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Town of Morinville to consider Off-Highway Vehicle pilot project

By Colin Smith and Morinville Online

Off-highway vehicle use could be allowed on Morinville roads next year in a pilot project.

Residents will have a chance to make their views known on the issue through an engagement process.

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28, council accepted an administration recommendation that the development of the project, enabling the use of off-highway vehicles within the town on a test basis, take place as part of 2024 budget deliberations.

On February 14, following the first reading of a proposed new traffic safety bylaw, Council had approved a motion directing administration to bring forward such a pilot project for consideration along with a second reading of the bylaw.

In a report at the March 28 meeting, Community Safety Services Supervisor William Norton told council members he felt that would not allow enough time for examination of the

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Off-Highway Vehicles could be allowed to travel on the streets of Morinville if Council approves a pilot project as the Town of Legal recently did. **– Morinville Online File Image**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

For Champagne District ASP Amendment - Bylaw 11/2023

You are invited to participate in a Public Hearing for a Bylaw 11/2023, a bylaw to amend the Champagne District Area Structure Plan. Anyone intending to speak in-person at the public hearing is encouraged to register in advance, but not required to do so. Written comments are required to be submitted by 4 p.m. on April 24, 2023, to be reviewed as part of the public hearing process. To register to speak in-person or submit written comments, please email legislativeofficer@morinville.ca. A copy of the report relating to the public hearing can be found by visiting www.morinville.ca/councilcalendar and selecting the link to the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

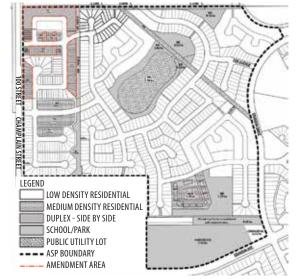
What is the ASP Amendment about?

The purpose of the Bylaw 11/2023 is to redesignate a portion of lands, as shown on the map, from 'Duplex-side-by-side' to 'Low Density Residential'. The redesignation will provide flexibility to develop a variety of low-density housing types. Administration supports this proposal as it aligns with the Town's plans and policies.

ASP Amendment Bylaw 11/2023: Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 4 p.m. Council Chambers, Civic Hall: 10125 100 Avenue,

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factors involved in putting together the pilot project and for public engagement.

Additionally, the cost of running the project may be as much as \$25,000, which would not be covered by the 2023 budget.

Norton said the development of the project would require research on the basis of existing restrictions on existing off-highway vehicle use in Morinville, as well as legal and liability concerns and consultations with other municipalities, law enforcement and stakeholders.

One concern is that allowing off-highway vehicles on the roads would not be in line with the town's commitment to make Morinville a safer community.

Considerations for the project would include when, where and how use would be allowed. Another concern is how the success or failure of the plan will be identified and measured.

Norton stated that the costs for the pilot project would be for increased staff time, reporting structures, consulting and engaging with stakeholders and a potential increase for the rental or purchase of enforcement equipment and/or vehicles.

Councillor Ray White, who made the original motion for a pilot project, queried the need

for the expenditure outlined by Norton, having conferred with an official from Legal who said their pilot project allowing off-high vehicles with little expense and no problems.

Norton was also questioned on the safety issue by Deputy Mayor Scott Richardson, drawing on past experience in occupational health and safety, who noted that most accidents involving off-highway vehicles occur during loading and unloading.

At the same time, he acknowledged that the use of these vehicles results in more safety concerns than standard vehicles.

Both joined with the other council members in voting unanimously in favour of the recommendation to defer consideration of the pilot until the 2024 budget deliberations begin.

"I really think we need to do this right if we do it," said White. "I think we're going down the right path to getting it right.

The plan is that the most extensive engagement with the public about the pilot project would take at its onset next year, but it's also anticipated that initial gauging of opinion will take place later this year, notably in relation to the

upcoming budget survey.

It may be that opinions about off-highway vehicles will to some extent, reflect differing visions of Morinville as a community.

Earlier in the March 28 meeting council heard a public presentation opposed to their use in town by Melodie Steele, a former Town employee, speaking as a private citizen.

As well as foreseeing problems calling for increased enforcement and potential infrastructure damage and safety concerns, Steele sees off-highway vehicle use as inconsistent with Morinville's character as an urban centre.

Morinville has the population level at which it could become a city, she noted.

"You don't go into Edmonton and see them running around," Steele said. "You don't see them in St. Albert."

A public presentation on the issue was also made at the February 14 meeting, where resident Matt Baty urged that

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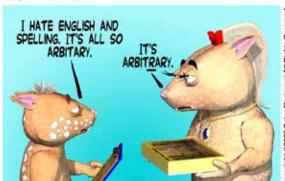


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mayor and councillors move to allow off-highway vehicles on town roads.

