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NEWS RELEASE

Council Offers Temporary Grace Period for Illegal Structures

The Town of Kindersley will allow an eight-month grace period before charging fines for illegal temporary work camps, trailers, and structures located in the industrial area in the west part of Kindersley that are in violation of the Zoning Bylaw 04-14.

During a special meeting of Council held on November 4, 2014, Kindersley Town Council rescinded two previous motions on this issue and resolved that previously approved weekly fines will now not be in effect until June 30, 2015.

This grace period will allow companies time to construct, purchase, or secure some other type of approved residential dwelling for their employees.

“What is required of Council is to establish and enforce the laws, which state that any type of residential housing in an industrial area is illegal. And yet, we are aware that until recently, there has been limited accommodation to move to,” said Mayor John Enns-Wind.

“So we are attempting to enforce our bylaws and encourage development but to do so in an ethical way.”

The Mayor said new serviced residential lots and townhouses available for purchase in the Brookhollow Estates, as well as hotel developments will help alleviate the current housing shortage and provide more options to companies currently utilizing temporary work camps. Within the past two years, hotel capacity in Kindersley has doubled, and 4 new hotels under construction will be ready for occupancy in 2015.

As defined in the Town of Kindersley Zoning Bylaw 04-14, work camps, trailers, or other structures serving as permanent or temporary residences or dwelling units located in M1 or M2 zones within the Town are neither a permitted nor discretionary use. Trailers are permitted provided they are not being used as a dwelling and are not connected to any septic system.

Structures found in violation of the Zoning Bylaw are also subject to the Saskatchewan Planning and Development Act, 2007, which imposes fines of up to \$10,000 for individuals, \$25,000 for corporations, and up to \$2,500 per day for continuing offences.

Extensions to the June 30 deadline will not be granted unless a formal application is submitted to the Town detailing the time and method by which affected persons occupying temporary work camps will be rehoused within 90 days of the June 30 deadline.

For more information on this and other Council decisions, visit www.kindersley.ca or view archived public meetings at www.kindersley.ca/counciltv.

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