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Bylaw 8/2017 Proposed MDP Amendments Regarding School Sites

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 8/2017 be closed.
2. That Bylaw 8/2017 be read a second time.
3. That Bylaw 8/2017 be read a third and final time.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To bring forward options for Municipal Development Plan (MDP) amendments related to school sites for Council's consideration.

The amendments propose changes focused on the following:

- Promote the building of multi-storey schools where possible to maximize the use of limited amounts of reserve land;
- Ensure schools and accompanying park sites are dedicated early on in the residential build-out of new Area Structure Plans so the sites are available to meet the needs of local students, and the accompanying park is available to residents;
- Align the language in the MDP to that of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) with regards to taking extra municipal reserve (>10%) in higher density areas.

Additional MDP amendments will be required to align with the new Capital Region Board (CRB) Growth Plan and the Modernized Municipal Government Act. Those changes are not included in this report, as further analysis of those implications is required.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

On February 17, 2015 Council passed the following motions:
(C94-2015)

That the report entitled "Process Review for the Recommendation of School Sites" dated January 2015 be received as information.

That the proposed amended School Site Allocation Agreement in Attachment 2 be approved, and that Council direct the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City, and circulate to the School

Boards for ratification.

That Administration bring the proposed Municipal Development Plan amendments to Council by January 2017.

On November 9, 2016 Agenda Committee rescheduled the report to return to Council on March 6, 2017. The report was subsequently rescheduled on February 22, 2017, to return to Council on April 3, 2017.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On April 3, 2017 Council gave first reading to Bylaw 8/2017 and adjourned the public hearing to July 4, 2017 to allow for a decision by the Capital Region Board on the proposed MDP amendments.

The Capital Region Board provided notice of approval on May 30, 2017. The letter from the CRB is included as an attachment entitled "Capital Region Board REF Application 2017-006, City of St. Albert".

ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

a) Postpone the amendments until a larger review of the MDP has been completed to align the MDP with the new CRB Growth Plan and the Modernized Municipal Government Act.

b) Do not pass the proposed MDP amendments. Implication would be the MDP would not be amended with new policies related to school sites and municipal reserve.

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