

Resource Extraction Direct Control Evaluation

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Mayor: "Original Signed"

Acting County Commissioner: "Original Signed"

1. Purpose

To establish the criteria for the evaluation of a Resource Extraction Direct Control (RE-DC) district redistricting application recognizing that the approval and placement of resource extraction operations within the County has the potential to impact the well-being of all County residents.

2. Revision History

<i>Approval Date</i>	<i>Revision Number</i>	<i>Modification</i>
<i>November 28, 2023</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>New Document</i>

3. Persons/Areas Affected

Council

Administration

Redistricting Applicants - Land Developers and Property Owners

Public Stakeholders

4. Policy Statement

4.1. All applications for redistricting to the RE-DC district will be reviewed in accordance with an evaluation matrix combining the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw, statutory plans and the policy criteria below that considers the Economic, Environmental and Social impacts of the redistricting application.

4.2. Evaluation criteria, either direct or indirect, will include the following:

4.2.1. Economic:

- Support local and regional economic production / activity in relation to proximity to resource extraction;
- Provision of affordable local access to extracted commodities (including for municipal capital and operational requirements, such as for road construction and maintenance); and

4.2.2. Environmental:

- Measures are in place to ensure surface water quality and quantity;
- Measures are in place to ensure ground water quality and quantity;
- Measures are in place to ensure air quality; and
- Measures are in place to ensure land and wildlife / habitats.

4.2.3. Social:

- Site aesthetics and use, both during extraction and following reclamation;
- Traffic, road conditions, safety, and associated nuisance factors on haul routes;
- potential impacts on quality of life for adjacent property owners, including but not limited to noise and air quality.

4.2.4. Other

- other reasonable factors that the municipality may consider to be appropriate, based on the specific application for redistricting.

4.3. For Resource Extraction Direct Control applications that apply to operations that were districted RE- Resource Extraction prior to September 30th 2023, the Evaluation shall consider the impacts to existing planned and approved Resource Extraction operations and may assign appropriate setbacks that respect previously approved operations.

4.4. The evaluation matrix shall be used to assign appropriate performance standards and overall approval of the specific RE-DC district.

5. Responsibilities

Council shall:

- Review the results of the evaluation of a RE-DC district application prior to determining the outcome of the redistricting application.

Administration shall:

- Ensure that an applicant for RE-DC redistricting provides all studies, reports or assessments as required by the Land Use Bylaw and any other available study, report, or assessment that would assist in evaluating an application in accordance with the criteria mentioned in this Policy.
- Conduct evaluations in accordance with the criteria mentioned in this Policy and provide an analysis for Council consideration, in conjunction with related land use and stakeholder reviews.

6. Review Period

This Policy shall be reviewed at least every four years.

7. Cross Reference

Sturgeon County's Land Use Bylaw

Sturgeon County's General Municipal Servicing Standards