

PUBLIC NOTICE

RM of Laird No. 404 Public Notice – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality (RM) of Laird No. 404 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 6-2008, known as The Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT: The proposed bylaw would provide redevelopment flexibility for dwellings destroyed by fire and isolated climatic events, prescribe set criteria in which flexibility could be granted, and would apply throughout the RM. In the AG District, the conditions in which site regulations more stringent than those prescribed would be broadened and clarified, and allowance for reduced front and flanking yard setbacks in the rural-urban fringe in appropriate locations within the AG District. A definition of “rural-urban fringe” would be added.

AFFECTED LAND: All lands within the RM would be affected by the proposed amendments to provide development location flexibility for destroyed and unreparable dwellings. The AG District would be affected by the proposed specific regulations regarding potential increased and reduced setbacks.

REASON: The RM is seeking to grant landowners some regulation flexibility to reconstruct destroyed non-conforming dwellings where the degree of non-conformity is not increased with respect to prescribed yard setbacks and where appropriate such that the safety of the public and property can be maintained. Council is also wanting to allow greater development location flexibility for sites which are adjacent to urban municipalities or are within the urban fringe within the AG District. Both matters are being driven by a situation where a family dwelling was destroyed by fire, and where the current regulations are unnecessarily prohibitive for redevelopment in securing the objectives of the Zoning Bylaw.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM of Laird No. 404 office during regular office hours, excluding statutory holidays. Draft copies of the proposed bylaw are available from the RM office; hard copy at cost, and a free digital copy is available at <https://rmoflaird.ca/category/rm-notices/>. The RM office is located at 3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK S0K 4R0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on **January 14, 2021, at 1:30 PM**, in the **Golden Age Centre** located at 422 Main Street, Hepburn, SK, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. **Due to current and anticipated COVID social distancing and assembly requirements, Council is intending to have an online participation component at the public hearing for those wishing to make verbal representation. Parties interested in making representation are required to register for the online component and are encouraged to contact the RM office for details; the meeting itself will be open to the public to observe through the online component.** The deadline for receipt of written comments and requests for representation at the meeting must be received by the RM office by **January 12, 2021**. For additional information, please contact (306) 945-2133 or administrator@rmoflaird.ca.

Issued at the Town of Waldheim this 27th day of November 2020.

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