

Guidance Document- Public Utilities Bylaw



What this bylaw means

Utility services, like water and wastewater treatment, will be provided to the public by the Municipality. Other utility service providers can continue operating at their October 14, 2014 output levels, but will need to obtain a written agreement specific to the Public Utilities Bylaw from the Municipality before expanding operations. Persons with plans to operate a new utility service following October 14, 2014 will need to seek Municipal approval before operation or development begins.

Why was this bylaw created?

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo needed a bylaw that helped protect and maintain public utility systems. Other communities in our province, such as Red Deer, Calgary, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie, have bylaws that address this need. According to the Municipal Government Act, each Municipality has the right to prohibit any person other than the municipality from providing the same or similar type utility service. This bylaw will help protect regional municipal jobs, public utility rates, and recent capital investments, by ensuring utility development in our region provides equal opportunity and benefits for all.

What you can do	What you can NOT do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -You can continue to use public municipal utility services in your day to day activities. -If you are currently operating a public utility service, you may continue to do so, provided that service is maintained at the same rate it was provided on October 14, 2014. - If you have a written agreement with the Municipality clearly stating permission to provide a public utility service under this bylaw, you can continue to expand an existing utility service, or offer a new public utility service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You cannot begin providing public utility services to the public. -If you are currently providing a public utility service, you cannot expand operations without prior approval from the Municipality clearly stating permission to provide a public utility service under this bylaw.
Who this bylaw applies to	Who this bylaw does NOT apply to
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Persons who are supplying a utility service to persons other than themselves or their own business. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Persons who are supplying a utility service for their private use. -Persons who have a written agreement with the Municipality that clearly states permission to provide a public utility service under this bylaw. -Water haulers -Residents who buy water from Culligan or other filtered/pre-bottles water providers -Developers who are installing water and sewer services -Private utility services providing service exclusive to a consumer, on that consumers site -Plumbing services

If you have any questions regarding this bylaw please contact the Pulse Hotline at (780)743-7000 and ask for Sustainable Operations