




Subject: **Bylaw 1889 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1808**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee of the Whole accept the update on proposed Bylaw 1889 for information, as presented.

**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:**

Council has initiated an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to the renewable energy sections of the bylaw. These amendments are directed at protecting the high classification farmland that is being taken out of production for commercial scale renewable energy projects. Setbacks for these projects as well as specific information required with an application have been included in these amendments.

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

Administration wanted to take this opportunity to present the Draft Bylaw 1889 to Council before its publication on our website and distribution to our neighboring municipalities for feedback. Furthermore, the draft will be introduced during the Public Hearing scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

In response to Council's request, Administration has collaborated with the Agricultural Fieldman to incorporate additional, quantifiable criteria into the Vegetation, Weed, and Pest Management Plan submission requirements into this draft. Additionally, Administration has made several other adjustments to clarify the differing requirements for wind and solar energy systems between private and industrial/commercial facilities.

Should Council decide to make any further alterations to the Bylaw, they can be accommodated after the public hearing.

**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

There were no financial or staffing implications for the preparation of this report. There may be resource impacts to the organization to provide oversight to the requirements added under the Vegetation, Weed and Pest Management Plan assessments within the bylaw.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Bylaw 1889 including maps.

**APPROVAL(S):**

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services

Approved-

