



REQUEST FOR DECISION

TITLE:	Proposed East Coulee East End Road Closure Bylaw 21A.22
DATE:	February 28, 2023
PRESENTED BY:	Darryl Drohomerski, C.E.T., CAO
ATTACHMENT:	Bylaw 21A.22; Schedule 8

SUMMARY:

As part of the Town's Flood Mitigation Project and provincial funding agreement, the Province is requiring the Town of Drumheller owns the land that current or proposed berms will be placed, including those berms that currently or would sit on Public road rights-of-way. A portion of these rights-of-way need to be closed for the construction of the new berms. This Bylaw deals with closing a portion of the right of way at the west end of River Drive in East Coulee to facilitate berm placement. The previous Bylaw 21.22 recommended a closure that was approximately 30 meters shorter than the length that is now required because of a change in berm alignment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council gives first reading to East Coulee East End Road Closure Bylaw 21A.22 and sets the Public Hearing date for April 3, 2023. Council will first need to repeal motion M2022.247 that passed first reading of Bylaw 21.22.

DISCUSSION:

Under the funding agreement between the Town and Alberta Environment, the construction of any new berms shall be placed on land owned by the Town of Drumheller, including any road rights of way. This road closure bylaw will accomplish that task for the East Coulee Berm that parallels River Drive at the east end of East Coulee as well as closes a portion of an unnamed original road allowance.

There is a difference between a right of way and a road. A road is the surface that is contained within the right of way and is generally 7-9 meters wide. A right of way is a legal entity under the ownership of the Province and is varies from 6 meters (for an alley) to 20-40 meters for a street or avenue. Many rights of way, at least in Drumheller area, may not have a road contained within the boundary. In the case of rights of way adjacent to the Red Deer River, the right of way extends to the water's edge as shown in the attached drawing.

These portions of road closures are necessary in order to wrap the berm around, and protect, the east end, and ultimately all, of East Coulee.

The lands where the berm is being placed will be converted into Public Utility Lot to align with the other land in the valley that berms currently or will reside upon.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs to convert this land is included with the Flood Mitigation project and is a requirement of the provincial funding agreement.

STRATEGIC POLICY ALIGNMENT:

Flood Mitigation is the key strategic priority of this Council and Administration.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY:

A notice of the proposed Road Closure and Public hearing will be provided via;

- Newspaper ads in the Drumheller Mail will run on November 30 and December 7
- Letters to properties in the adjacent area will be mailed out by November 25
- Posting on the Town Website, DrumhellerOnline Community Events Page.

MOTION:

That Council repeal motion M2022.247 that passed First Reading of Bylaw 21.22.

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SECONDED:

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