have been added to the current draft attached to your package.

Council also requested Administration to include additional information specific to these sites as it relates to weed and pest management. Administration has put together a document noting the current practices, and it provides some additional options for Council to consider. Since some of these options may create service-level impacts within the organization, Administration is looking for clarification from Council on which option may meet their expectations.

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There were no financial or staffing implications for the preparation of this report. There may be resource impacts to the organization should Council choose some options presented within the report.





Committee of the Whole Discussion Report

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Bylaw 1889

Clarification of weeds document

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

Mike Ziehr, Director of Infrastructure

Approved-

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