

BYLAW 2026-03

A BYLAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. PAUL IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND THE LAND USE BYLAW No. 2021-13.

Whereas, an applicant has been made to amend the Land Use Bylaw No. 2021-13 of the County of St. Paul as set out in the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 as amended;

Now, Therefore, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, as amended, the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19, hereby assembled, enacts amendments to the Land Use Bylaw No. 2021-13 as follows:

1. Section 7.35.(2)(a) is deleted and replaced with “Commercial Alternate Energy developments shall be sited on low -production or poor-quality agricultural lands wherever feasible.”
2. Section 7.35(2)(b) is amended by inserting the phrase ‘(Class 1-3) for WECS development shall’ between the words ‘soils’ and ‘be’ in the existing clause;
3. Existing Section 7.35(29) is deleted and replaced with the following:
 - a) 29(a) A WECS (Wind Energy Conversion System) shall be located a minimum distance of 10 kilometres (6.21 miles) from any dwelling not belonging to the owner of the land on which the WECS is located, or the distance established by AUC Rule 012: Noise Control, whichever is greater.
 - b) 29(b) The owner of a dwelling or subdivided residential property not belonging to the owner on which a proposed WECS is located may waive the 10 kilometre setback by providing written notice to the Development Authority.
 - c) 29(c) The setback for a WECS shall be a minimum of 400 metres (1,312 feet) from a municipal road allowance.
 - d) 29(d) To protect habitat for birds of prey and waterfowl, no WECS shall be located within 5 kilometres of the following water bodies and environmentally sensitive areas, including but not limited to:
 - i) North Saskatchewan River
 - ii) Key Wildlife and Biodiversity Zones
 - iii) Whitney Provincial Park Lake System
 - iv) Kehewin Lake
 - v) Lac Bellevue
 - vi) Lake Eliza

- vii) Lac St. Cyr
- viii) Stoney Lake
- ix) Moosehills Lake
- x) Bently Lake
- xi) Vincent Lake
- xii) Upper and Lower Mann Lakes
- xiii) Garner Lake
- xiv) Floatingstone Lake

e) 29(e) No WECS shall be located within the flight path of an existing airport recognized by NAV-CANAD, or within proximity to a private runway, helipad or other aviation related use.

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Chief Administrative Officer