

Notice of Public Hearing – February 9, 2021

For an amendment to the MD of Peace No. 135 Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, notice is hereby given that the Council of Municipal District (MD) of Peace No. 135 will hold public hearings on **February 9, 2021** prior to the second reading of:

1. Bylaw No. 10/2020 for an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 5/2009; and
2. Bylaw No. 9/2020 for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 1/2012.

Background and Overview of Proposed Amendment Bylaws

In August 2019, the MD received a complete application to amend the Land Use Bylaw, to enable a new gravel pit operation near the Shaftesbury Trail. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment in November 2019. In January 2020, the motion to pass the bylaw was defeated through a Council vote. To ensure consistency between Council's decision and the MD's planning framework, an amendment to the Municipal Development Plan (MDP), the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) and other related documents is necessary.

Bylaw No. 10/2020

Bylaw No. 10/2020 proposes to amend the current policies on natural resource development pertaining to sand and gravel pit extraction. The Bylaw introduces additional policies aimed at ensuring safe and sustainable resource development, while limiting sand and gravel pit operations along the Shaftesbury Trail in order to reduce the negative impacts of such activities on the quality of life of residents adjacent to the Shaftesbury Trail.

Bylaw No. 9/2020

Bylaw No. 9/2020 proposes to remove Rural Industrial: Shaftesbury Trail Gravel Pit District (RI-SG) from the Land Use Bylaw, whilst maintaining and clarifying current regulations for sand and gravel pit operations. The Bylaw also enables sand and gravel development within Crown Land Management (C) and Rural Industrial: Gravel Pit District (RI-GP). The proposed changes will not affect existing gravel pit operations along the Shaftesbury Trail or in other parts of the MD, but future expansions and new developments will not be allowed on lands adjacent to the Shaftesbury Trail road right of way.

Public Hearing Procedures

Due to the current covid-19 restrictions in place, the public hearings will be held virtually via Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting will be posted to the MD's website and social media outlets prior to the meeting date. If the current restrictions are wholly or partially lifted before the meeting date, the public hearings will be held in-person, either at the MD Office or at the Berwyn Elk Hall. Details will be posted on the MD website and social media outlets.

The public hearing for Bylaw No. 10/2020 will be held at 10:00 am, followed by the public hearing for Bylaw No. 9/2020. At each public hearing, the bylaw will be presented and Council will hear any person or groups of persons acting on their behalf who claim to be affected by the proposed bylaw. Council may also hear any other person who wishes to make a presentation and whom Council agrees to hear. Per the MD's Procedural Bylaw No. 11/2019, any person speaking to a bylaw may have up to 10 minutes to speak. You may also submit written feedback.

Please forward written submissions to the Development Officer prior to **February 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm**. Written submissions must specify the bylaw they are applicable to. Written submissions received will be recognized prior to any oral submissions. If you have any questions regarding the public hearings or the bylaws, please call the Chief Administrative Officer at 780-338-3845.

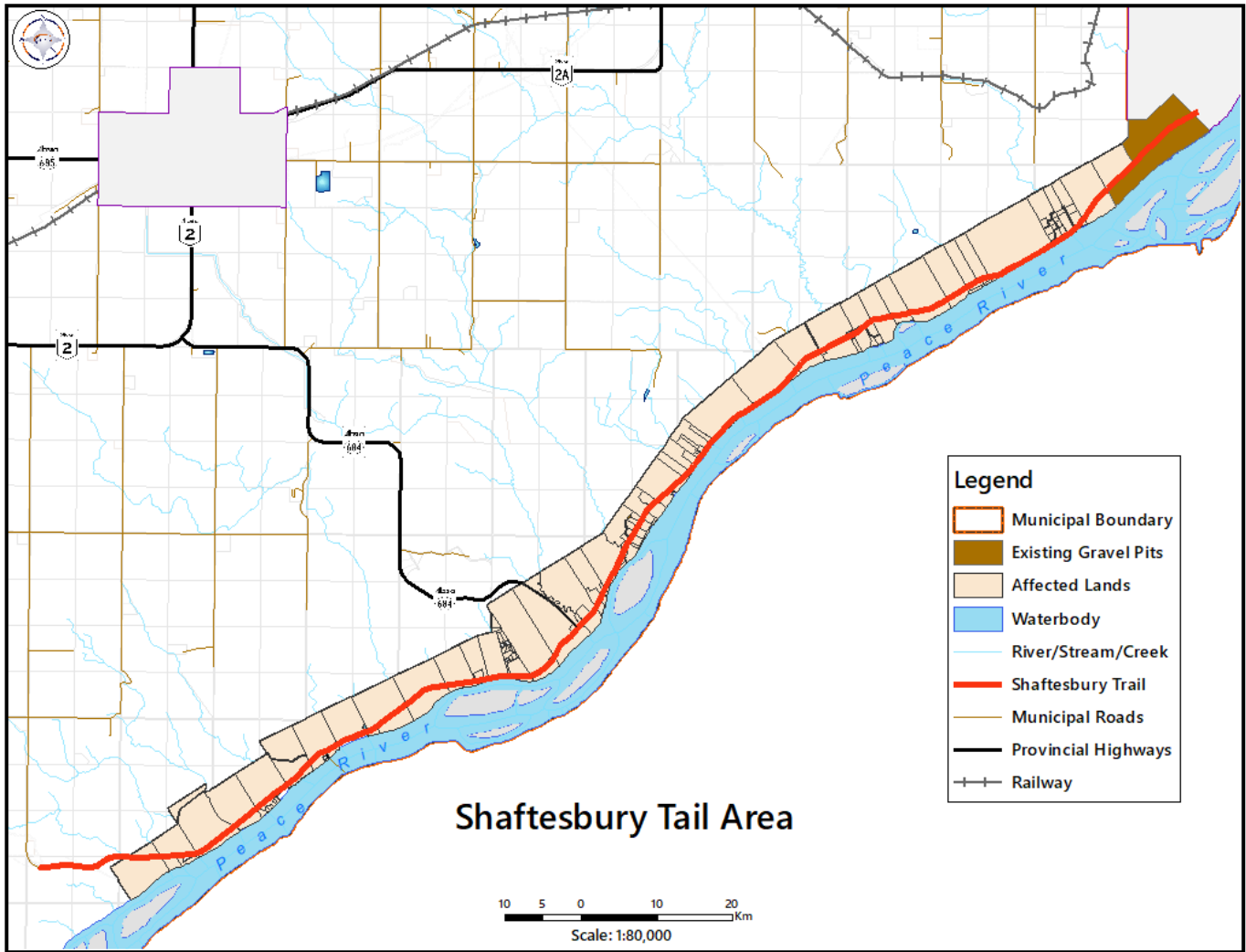


Figure 1: Areas along the Shaftesbury Trail where new or expanded sand and gravel pit operations are proposed to be excluded.