

Subject: Bylaw No. 21/010 - Community Standards Bylaw**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 21/010, being the Community Standards Bylaw, be read a second time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 21/010 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

A Community Standards Bylaw was developed in 2015 with the goal of amalgamating five different bylaws into one comprehensive document. At that time community public engagement identified issues related to idling vehicles, graffiti, nuisance on property, unsightly properties, snow removal, lighting, and standards of personal behavior in the Municipality. In 2020, additional public engagement occurred with a survey of the proposed bylaw to ensure it met the needs of citizens. The feedback was incorporated into this version of the Community Standards Bylaw (Bylaw).

The Communications and Engagement Department will promote the Community Standards Bylaw on the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo website and social media to facilitate public awareness following first reading on April 27, 2021. This will allow residents the opportunity to address Council on May 11, 2021, when second and third readings will be considered.

Background:

In 2015, Bylaw Services conducted nine (9) Town Hall meetings from Conklin to Fort Chipewyan and provided “community café” brainstorming sessions. Residents had the opportunity to provide feedback through an online survey and directly to Municipal staff at the 2015 Spring Trade Show. The engagement sessions and the survey were well publicized and over 800 surveys were completed.

Further public engagement was undertaken between October 7 and October 30, 2020 with an online survey that included the proposed Bylaw. The survey received over 3,000 responses which Administration used to refresh the Community Standards Bylaw.

Attachment 1 is the Project Report, a summary of all feedback received from the citizen survey.

Citizens expressed concern on the proposed idling restrictions being considered. Administration amended the proposed Bylaw to reflect the feedback and benchmarked with five (5) communities in Alberta to confirm the proposed Bylaw was aligned with other regions.

The amalgamation and modernization of five (5) existing bylaws allows for residents to locate information more easily about standards for neighborhood issues including noise, yard and property maintenance, and nuisances. The addition of regulations for idling, loitering, and panhandling are also included. Once approved, the Community Standards Bylaw will see the following repealed:

- Nuisance Property Bylaw No. 00/078
- Noise Bylaw No. 83/24
- Nuisance Weed Bylaw No. 91/05
- Public Disturbance Bylaw No. 02/11
- Multiple sections of the Roads and Transportation Bylaw No. 02/079

Rationale for Recommendation:

The Community Standards Bylaw promotes good neighbour relationships and addresses community concerns through the regulation of noise, untidy properties, weeds and grass, graffiti, sump pump discharge, and nuisances.

This proposed Bylaw allows for the amalgamation and modernization of outdated bylaws. The addition of idling, loitering, and panhandling to the Community Standards Bylaw provides the ability for Bylaw and RCMP Officers to address these concerns in the Region.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

- 1. Community Standards Survey results**
- 2. Community Standards Bylaw**
- 3. Community Standards Bylaw Presentation**

4. Community Standards Bylaw - Comparison Chart

Written Submission - Peter Pond Mall