

To: Chris Ross, Councillor
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
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RE: Council Query – Fire Inspections

Thank you for your inquiry about Fire Inspections, regarding surprise joint Fire Marshall, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, or Bylaw inspections for higher risk buildings.

There have not been any joint inspections, either planned or impromptu, that have been collaborated by the three different services organizations.

Bylaw Enforcement Services will attend a location if there is a bylaw infraction that is publicly visible or it is reported through a complaint.

The City of Lacombe contracts fire inspections through IJD Inspections Ltd. Surprise inspections are not normally recommended, due to the adversarial situation that is often developed at the outset. Administration has found it is best to work with an owner or occupant of a building to ensure that compliance is being achieved, and maintained for the long run.

Transportation of Dangerous Goods is a federal government program that is part of the Ministry of Transport. If there is a concern regarding the transportation of dangerous goods, the Ministry recommends working through local police to coordinate field inspectors from the regional prairie office located in Calgary.

I hope this satisfies your inquiry – please feel free to email or call me if you'd like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

FOIP Act section 17(1)

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