

Cremona council rescinds East Area Structure Plan bylaw

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development*

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Development on the east side of Cremona will run more smoothly now that council has rescinded the East Area Structure Plan bylaw.

Chief administrative officer Luana Smith said the plan determined how the land in that area should be designed.

"It's hindering development because nothing matches anything, so every time someone bought some land and wanted to develop, we would have to amend that plan," said Smith.

"So they (council) decided to, rather than keep amending this plan with every single development, let's just rescind the plan," she said, adding the developer would still have to submit a subdivision plan.

"It was just better for the municipality."

A public hearing was held during the Jan. 19 council meeting before council passed second and third readings to rescind the bylaw.

Mayor Tim Hagen said the village isn't required to have a municipal development plan because of its small population size.

Robert Reid removed himself from his chair on council to speak as a resident during the public hearing.

He said he is a landowner in the area and was never approached by a developer when applications were made to the village.

Karel Beckman, who also lives in the area, said "I'm very happy to see the thing go."