BYLAW NO. 1066/08

A BYLAW OF LACOMBE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND THE LACOMBE COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN NO. 1055/07 WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURAL SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS notice was given of Council's intention to amend the Municipal Development Plan in the following local newspapers:

Lacombe County News
Red Deer Express
Lacombe Globe
Rimbey Review
Sylvan Lake News
Eckville Echo
Ponoka News

AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held on February 14, 2008 to allow the general public to comment on the proposed amendments;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Lacombe County under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c.M-26-1, as amended, enacts that the Municipal Development Plan be amended as follows:

1. PART II – GOALS OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

3.0 Agriculture

Replace the existing Policy 3.9 with the following:

The subdivision of land for an intensive agricultural operation or a confined feeding operation may be considered if the following criteria are met:

a) submission of adequate detailed information describing the operation, a business plan, including a financial plan, and any other information deemed necessary by the County;
b) the proposed lot is not less than 4.05 hectares (10 acres) in size; and
c) the primary production base of the agricultural operation is contained within the proposed lot.

2. PART III – IMPLEMENTATION

Glossary of Terms

Add the following definition:

INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL OPERATION means an intensive animal or horticultural operation other than a confined feeding operation that represents a more intensive use of the land than typical extensive agricultural operations, and requires smaller tracts of land. Typical uses include, but are not limited to, greenhouses and plant nurseries, market gardens, tree farms, berry farms, u-pick operations, beekeeping, and horse farms.

This Bylaw shall come into effect upon final passage thereof.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN FIRST READING this 10th day of January, 2008

GIVEN SECOND READING this day of , 2008

GIVEN THIRD AND FINAL READING this day of , 2008

Terry Engen
Reeve

Terry Hager
County Commissioner