



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Title:** Addresses for Annexed Properties

**Meeting Date:** March 19, 2019

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### **Executive Summary:**

Further to the annexation of various lands within the Municipal District of Bonnyville effective on January 1, 2019. Administration has begun to meet with each of the landowners. These meetings are to discuss taxes, utilities, and other services provided by the City of which may differ from the Municipal District of Bonnyville and facilitate any questions the resident may have.

Administration is proposing changes to the addressing for properties within the annexation area to coincide with the addressing in the City of Cold Lake.

### **Background:**

As part of the transition of the recently annexed properties to the City, Administration has established new municipal addresses for existing properties to replace the rural addresses previously assigned by the M.D. of Bonnyville.

Although the individual addresses may appear somewhat random, the numbering is based on a continuation of the City's existing address system. The addresses have been assigned to allow for new addresses to be added as the surrounding properties are developed in the future. Administration's intent is to have new signs installed with the updated address to replace the existing rural address signs that had been provided by the M.D.

One challenge Administration has faced, is that the former Town of Cold Lake has street/house numbers ascending from north to south, while the former Town of Grand Centre street/house numbers ascend from south to north. This issue has been raised by previous Council's from time to time (since amalgamation) due to concerns raised by the Cold Lake Ambulance Society relating to confusion for their drivers.

At some point in the future, the City should make address a priority however it will come with budget implications on the execution of major overhaul of the addressing system.



In the City's previous configuration, this was not an issue as Imperial Park created a natural barrier; however, with the annexation, there will be a point where the two conflicting address systems will meet. As the Energy Centre is already addressed following the former Grand Centre system, as 7825 – 51 Street, the cutoff point was chosen as the next quarter-section line north, which also corresponds to the furthest southward extent of the former Town of Cold Lake addresses on 21 Avenue. This will result in an unusual jump in the numbering in the future as the annexation area develops; however, short of re-addressing a significant portion of the City, this is unavoidable.

The proposed addresses are shown on the attached map and Administration is seeking the Committee's feedback prior to implementing the proposed new addresses for the annexation area.

The addressing system is already adopted by Council therefore the next step is implementation. The City will purchase (on an as required basis) replacement signs for the homes that are impacted and have addressing signs erected on their properties. There may be some impacts to homeowners relating to change of address that may need to be concerned once all homeowners have been notified.

**Alternatives:**

None.

**Recommended Action:**

For information.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes – Approximately \$1200 will be required for signage.

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