



ALR Exclusion Application Policy No. 07.82

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Date

The following was adopted as Policy at the **Regular Council Meeting** held on **February 20, 2007**.

Moved by : Councillor Gambell
Seconded by: Councillor Leamont

Resolution # 07.02.080

That when dealing with ALR exclusion applications, Council will use the following as guidelines regarding process:

If a proposal complies with the Official Community Plan, Council may forward the application to the Land Reserve Commission (ALC) for a decision;

If a proposal complies with a previous resolution of the ALC indicating an area may be removed from the ALR, Council may forward the application to the ALC for a decision;

If a proposal does not comply with the OCP or a previous resolution of the ALC, then Council should hold planning discussions with representatives of ALC before forwarding the application to the ALC for a decision; and

Following agency referral including the Agricultural Advisory Committee, a public hearing should be held prior to sending the application to the ALC for a decision.

Background

- The Land Reserve Commission has ultimate authority for excluding land from the ALR, but the decision making process also involves the municipality. In most cases, Council must first give authorization for the application before it can be forwarded to the Commission. When land is excluded from the ALR, it results in urbanization and sometimes places pressure on adjoining agricultural land. The Commission prefers that prior to considering applications to exclude land from the reserve, the municipality and the Commission should carry out a planning process through an OCP review or a neighbourhood plan. This is preferable to dealing with ALR exclusions on an individual ad-hoc basis.
- The District and the Commission have met on several occasions to discuss community planning issues. This includes the Town Centre area, the two Official Community Plans, and the Woodsdale

Neighbourhood Plan, all involving amendments to the ALR. The District has been successful in getting lands either excluded or designated for future exclusion. In exchange, the District agreed to only forward applications for exclusions that are in compliance with the plans. This consultative planning is then beneficial to both the municipality and the LRC. The LRC has also asked the municipality to reserve water for agriculture, which was included as part of the Response and Assessment Plan adopted by Council. The LRC was appreciative of our efforts to amend our zoning bylaw to match the Commission's regulations respecting land use in the ALR.

The purpose of the policy is ensure ALR exclusions are considered in the context of the Official Community Plan, that there is land use planning in consultation with the ALC, that the public is involved in the process and that applicants are aware of the process at the time of submitting the application.

Original signed by James Baker
Mayor

Original signed by Hazel Christy
Clerk