



Town of Stephenville Crossing Public Meeting

Proposal to Reduce Municipal Planning Area

Interested people are invited to a presentation concerning a proposal by the Council of the Town of Stephenville Crossing to apply to the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to reduce the municipal planning area

The Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations were reviewed during 2019 – 2021 and the new documents came into effect late in 2021. The jurisdiction of Council's authority and obligation to administer municipal planning, ie: the "municipal planning area", was established in 1988. The fact that this includes the three settlements of Barachois Brook, Black Duck and Mattis Point as well as extensive undeveloped areas outside the Town boundary has caused significant problems for Town Council and irritation of residents in those outlying areas.

Council is obliged to provide for land use planning policies, administration, and enforcement for areas far outside its own boundary. The legal obligation to enforce land use regulations is a particularly offensive matter as neither Council nor apparently the residents in those areas have any interest in the matter.

Council wishes to apply to the Minister to reduce the municipal planning area so as to include only the area within the Town's own boundary plus the area covered by a Stewardship Zone defined in the 1995 Municipal Stewardship Agreement related to supporting the North American Waterfowl Management Plan through the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Program. There is practically no development in the stewardship area and Council wants to maintain it in a natural condition for the benefit of wildlife (primarily waterfowl).

Town Council is moving to consult with the public and the Local Service District boards of the three settlements mentioned above, and to document the application to be made to the Minister. It is important that those interested have a voice in the proceedings, to help guide Council in the next steps.

All interested are invited to a presentation of this matter to be held at:

7:30 pm, Thursday, 20 June, 2024

Community Center, (Fire Hall) 73, West Street, Stephenville Crossing

We look forward to seeing you!

Signed,

Yvonne Young, Town Manager, on behalf of Council, Town of Stephenville Crossing