

PUBLIC NOTICE

RM of Laird No. 404 Public Notice –Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Laird No. 404 intends to adopt two bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*; an amendment to Bylaw No. 5-2008, known as The Official Community Plan (OCP), and an amendment to Bylaw No. 6-2008, known as The Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: The proposed OCP amendment would, revise the critical flood elevation from a 1:500-year to a 1:200-year return frequency and introduce a policy statement with respect to (re)development of lands previously prohibited for development below the 1:500-year elevation.

The proposed ZB amendment would: throughout the ZB, revise the critical flood elevation to a 1:200-year return frequency similar to the proposed OCP amendment; provide the RM additional options for financial assurance related to aggregate operations and reclamation; clarify a regulation with respect to smaller agricultural site sizes for parcel tie removals where lands are separated by a natural or man-made feature; replace the *Subdivision and Site Regulation* table for the Country Residential 1 District (CR1); replace the regulations related to keeping of livestock within the CR1 District; allow for larger than prescribed site sizes in the CR1 District subject to certain specific criteria being met; within the CR1 District, clarify regulation and terms related to size of accessory and ancillary buildings and structures in relation to size of a principal residential building (increase from 1.5 X factor to the lesser of a 2.0 X factor or max. 10% site area); within the CR1 and Country Residential 2 District (CR2) Districts, remove regulations related to outdoor storage; replace the term “floor area” with “building footprint” applicable to accessory and ancillary building and structure size in the CR1 and CR2 Districts; introduce a definition for “building footprint”; and, rezone two parcels of land from Agricultural District (AG) to CR1 District.

Both bylaw amendments would generally reduce regulation and allow more development flexibility.

AFFECTED LAND: All lands within the RM would be subject to the proposed amendments related to flood elevation and frequency. All lands within the AG District where aggregate operations are an allowable use. All of CR1 and CR2 Districts as the proposed amendment content relates to said lands. All of Blk/Par H-Plan 62S02679 Ext 0, and Lot 3-Blk/Par 3-Plan 102373376, both lying within NW ¼ 16-40-05-W3M would be rezoned from AG District to CR1 District.

REASON: In June 2025, the Province enacted legislation to change the critical flood elevation return period from a 1:500-year event to a 1:200-year event; the RM is seeking to amend its bylaws for harmonization with the new provincial standards. Financial assurance for aggregate operations is currently limited to security bonds only and Council wishes to provide for other assurance options. Regulation for a lesser allowable site size to allow for parcel tie removals is required to implement an existing OCP policy worded to that effect. The subdivision and site regulation table would be replaced to correct and properly identify footnotes. A site size exemption in CR1 would be added to facilitate a subdivision for boundary rearrangement and to provide some regulatory flexibility in other similar (limited) circumstances. CR1 keeping of livestock regulations would be amended to better tailor regulation to allowable CR1 site sizes and the residential intent of the District. Council deems it as potentially desirable to allow larger accessory and ancillary buildings and structures in CR1, and clarification of employed terms is needed. Regulations relating to outdoor storage in CR1 and CR2 would be removed as they aren't actively being enforced and have historically not been problematic as it relates to land use conflict or nuisance. Rezoning the portions of affected lands identified above is upon request of a landowner to facilitate approval of a related subdivision application.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM of Laird No. 404 office during regular office hours, excluding statutory holidays. Digital copies of the proposed bylaws (including a map showing the proposed rezoning) are available here for public viewing: <https://rmoflaird.ca/category/rm-notices/>. Draft copies of the proposed bylaws are available from the RM office; hard copies at cost. The RM office is located at 3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK S0K 4R0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on **February 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM**, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. The deadline for receipt of written comments and requests for representation at the meeting must be received by the RM office by **February 11, 2026**. For additional information, please contact (306) 945-2133 or administrator@rmoflaird.ca.

Issued at the Town of Waldheim this 14th day of January 2026.

Jason Dagenais – Administrator - RM of Laird No. 404