



City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 24, 2019

Presentation

2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results

Tracy With, principal of Yardstick Research Inc., presented Council with the results of the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. The City of Lacombe had contracted Yardstick Research Inc. to conduct a survey of residents in May 2019 to determine their views on quality of life in the community, and their current satisfaction level with municipal services. The survey revealed that majority of residents (79 per cent) rated their quality of life as good or very good, and 82 per cent said Lacombe is a great place to raise a family.

Some of the City's key strengths include water and sewer services, garbage services, recycling, Lacombe Police Service, Lacombe Fire Department, trails, sports fields and green spaces, and the Lacombe Memorial Centre. Primary areas identified for improvement include road and sidewalk maintenance, snow removal, and attracting and supporting local business.

Operations and Planning

Bylaw 400.25 (Land Use Bylaw)

Council held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 400.25, for the re-designation of Lot 40, Block 28, Plan 5054MC (also known as 5455 47 Avenue) from Residential Detached Dwelling (R1) to Community Services District (CS), in order to facilitate the consolidation of this property with the adjacent lot.

Council subsequently approved Bylaw 400.25 after giving it second and third readings.

Bylaw 400.23 (Land Use Bylaw)

Council held a Public Hearing for Bylaw 400.23, to amend the Land Use Bylaw by amending various parts of Bylaw 400. Hans Spelt spoke in opposition to two amendments (9.11.7 and 8.13.8(b)), suggesting 80 percent (versus 90) of principal dwelling floor area as a maximum for secondary suites, and 20 percent (versus 25) for minimum landscaping for seven or more dwelling units.

Council subsequently gave second reading to Bylaw 400.23 as amended, after including the six amendments below. Third reading is scheduled for July 8.

1. Removed the reference to the maximum accessory building height of 4.6m.
2. Removed the option of providing a 3m landscaped strip.
3. For development in all other districts, a minimum of 15% of the lot shall be landscaped
4. Landscaping coverage requirements are changed from "shall" to "should" clauses
5. "Fitness facility" to be included as a discretionary use in the I2 district
6. Landscaping coverage requirements on R4 lots of 7 or more units are to be reduced from 25 to 20 percent

Sidewalk Patio Policy

Council passed a resolution to approve the application for a seasonal outdoor patio in front of 5021 50 Street.

Council and Legislative

2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Council accepted the draft final report on the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey for information, as presented.

2018-2021 Strategic Plan Annual Review

Council endorsed the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan Annual Report, and directed Administration to prepare an updated 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan and information contained in the endorsed annual report.

Financial Services

Signing Authorities Update

Council approved the addition of Diane Piché, Corporate Services Director; Deborah Juch, Director of Community Services; and Jordan Thompson, Director of Operations and Planning, as designated signing officers for bank instructions, forms and legal documents.

Motions Out of Camera

Land Matter

Council directed Administration to provide a counter offer as discussed.

****The next scheduled Regular Council Meetings are:***

- July 8, 2019, at 5 p.m.***
- August 12, 2019, at 5 p.m.***
- September 9, 2019, at 5 p.m.***