

**VILLAGE OF RYLEY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**March 3, 2020, 6:45 p.m.**  
Ryley Municipal Office, Council Chambers

**AGENDA**

- 1 Call to Order:
- 2 Additions/ Deletions:
- 3 Approval of the Agenda:
- 4 Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - 4.1 February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting pg.1
- 5 Delegations: NONE
- 6 Business from the Minutes:
  - 6.1 Business Tax Rebate APPEAL pg.5
- 7 New Business:
  - 7.1 Joint Council meeting re: School Closure Battle River School Division (BRSD) pg.6
  - 7.2 RFD: Kids Help Phone pg.7
- 8 Bylaws:
  - 8.1 Amendment Bylaw 2020-934 pg.14
- 9 Financial Reports: NONE
- 10 Correspondence:
  - 10.1 Highway 14 Regional Water Increase pg.17
- 11 Reports: NONE
- 12 In Camera:
- 13 Upcoming Meetings:
  - 13.1 March 17, 2020 – Regular Meeting
  - 13.2 March 19, 2020 – BRSD Board Meeting (Closure Vote)
  - 13.3 April 7, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- 14 Adjournment

## Village of Ryley

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Meeting:** Council

**Meeting Date:** 3 March 2020

**Presented By:** Glen Hamilton-Brown

**Agenda Item No:** 6.1 Business Tax Rebate – Appeal Proceedings

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council direct Committee of the Whole to continue with the Appeal Hearing for the Business Tax Rebate on March 17, 2020.

AND

That Council direct Committee of the Whole to adhere to Bylaw 2018-927, Village of Ryley Procedural Bylaw; specifically, sections 6.29 to 6.32 pertaining to General Rules of Meetings.

#### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

Committee has experienced some challenges in moving forward on the appeal hearing. Administration observed that Committee has allowed one councillor to monopolize and stall the procedure by repeatedly jumping to PROCEDURE AIDE step 10.a. in the PROCESS and forcing committee to discuss and refute this move repeatedly. The chair has allowed this by consenting to supplementary questions by the councillor pursuant to section 6.30 of the Procedural Bylaw.

The question/statement repeated by the councillor has not been supplementary by definition and the chair should not allow the councillor to repeat any such question that has already been discussed and put down by the Committee.

An excerpt from the Procedural Bylaw (sections 6.29 to 6.32) has been placed at the desk of all councillors for future quick reference.

#### COST / SOURCE OF FUNDIING

a) N/A

Author: Glen Hamilton-Brown

Date: 28 February 2020

**Village of Ryley**  
**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

<p><b>Meeting:</b> Council <b>Meeting Date:</b> 3 March 2020 <b>Presented By:</b> Glen Hamilton-Brown <b>Agenda Item No:</b> 7.1 Request for Joint Council – School Closure Discussion</p>
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That Council for the Village of Ryley request a Joint Council Meeting with the councils of the Village of Holden, Beaver County and the Towns of Tofield and Viking to consider the future of schools in the region, in light of the recent discussion on closures by Battle River School Division (BRSD)

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL**

Ryley and Holden Schools are facing closure by resolution vote to be held by BRSD on 19 March 2020, pertaining to their 23 January 2020 motion(s). Regardless of the decision that will be made on March 19, the issue of school closures will remain a continuous discussion by BRSD and a threat to all rural schools.

At present BRSD Policy 15 criteria places many rural schools at extreme high risk. This is an excerpt from that Policy:

4. School Closure

4.1 The Board shall consider closure of a school when any one or more of the following conditions exist and in compliance with section 62 of the Education Act:

4.1.1 Total student enrolment in three or more grades falls below numbers considered viable from a financial operations and program delivery perspective. School closure will be considered if minimum enrolment as of September 30 in the current school year is below the following Levels:

Elementary – thirty (30) students in any three (3) consecutive Grades;

Junior High – fifty (50) students in grades 7, 8, and 9;

High School – seventy-five (75) students in grades 10, 11, and 12.

