



Legislation Text

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Traffic Bylaw Amendments

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Bylaw 44/2017, being Amendment 12 to Traffic Bylaw 18/2005, be read a first time.
2. That Bylaw 44/2017, be read a second time.
3. That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third reading of Bylaw 44/2017.
4. That Bylaw 44/2017 be read a third and final time.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report outlines proposed amendments to Traffic Bylaw 18/2005 that create alignment to amendments proposed to the Land Use Bylaw 9/2005.

The proposed amendments relate to the hours "*Election Signs*" may be posted, specifically the number of hours following the closure of polling stations.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

On August 21, 2017, Council passed the following motion:

(PH-17-022)

That Schedule C.6(12), Sections 12(a)(i) and 12(a)(ii) of Bylaw 9/2005 be amended by replacing "24" with "48".

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Administration identified reference and restrictions related to election sign placement in both the Traffic Bylaw (18/2005) and Land Use Bylaw (9/2005). The Traffic Bylaw regulates the placement of election signage on certain (named) public roadways, while the Land Use Bylaw regulates the placement of election signage on private property. To prevent inconsistency, both documents require an amendment to the requested allowance time frames for election signs.

The existing Bylaw documents contain a requirement that ‘*Election Signs*’ be removed by no later than 24 hours after the closing of polling stations. The proposed amendments will result in a requirement that ‘*Election Signs*’ be removed by no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling stations.

STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

Beyond internal department communication and collaboration, no stakeholder or public engagement occurred for this proposed Bylaw amendment.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

Financial:

None.

Legal / Risk:

Not updating the Traffic Bylaw (18/2005) to align with the Land Use Bylaw (9/2005), or vice versa, creates inconsistencies surrounding the allowances of election signs that may result in difficulty of enforcement, disputes and unnecessary legal action.

Program or Service:

None.

Organizational:

None.

ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED

Should Council not support the recommendation, the alternatives to consider would be:

Alternative 1: Do not perform amendments to either of the Land Use Bylaw (9/2005) or Traffic Bylaw (18/2005) and maintain the existing “24” hour election sign allowance following closure of polling stations within both Bylaw documents. This alternative maintains the existing restrictions and would result in no amendment to either Bylaw.

Alternative 2: Direct Administration to perform alternative amendments to both the Land Use Bylaw (9/2005) and Traffic Bylaw (18/2005) that create a variance from the existing “24” hour sign allowance following closure of polling stations and that are not the current proposed “48” hour allowance. This alternative would generate an amendment to the current Bylaw documents that may vary from the existing “24” hours or proposed “48” hours sign allowance.

STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS

City of St. Albert Strategic Plan (Policy C-CG-02) - Pillars of Sustainability

SOCIAL - We are a friendly and inclusive community of passionate equals, where everyone feels a

sense of belonging. We believe that community starts with the person next door.

Governance Strategy

Council is committed to ensuring that the City of St. Albert is a responsive, accountable government that delivers value to the community.

Long Term Plans (e.g. MDP, Social Master Plan, Cultural Master Plan, etc.)

N/A

Corporate Objectives (See Corporate Business Plan)

Deliver programs and services that meet or exceed our standards

Ensure our customers are very satisfied

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