



Ponoka County

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mineral Extraction Policy

The Municipal Government Act requires all municipalities with a population of 3,500 or more to adopt a Municipal Development Plan (MDP) that sets out the goals and policies for all aspects of the municipality's development. Ponoka County has authority under the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use By-Law (LUB) to consider applications for mineral extraction within its municipal boundaries. Generally, these applications are considered “discretionary uses” on Agricultural property. To ensure that all parties have the right to make presentations to the local governing body prior to the approval of a development of this nature, Ponoka County must amend its MDP and LUB. If approved, the amendment would require that any mineral extraction application under County jurisdiction be required to apply for the property to be rezoned to “Direct Control District”. Properties zoned “Direct Control” are under the full control of County Council with the public having the right to provide input directly to County Council prior to any development decisions.

To include the provision of Direct Control districts for mineral extraction in the MDP, Council must amend its MDP by by-law. Proposed By-Law 23-23-A will amend Policy 13 of the MDP. A copy of the proposed amendment will be posted on Ponoka County’s website, or mailed, emailed or faxed to anyone requesting a copy. This amendment will also remove “sand, gravel, and mineral workings” as discretionary uses in Sections 702.3, 703.3 & 721.3 of our LUB.

Council will hold a public hearing at which any person claiming to be affected may ask questions or make comments. This hearing will be held **at 11:00 a.m. on September 26, 2023** in the Chambers of the Ponoka County Office, 4205 Highway #2A in Ponoka. You may forward your comments/concerns prior to the meeting by phone, fax or email as noted below.

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