

Municipal Utility Designation for Recovery Park, Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre, and Landfill Gas Power Generation Parcels Along Valley Road

ISSUE

A recent subdivision that rerouted Dundonald Avenue from Valley Road to allow for the creation of Recovery Park is requiring a Municipal Utility designation adjustment to accommodate a number of the legal property lines that have changed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the lands used for Recovery Park, Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre, and the Landfill Gas Power Generation facility be designated as Municipal Utility parcels as outlined in the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated August 17, 2020; and
2. That the Administration be directed to cause that designation to be registered on the title for those parcels.

BACKGROUND

Over the last few decades, the City of Saskatoon (City) has been investing in a number of municipal services and support facilities along Valley Road, including:

- Recovery Park, which will become an integral part of the City reaching its Waste Diversion Plan. A portion of Recovery Park (currently MU1 Plan No. 102207596) was previously designated as a Municipal Utility Parcel in 2017.
- Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre (currently Parcel LF Plan No. 102207596 and portion of MU1 Plan No. 102207596), which has undergone a number of enhancements to extend the useful life of the asset, as well as improve the environmental footprint of the facility. The asset includes the landfill, transfer station, landfill gas facility and wellfield, heavy grit facility, and black and green bin storage.
- Landfill Gas Power Generation facility (currently Parcel BB Plan No. 102207596), which began operation in 2014 and turns landfill gas into electricity.

The current zoning designation for these three parcels is AG-Agricultural District.

As per Section 172.1 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, a municipality may, by resolution, designate any parcel of land that it owns as a municipal utility parcel and cause that designation to be registered on the title of the parcel.

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A Municipal Utility designation on a parcel allows a municipality to use the parcel for a number of public utility and public work related uses, as defined in *The Planning and Development Act* and *The Cities Act*.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Two parcels being recommended for Municipal Utility designation are south of Valley Road and north of the Queen Elizabeth Power Station, as shown on Appendix 1.

Resulting from a subdivision of land for the Circle Drive South Project in 2017, a portion of #1 and #2 Proposed Municipal Utility Parcels already have a Municipal Utility designation in place. However, a recent subdivision that is rerouting the connection of Dundonald Avenue and Valley Road to allow for the creation of Recovery Park is requiring a Municipal Utility designation adjustment as a number of the legal property boundaries have changed.

As shown on Appendix 1, while adjusting the Municipal Utility designation of Recovery Park (#2), a Municipal Utility designation is also being requested for the Landfill (#1) and the Landfill Gas Power Generation facility (#3).

The Administration is recommending that City Council approve the three parcels shown on Appendix 1 to be designated as Municipal Utility parcels and that the Municipal Utility designation be registered with Information Services Corporation (ISC).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Subdivision expenses for Recovery Park and the Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre parcels are accounted for in the Recovery Park Project 2050.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, the Municipal Utility designation for Recovery Park, Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre, and the Landfill Gas Power Generation facility would be filed for and registered with ISC.

APPENDICES

1. Lands for Municipal Utility Designation

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