






Subject: **Bylaw 1889 Public Hearing Postponement**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That Council move to reschedule the public hearing for Bylaw 1889 to the December 12, 2023, Council meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m.

**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)-** Municipal Government Act  
**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** Land Use Bylaw 1808

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

Council has initiated an amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1808 specifically to the sections relating to solar generation facilities and wind energy conversion systems. Administration has drafted Bylaw 1889 to amend the Land Use Bylaw.

**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Administration has been directed to provide additional amendments to the draft document and some updated mapping to reflect the proposed overall setback requirements. These changes should be circulated to our adjacent municipalities so they can provide comments appropriate for the changed document. It is prudent to have a polished document before the public hearing so comments and concerns are relevant to the document presented. With the public engagement sessions scheduled in the next couple of weeks, this will be difficult to achieve.

Administration has also received informal comments from someone who deals with the industry, and they raised some concerns regarding potential limitations for private use systems based on the required setbacks. He has already had several conversations with some of the local farms contemplating some form of renewable due to the market cost for electricity. The property owner will be submitting formal comments for consideration within this process. Administration would like to ensure that we are aligned with Council's position as it relates to landowners contemplating a private system and therefore also require some additional time to provide a revised document that captures all of Council's desired amendments. Additionally, the revised document will need to be forwarded to adjacent municipalities so that they may have an opportunity to comment on those changes. Due to these factors we request that the public hearing be postponed until the December 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.



**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

Currently we are doing this work in-house so there are no financial implications beyond staff time.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools: Individual Notification

Other:

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Council move to reschedule the public hearing for Bylaw 1889 to the December 12, 2023 Council meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m.
2. Council select an alternate date and time for the public hearing.
3. Council deny the request to reschedule the public hearing.

**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

Administration will follow the direction of Council and ensure any changes to the advertising or notifications are done as per the MGA.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services

Approved-