4.1.2 The Board's five-year enrollment projections and previous trends indicate probability that future enrollment numbers in the school may not allow for programming which is effective and efficient in the judgement of the Superintendent.

Administration recommends that Council take a proactive approach by considering contingency options for education in our community. The Mayor has received some informal feedback that this discussion might be appropriate at the Beaver Regional Partnership (BRP) level.

**COST / SOURCE OF FUNDING**

General Committee Funding has been allocated. Additional BRP meetings or Joint Council meetings were not specifically indented for but there is a very low risk that this could not be funded under planned budget resources.

Author: Glen Hamilton-Brown

Date: 28 February 2020

**Village of Ryley**

**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**Meeting:** Council  
**Meeting Date:** 3 March 2020  
**Presented By:** Glen Hamilton-Brown  
**Agenda Item No:** 7.2 Kids Help Phone

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That Council for the Village of Ryley provide a donation of \$200.00 to the Kids Help Phone.

OR

That Council for the Village of Ryley accepts the Kids Help Phone request for a donation for information.

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL**

Village of Ryley Council has donated \$200 to the Kids Help Phone for the past number of years from the donations GL 2-11-981.

**COST / SOURCE OF FUNDIING**

Donations to Community Groups GL 2-11-981 has a budget of \$10K. with \$8K remaining. This is a planned component of the budget.

Author: Glen Hamilton-Brown  
Date: 03 March 2020

Ms Julie Brownridge  
Office Manager  
Village of Ryley  
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## Single Gift




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All donations of \$5 or more will be automatically receipted. Others upon request.

**YES, Kathy!** I want to help more young people, faster, by expanding mental health support.

\$250     \$300  
 \$400     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Options:

I've enclosed a cheque made payable to Kids Help Phone. **OR**  
 Please charge my credit card:      

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Monthly Gift

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All monthly donors will receive one cumulative tax receipt per year.

**YES!** I would like to join the *Always There* Monthly Giving Program. Here is my monthly donation of:

\$25     \$30  
 \$35     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation Options:

I authorize Kids Help Phone to deduct the amount indicated from my bank account or credit card on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to help continue to provide caring, professional support to kids in Canada.

I've enclosed a blank cheque marked VOID. **OR**  
 I prefer to charge my monthly donation to:

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to be there for more kids, we trade our mailing list with other reputable charities. If you would not like your name and address to be shared, please check the box.

I have included Kids Help Phone in my will.

Please send me more information about how to include Kids Help Phone in my will.

439 University Avenue, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8  
toll-free 1-800-268-3062, tel: 416-586-5437

Charitable Registration No. 13000 5846 RR0001

# We'd like to ask for your advice.



Every day, you make sure young people find the help they need to cope with problems big and small. Today, as the demand for mental health support continues to grow, we'd like to know what you think about our mental health system and how it can adapt to help more kids. Thank you for your time and thought!

**1. Why do you give to support youth mental health? Please check all that apply.**

- I used Kids Help Phone myself
- I think of myself as an advocate for mental health
- I wish Kids Help Phone had been there for me when I was a kid
- Someone I know has used Kids Help Phone
- I don't want kids to face life's challenges alone
- I work with young people and offer them Kids Help Phone as a resource
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Of the mental health services you make possible, which do you believe helps young people the most?**

- Providing professional, anonymous counselling over the **phone**
- Connecting youth in crisis to resources in their communities, like shelters or healthcare, through **Resources Around Me**
- Enabling confidential counselling through **Live Chat**
- Offering support in crisis, even without an internet connection, through **texting**

**3. We've experienced a 44% increase in demand for counselling services over the past three years. Are you surprised to hear this?**

- Yes
- No

**4. When you think about the future of mental health support for youth in Canada, which of the following feels most important to you?**

- Expanding Kids Help Phone services youth already use, like texting and Live Chat, to help more young people
- Using technology to help youth find the right support for them
- Testing out new services – young people are changing, and they need help in new ways