"It's pretty important," Baty said at the time, noting an off-highway policy would allow owners to take their OHV to the gas station or the car wash. "I feel our town is a rural community, and we've been losing focus on that over time."

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For proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw 12/2023

You are invited to participate in a Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw, amending Bylaw 12/2023. Anyone intending to speak in-person at the public hearing is encouraged to register in advance, but not required to do so. Written comments are required to be submitted by 4 p.m. on April 24, 2023, to be reviewed as part of the public hearing process.

To register to speak in-person or submit written comments, please email legislativeofficer@morinville.ca. A copy of the report relating to the public hearing can be found by visiting www.morinville.ca/councilcalendar and selecting the link to the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

What is the LUB

Amendment about?

The purpose of the Bylaw 12/2023 is to amend the Village Champlain Stage II Residential (R-VC2) District. The intent of this proposal is to allow for narrower lots, lane access zero lot line single detached dwellings, and the inclusion of secondary suites in the mature neighborhood. Administration supports this proposal as it aligns with the Town's plans and policies.

Public Hearing for Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 12/2023:

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Council Chambers, Civic Hall: 10125 100 Avenue, Morinville



Location of areas zoned as R-VC2 District

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Town of Bon Accord Proposed Development Permit

Appeal by April 27, 2023

Take notice that the following development permit for proposed use as described below has been issued in accordance with the Town of Bon Accord Land Use Bylaw#2016-03.

Municipal address: 47 Ave, Bon Accord, AB Legal Description: 47 Ave, 125 m east of 51 Street Discretionary Use – Temporary Sign Proposed Use:

Applicant: Jim Veenbaas

Any person affected by this decision may serve written notice of appeal on or before 4pm on April 27, 2023, to:

The Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Town of Bon Accord; Box 779; Bon Accord AB T0A 0K0

Further information regarding this permit may be obtained from the Town Office at 780-921-3550.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

If you submit comments, either orally or written, the information you provide may be recorded in the minutes of the Public Hearing, or otherwise made public, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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larger companies.

Currently, the booths for this year's show are percent booked, and the Chamber expects all 100 stalls to be gone by the time the show starts.

"There'll be candles, clothes, plumbing supplies, roofing contractors, a couple of food trucks," Pawluk said.

"There's lots of stuff there. It's perfect for everyone. There is also the Active Living Fair that is going on Saturday in the field house."

The Active Living

Fair is an annual townrun event.

This year's event allows home-based fitness instructors and sports groups to promote their services.

In an era when anyone can look up any business online on their phone, Pawluk and the Chamber organizers feel in-person trade shows are still important and more than relevant.

"You actually get to meet the person and see what they are selling," Pawluk said. "I think it's important to make that in-person

connection. It's really hard to tell what you are buying when you look at it online."

The Swing into Spring Show & Sale runs Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday,

April 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Morinville Leisure Centre Arena. Admission is free; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the Morinville Food Bank.



Morinville Community Library Assistant Margaret Meetsma reads to children during the library's Cozy Corner Stories and Preschool Craft Time on Thursday morning. The popular program takes place every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Mar 21/Apr 20



Aries, your emotions may cloud your judgement in the days to come. It's better to seek the advice of a third party who can guide you without the added drama.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21



Messages from the universe could come across as confusing or vague, Taurus. You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21



A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel rejuvenated.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22



Cancer, if you haven't devoted enough time lately to taking care of yourself you might awaken this week with a foggy head. Take care of yourself.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23



Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The trick is to ask others to lighten your load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22



Virgo, try not to compare yourself to others this week. Everyone is unique, with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparison could dampen your spirits.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23



You might find it challenging to articulate your feelings to a romantic partner, Libra. If you stumble over saying the words, why not write them down, instead?

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22



Sometimes your pragmatic side gets into a tussle with your optimism, Scorpio. Being a realist doesn't have to mean you give up hope. There are many things that can go your way.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21



Sagittarius, while you may feel like sleeping the week away, awaken to the possibilities before you. Numerous opportunities await, so answer the door when they knock.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20



It is alright to feel uncertain about what the heart wants, Capricorn. Not everyone has things all figured out. Ponder your likes and dislikes to determine your path.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18



Aquarius, messy work and small mistakes can sabotage all of your hard work thus far. Buckle down and focus on the details. Have someone check that everything is perfect.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20



People around you may be more temperamental than usual, Pisces. Avoid offering any unsolicited advice until things quiet down.

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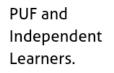


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