Mackenzie County

Land Use Bylaw Amendment and Rezoning Process

1. Receive Application to Amend the Land Use Bylaw

Prior to MPC or first reading the application must consist of:

- a) Application form (including reasons for the request)
- b) Fee (established by Council, \$460 plus \$100 advertising fee and \$137 sign fee)
- c) Site Plan of the area if the request is for a rezoning

For second reading additional information may be required including but not limited to:

- a) Area Structure Plan (ASP)
- b) Traffic Impact Assessment
- c) Agrology, hydrology, and percolation tests
- d) Engineered plans (roads, drainage, etc)

2. Municipal Planning Commission Recommendation

Department staff prepare the Bylaw Amendment Application for recommendation by the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC). This recommendation is then taken to Council when the Bylaw is taken for first reading.

3. Council: First Reading

A draft Bylaw is taken to Council along with the recommendation of the MPC. Council has the following options:

- a) DEFEAT the application at this stage, a refund may be issued by Council for the application fees; or
- b) Pass first reading, APPROVING the Bylaw subject to Public Hearing.

The applicant is sent a letter notifying them of Council's decision and their next steps.

4. Council: Public Hearing

The applicant is provided a sign, advertising the public hearing, to display on the subject property for a minimum of two (2) weeks leading up to the public hearing date.

Department staff will ensure the proposed bylaw is advertised in accordance with the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and appropriate referral agencies are notified. The applicant or any member of the public may provide written submission or speak in person at the public hearing either in support of or opposition to the proposed bylaw at no charge to the speaker.

5. Council: Second and Third Reading

Following public hearing Council has the following options:

- a) Give second reading and request further information or some action to be taken,
- b) DEFEAT second reading of the bylaw,
- c) Give second and third reading, APPROVING the bylaw,
- d) Give second reading but DEFEAT third reading of the bylaw,
- e) Table the bylaw for further information or for some action to be done.

The Land Use Bylaw amendment comes into effect upon the passing of the third reading of the bylaw.

The applicant is sent a letter notifying them of the result, the sign is required to be removed by the applicant within seven (7) days of the public hearing.

6. Timeline

Minimum 6 weeks