**5. What do you think would make the biggest impact to improve youth mental health support?**

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**6. Would you like to hear from us through email? If so, please share your email address:**

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**7. Is there anything else you think we should know?**

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Thank you so much for your partnership in showing up for young people. Your responses will be kept confidential, and will help shape the future of Kids Help Phone. **Thank you!**



**An Organization You Can Trust**

Kids Help Phone has been accredited since 2013 by Imagine Canada's Standards Program for excellence in nonprofit accountability, transparency, governance, fundraising, and staff and volunteer management. The Standards Program Trustmark is a mark of Imagine Canada used under licence by Kids Help Phone.

***“The abuse makes me feel drained, aching, and broken – it’s like I can’t fix myself.”***

January 22, 2020

Ms Julie Brownridge  
Office Manager  
Village of Ryley  
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Ryley AB T0B 4A0

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Dear Ms Brownridge,

A young person who calls us doesn’t hear your voice on the end of the line. A young person texting us doesn’t read your words on the screen.

And yet, in those tough times, *you* are right there with them.

**Every single one of the 2 million youth who reached out to us last year felt your compassion. You were *there* for them. In their darkest moments, you showed up for a kid like 15 year-old Olivia\*.**

Nothing Olivia did ever seemed to be good enough for her mother. Day after day, she was told she was worthless. Her mother would scream and swear, berating her every move. Olivia felt like she was walking on eggshells in her own home.

Things felt hopeless. Late one night, after being screamed at for over an hour because she hadn’t unloaded the dishwasher, Olivia hit her limit. She couldn’t take it anymore. She didn’t know what to do or where to turn. She felt damaged, and scared.

Olivia knew she would get in trouble if she got caught talking to anyone – her mother believed that ‘family business should stay in the family’. But Olivia didn’t have a family member she could trust not to tell her mom. So, she went online and started her first-ever Live Chat session. She waited a few minutes in the queue, and then began chatting with a counsellor.

Whether it’s the middle of the night or the middle of a school day, the Village of Ryley team makes sure that there’s always a place for young people, like Olivia, to turn. You show youth in Ryley, Alberta and across Canada that they’re not alone – no matter how lonely they might be feeling.

**But the demand for help from kids like Olivia is growing tremendously every year. We can’t fail them. Can I count on Village of Ryley to join me in supporting youth mental health again in 2020 by making a life-saving donation of \$250 or \$300 today?**

\*This is the true story of a young person. Their name, and the name of counsellor, have been changed for privacy and confidentiality.

Olivia was only able to reach out to us through Live Chat because of what your kindness accomplished last year. When youth told us they wanted to reach out by chat and text, you made sure we adapted to their needs.

When she got through to Counsellor Ivan, the first question Olivia asked was if she was overreacting, or if what was happening to her was really wrong. Her family acted so differently from the ones she saw on television or at her friends' houses.

**She felt such relief when Ivan said her mother's behaviour wasn't okay. For the first time in her life, somebody was taking what she said seriously.**

*"I just needed to know it wasn't right to have my mom say that to me. The counsellor made me feel less like I had to deal with everything on my own, and that there are people in the world who won't dismiss what I say, and who will support me."*

Ivan told her what she was going through sounded incredibly difficult, and that it made sense for her to feel confused, angry, and conflicted. Olivia began to understand that she wasn't worthless – that there was hope for a different future.

That conversation was powerful. It changed Olivia's life! *That's* the incredible impact of your support of youth mental health. It's your generosity at work.

**And it's only the beginning. I want you to imagine how you can help us do even more for a young person like Olivia who reaches out to us online.**

Imagine that instead of finding herself waiting in queue for a counsellor, Olivia was able to interact right away with an AI-powered chatbot: a piece of technology specially-designed to assess the needs of every young person who reaches out for support.

When Olivia answered the chatbot's initial question, the software might pick up some red flag words, like "scared" and "hurt".

