

Town of Onoway Request for Decision

Meeting: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: October 12, 2023

Presented By: Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer

Title: Non-operating Landfill Status

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

The MAD House Daycare has applied for a development permit to expand their business, offering additional childcare spaces in the Town of Onoway. The service provided by childcare facilities in our community is integral for families.

Administration has been working with Associated Engineering and the Province of Alberta to determine the status of the non-operating Landfill.

DISCUSSION / OPTIONS / BENEFITS / DISADVANTAGES

The development permit application required the Town of Onoway to determine the status of the non-operating landfill. In house records were not available and required communication with the Province of Alberta and Associated Engineering.

On August 14, 1987, this property received a reclamation site appraisal; at this time the property was cleared, seeded to grass and was considered abandoned.

Determination from this information is that test pits do not need to be completed nor a Level 1 Environmental Site Assessment. Administration worked with Associated Engineering on a workplan. The workplan originally completed needs to be amended.

At this time the Town of Onoway is not required to complete monitoring wells as the landfill is closed. Associated Engineering assisted administration in locating these records from the Province of Alberta.

However even though the corporate limits of the Town of Onoway do not include property to the south for future development; and to assist the MAD House Daycare from an economic perspective providing childcare to working families, Administration recommends Council consider the addition of monitoring wells.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Good Governance Service excellence

Economic & Business Growth

COSTS / SOURCE OF FUNDING

Unbudgeted Funds

Estimated \$5,000 per monitoring well, 4 monitoring wells to be installed plus monitoring on an annual basis for approximately 3 years. (Preliminary costs)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1) THAT Council approve the exploration by Administration to install monitoring wells at the non-operating landfill located at Ruth Cust Park to assist in current and future development AND THAT Administration provide Council with detailed costs and placement of the monitoring wells.

Or

Any other direction provided by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A