

## RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY / SUGGESTION

### COUNCILLOR NIX

Councillor Nix provided an inquiry regarding the status of the Request for Proposal and land sale for the former location of the Drake Landing Energy Centre.

### Estimated Administrative Time to Respond

Under 4 hours (no motion required)

Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

### Motion

Council direction is required.

### Response

The Drake Landing Energy Centre has been fully decommissioned. The former site is no longer required for municipal operations. Administration has initiated steps to explore the potential sale of the lands in alignment with Council direction to recoup a portion of decommissioning costs and return the lands to productive use in alignment with the approved land use for the area. The anticipated profits from the sale of the land were built into the expected financial commitments and returns of the partners of the Drake Landing Solar Corporation.

### Status of the Request for Proposal

- Administration issued a Request for Proposal for the sale and redevelopment of the former Drake Landing Energy Centre land through the Town's public procurement portal, Bids & Tenders. The RFP is publicly accessible on the Town's Bids & Tenders website and is open until April 30, 2026, for submissions. The bid is posted here: [Bids and Tenders - Town of Okotoks](#)
- The RFP was structured as an open and competitive process in accordance with the Town's procurement practices and trade agreement obligations.
- As the RFP is open until April 30, 2026, no award or land sale has been finalized.
- Consistent with standard procurement and disposition practices, detailed information related to submissions is confidential.

### Land Sale Approval Authority

- The sale of municipal land requires Council approval. Council has previously granted authority to sell the land. Administration's role is to conduct the procurement process, evaluate submissions against the criteria outlined in the RFP, and determine if the submissions meet the submission criteria.
- If valid submissions are received, the lands would be sold to the successful bidder.

### Council Procedure Bylaw – Process

Should Council wish to revisit any prior direction related to the disposition of the former Drake Landing Energy Centre land, the Town's Procedure Bylaw provides the process to do so:

- A motion to revisit previous direction must be brought forward in accordance with the Procedure Bylaw.
- A motion may be made at a subsequent meeting in specific circumstances under the Bylaw. As a general municipal election has taken place since the original direction, and if a vote has not caused an irrevocable action, Council re-direction may be considered.
- A successful motion reopens the original matter for further debate and decision by Council.
- Until Council passes a motion, Administration continues to act in accordance with existing Council direction and approved processes.

### Next Steps

- Administration will complete the RFP evaluation in accordance with the terms of the competition unless Council provides alternate direction.

### **Attachment(s)**

n/a

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