

Community Standards

Potential Topics for a Community Standards Bylaw

Council Resolution

THAT, by the end of the third quarter of 2020, Administration provide a report on:

- general issues that are addressed via a municipal community standards bylaw; and
- the feasibility and considerations related to addressing issues such as noise, parking, and unsightly premises in such a bylaw

Purposes of a Municipality – MGA section 3:

The purposes of a municipality are

- (a) to provide good government,
- (a.1) to foster the well-being of the environment,
- (b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality,
- (c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities, and
- (d) to work collaboratively with neighbouring municipalities to plan, deliver and fund intermunicipal services.

Bylaw Powers

Section 7 of the *MGA* gives authority to Council to pass bylaws for municipal purposes.

The purposes most relevant to the development of community standards bylaws are:

- a) safety, health and welfare of people and protection of people and property
- b) People, activities and things in, on or near a public place or a place that is open to the public
- c) Nuisances, including unsightly property

Underlying Principles of Community Standards Bylaws

Community standards bylaws can be found in many communities in Alberta and across Canada. There are a wide variety of types of these bylaws, from narrow application to very broad, and a large variety of topics that are covered.



Results of Research

- Currently Addressed;
Not recommended for inclusion in Community Standards Bylaw (CSB)
Can be added, but not recommended due to complexity
- Currently Addressed;
Recommended for inclusion in Community Standards Bylaw
Are currently in other stand alone bylaws but could be moved to a
Community Standards Bylaw (be appropriate for)
- Not currently in any County bylaw but appropriate to include in a
Community Standards Bylaw

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General Topics Addressed

The 5 most frequent topics that appear:

1. Nuisance and Unsightly Property
2. Graffiti
3. Noise
4. Construction Materials and Debris
5. Building Appearance



Considerations

Any topics currently addressed
can easily be moved



For “new” topics we should consider

- Enforceability (whether the topic and provision will stand if challenged in court)
- Enforcement (cost to enforce the new topic, and the effect on resources at Enforcement Services)



Advice and Direction



Recommendation

- Should Council choose to direct Administration to prepare a draft Community Standards Bylaw, Enclosure 4 provides options as a basis for Council's discussion
- Specific topics can be added to, or deleted from, any of the options

Questions

