

BYLAW 43-17

Purpose

The purpose of Bylaw 43-17 is to amend Land Use Bylaw 40-98 to align with and incorporate recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*.

Readings

Depending on the outcome of this public hearing, this Bylaw is ready for second and third readings.

Public Hearing and/or Public Engagement/Communication Strategy

This public hearing was advertised in the Western Wheel on December 20 and 27, 2017.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The *MGA* has undergone the third round of recent amendments through the passing of Bill 8 – An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government in May 2017. An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government contains changes to the *MGA* that impact processes in the Town of Okotoks Planning Services' processes in the Town of Okotoks.

The most recent changes came into force on October 26, 2017. Bylaw 43-17 amends Land Use Bylaw 40-98 to align with and incorporate recent changes to the *MGA* as they relate to how Administration handles development permit (DP) applications, including:

- complete and incomplete DP applications;
- refusal of DP applications;
- notice of decisions on DP applications, including sending documents by electronic means;
- advertising notices of decisions; and
- appeal timelines regarding decisions on DP applications.

A summary of the proposed amendments can be found in Attachment 1.

Bylaw 43-17 was referred to the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) for comment at their regular meeting on December 14, 2017. The Commission moved that Council be advised that the MPC supports the amendments to Land Use Bylaw 40-98, as proposed.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain Organizational Excellence

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Stewardship

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

I support the recommendation of Administration.

Attachment(s)

1. Summary of Amendments
2. Bylaw 43-17 First Reading Version

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