Meanwhile, another young person – let's call him Alex – logs onto Live Chat a few seconds before Olivia. He's feeling anxious and stressed with exam season approaching. He isn't at immediate risk of harm, but he's ahead of Olivia in the queue because he logged on first.

The chatbot is able to analyze both Alex's and Olivia's messages. It directs Alex to appropriate resources such as mindfulness apps, breathing exercises and tips for effective studying.

And now, instead of a counsellor answering Alex first because he happened to come online a few seconds sooner, they're free to help Olivia in her higher-risk situation.

**It's the same sort of technology that's already being used by our texting service – and your renewed support this year will help make it available for all our online services.**

A chatbot would be a simple and effective way to connect young people with the support they need – whether that's counselling, texting with a volunteer Crisis Responder, or one of the more than 30,000 trusted resources available through our website.



Most importantly, with artificial intelligence responding to more straightforward questions or issues, counsellors will be able to help youth in crisis faster.

**And in a crisis, every second counts. A few minutes spent waiting in the queue to talk to a counsellor or Crisis Responder can feel like a lifetime to a young person in distress.**

Thanks to you, the vast majority of messages we receive are answered in just a few minutes – but not every situation can wait that long. As more and more youth reach out, we continue to depend on your support to show up for every young person in the ways they need help most.

You made big strides last year towards that goal. **Thanks to your dedication and commitment, the incredibly popular Live Chat service that Olivia used is now available 24/7.**

And you didn't stop there! **Your generosity also extended texting nationwide, to reach kids from rural and remote areas.** You've enabled thousands of texting conversations from youth struggling with all kinds of problems – from abuse, to depression, to bullying, and so many more.

**But every time you expand the reach of our services, the call for help from young people grows right alongside.**

We've seen immense growth in demand for mental health support in the past few years. We see more high-risk calls from young people dealing with life-threatening issues, like thoughts of suicide or substance use. We facilitate up to 10 active rescues, where youth need the help of local emergency services, every day.

**Time lost means lives lost. And we desperately need your help to keep up.**

Your gift this year will help us work towards meeting the rising demand. You'll bring us closer to connecting with 3.5 million youth by 2021.

You can invest in new technologies and services that reach young people faster, like the AI-powered chatbot. You can strengthen the services youth have already come to rely on the most, to ensure the shortest possible wait times for a kid who desperately need someone to talk to.

**That's why I'm a donor myself. I know that every dollar given means a young person helped. It's a ripple effect of kindness.**

Your renewed support this year will harness the incredible power of technology for youth mental health once again. You'll redefine what's possible in the realm of youth mental health supports, and show kids you're listening to what they want and need by helping them find the right support, at the right moment.

**There's truly no time to waste when it comes to saving lives. We're committed, heart and soul, to adapting to meet the needs of young people from coast to coast to coast... But we need Village of Ryley's help to make that happen.**

**By renewing your support of Kids Help Phone today – perhaps with your most generous gift yet – Village of Ryley will show kids in Canada they never have to be alone. There is always someone here for them.**

With your help, we'll continue striving to match the courage and tenacity of the young people who depend on us each day.

**Thank you for showing up for youth – for believing in them, for acting to support them, and for putting your trust in Kids Help Phone.** I am so grateful for your compassion and generosity.

Sincerely,



Katherine Hay  
President & CEO

P.S. Every second counts in a crisis. **Please don't wait** to make your gift in support of youth in Canada.

*P.P.S. I'm enclosing a short survey so we can learn more about you and what you think! Please do take the time to fill it out and mail it back to us along with your donation. We truly value your input and opinions.*

## Village of Ryley

### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Meeting:** Council

**Meeting Date:** 3 March 2020

**Presented By:** Angel Matyachuk

**Agenda Item No:** 8.1 Amendment Bylaw 2020-934 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment)

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council for the Village of Ryley pass first reading of amendment Bylaw 2020-934 as presented.

#### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

Owner of land wishes to subdivide property which is situated in both the Village of Ryley and Beaver County. Part of this property is currently the location of the card lock fuel station (Service Station). The location is zoned Urban Reserve which does not permit Service Stations. Use of property was grandfathered in when land location was changed to Urban Reserve. In order to subdivide the property and continue with the current use, the Village of Ryley will need to change the zone of that land location to Commercial 2 as requested in the Amendment Application.

#### Process:

1. Council accepts application & directs administration to provide amendment bylaw.  
**DONE:** February 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.
2. Council passes 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the amendment bylaw.
3. Once passed advertise for 2 consecutive weeks & notify adjacent landowners of public hearing.
4. Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with a Regular council meeting.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading can be passed after the public hearing.

#### COST / SOURCE OF FUNDIING

Within approved budget parameters.

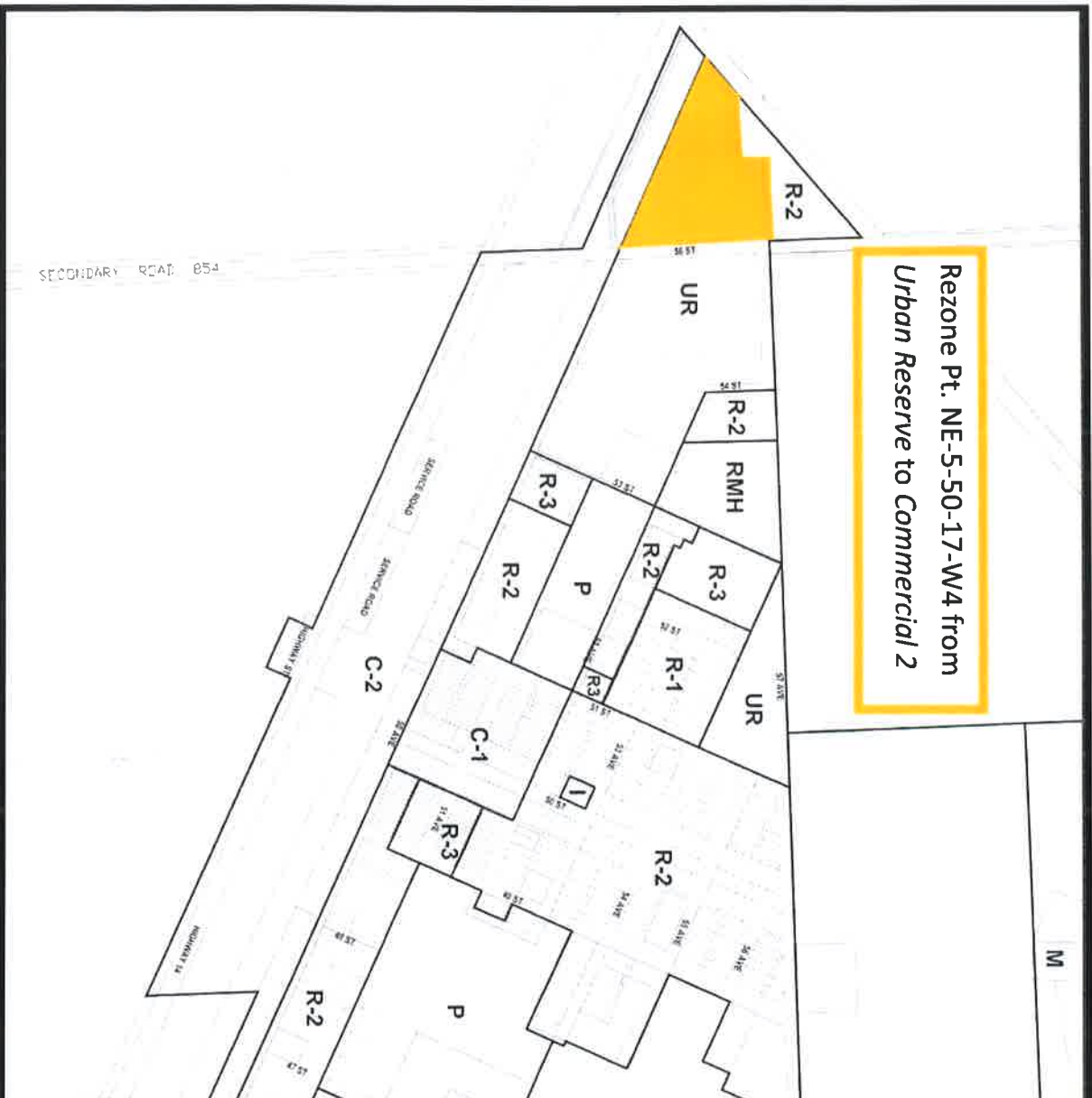
Author: Angel Matyachuk

Date: 3 March 2020

# Bylaw No. 2020-934 Schedule A

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Rezone Pt. NE-5-50-17-W4 from  
Urban Reserve to Commercial 2




## Schedule A

Village of Ryley  
Land Use Bylaw  
No 2010-889

Land Use District Map

### REDISTRICTING PLAN LEGEND

 Proposed Amendment Boundary  
Pt. NE-5-50-17-W4

### LEGEND

- R-1 Residential District
- R-2 Residential (2) District
- R-3 Multifamily Residential District
- RMH Residential Manufactured Home Park
- C-1 Commercial District
- C-2 Commercial (2) District
- M Industrial
- P Community
- I Institutional
- UR Urban Reserve

February 19, 2020



BYLAW NO. 2020-934

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF RYLEY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
TO AMEND THE LAND USE BYLAW, BYLAW NO. 2010-889

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended (“the Act”) provides that a Municipal Council may amend its Land Use Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Ryley wishes to amend its Land Use Bylaw as it affects certain lands to facilitate the current use of Service Station (Fuel Sales);

