



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: May 27, 2024

TITLE: C-1290-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Election Sign Regulations - Second and Third Reading

DIVISION: Strategic and Communication Services

SUMMARY:

Bylaw C-1290-23, a Land Use Bylaw text amendment that proposes to remove the timing of election sign placement and removal, is being brought forward for consideration by Council. The proposed C-1281-23 - Election Sign Bylaw will provide the regulation on election signs within the City of Spruce Grove.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT second reading be given to C-1290-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Election Sign Regulations.

THAT third reading be given to C-1290-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Election Sign Regulations.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Currently, C-824-12 - Land Use Bylaw sets a provision which provides for the placement of election signs no earlier than 12:01 a.m. on nomination day / election writ day. A standalone Election Sign Bylaw is being proposed to Council which addresses the placement and timing of all election signs within the City of Spruce Grove. An amendment is necessary to C-824-12 - Land Use Bylaw to remove section 96(2) to ensure the allowance for placement and timing is not duplicated in more than one bylaw.

A public hearing was held earlier this evening on Bylaw C-1290-23.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

Council may direct Administration to make amendments to the bylaw. Alternatively, Council may defeat the motion for second reading and choose to defeat this bylaw or a Councillor may make the following motion if they wish to defer third reading to the next Council meeting:

THAT third reading for C-1290-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Election Sign Regulations be deferred to the June 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

A statutory Public Hearing, advertised per the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, was held prior to consideration of second reading. Advertising of the Public Hearing was placed in the Spruce Grove Examiner on May 17, 2024, and uploaded to the City website on May 14, 2024, per the Advertising Bylaw and *Municipal Government Act* requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

If approved, the Land Use Bylaw will be updated as per Bylaw C-1290-23 and published on the City's website.

IMPACTS:

Approval of this bylaw will remove the potential for contradictions regarding the timing and removal of election signs within the City of Spruce Grove.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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