AND WHEREAS the lands are legally described as:

PART OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIVE (5)  
TOWNSHIP FIFTY (50)  
RANGE SEVENTEEN (17)  
WEST OF THE FOURTH MERIDIAN,  
CONTAINING 14.50 ACRES MORE OR LESS  
LINC: 0013119508  
EXCEPTING THEREOUT ALL MINES AND MINERALS

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Ryley, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. PART 7 the Land Use District Map is hereby amended by redistricting the following lands, which are currently within the UR Urban Reserve District, within the Village of Ryley Land Use Bylaw No. 2010-889

a) Pt. NE-5-50-17-W4

to the **C2 – Commercial 2** as shown on the attached Schedule A.

2. This Bylaw comes into full force and takes effect on the date of third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

READ A SECOND TIME THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2020

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR

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DATE SIGNED

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## Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission

Box 540, 5029-51 Avenue  
Ryley, AB, Canada T0B 4A0  
780-663-2019 or 1-866-333-3791  
Fax 780-663-2050  
Email: [info@hwy14water.ca](mailto:info@hwy14water.ca)

# NOTICE

THE HIGHWAY 14 REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION has been notified by STRATHCONA COUNTY, of a \$0.02/cubic meter increase in the EPCOR rate effective January 1, 2020. The Commission's water rates will reflect this increase effective February 1, 2020 on the February month end utility bills. Please note that there is no increase from Strathcona County (transportation of supply) or the Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission. Changes to rates are as follows:

- **Distribution Commodity Rate has been increased from \$3.675/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.695/m<sup>3</sup>.**
- **Bulk Commodity Rate has been increased from \$3.425/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.445/m<sup>3</sup>.**
- **Non-Member Commodity Rate has been increased from \$3.825/m<sup>3</sup> to \$3.845/m<sup>3</sup>.**
- **Truck Fill Rate has been increased from \$5.213/m<sup>3</sup> to \$5.233/m<sup>3</sup>.**

The Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission can be contacted at 1-866-333-3791 during regular office hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.