



GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 18, 2024, 6 p.m.

3rd Floor - Council Chambers

315 Jespersen Ave

Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3E8

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2024

TITLE: Council Delegation - RCMP Presentation - March 18, 2024

DIVISION: Community & Protective Services

SUMMARY:

The Parkland RCMP Detachment is scheduled to come before Council three times per year to provide an update on RCMP services within the area.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Inspector Kevin McGillivray, Officer in Charge of the Parkland RCMP Detachment, has been asked to come before Council to give a report and update on the activities within the RCMP detachment area.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

**Spruce Grove Municipal Detachment
Crime Statistics (Actual)
January to February: 2020 - 2024**

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

March 5, 2024

CATEGORY	Trend	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2020 - 2024	% Change 2023 - 2024	Avg File +/- per Year
Offences Related to Death		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Robbery		2	0	1	0	2	0%	N/A	0.0
Sexual Assaults		4	10	4	11	6	50%	-45%	0.5
Other Sexual Offences		2	5	3	6	3	50%	-50%	0.3
Assault		44	55	45	61	62	41%	2%	4.2
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Extortion		0	2	0	8	1	N/A	-88%	0.8
Criminal Harassment		20	9	15	11	12	-40%	9%	-1.4
Uttering Threats		19	22	29	21	28	47%	33%	1.7
TOTAL PERSONS		92	103	98	118	114	24%	-3%	5.9
Break & Enter		25	13	26	22	37	48%	68%	3.3
Theft of Motor Vehicle		25	16	15	15	46	84%	207%	4.1
Theft Over \$5,000		1	5	8	6	3	200%	-50%	0.5
Theft Under \$5,000		128	59	83	99	122	-5%	23%	2.8
Possn Stn Goods		14	9	7	10	27	93%	170%	2.7
Fraud		71	47	35	51	64	-10%	25%	-1.0
Arson		0	5	3	2	2	N/A	0%	0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		46	43	56	48	33	-28%	-31%	-2.1
Mischief - Other		30	44	61	81	79	163%	-2%	13.5
TOTAL PROPERTY		340	241	294	334	413	21%	24%	23.9
Offensive Weapons		3	9	1	6	14	367%	133%	1.9
Disturbing the peace		30	22	43	44	51	70%	16%	6.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches		21	15	22	16	34	62%	113%	2.7
OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		20	16	21	12	20	0%	67%	-0.4
TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE		74	62	87	78	119	61%	53%	10.6
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE		506	406	479	530	646	28%	22%	40.4

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Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		7	7	9	9	7	0%	-22%	0.2
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		6	9	3	6	10	67%	67%	0.5
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	1	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Total Drugs		13	17	12	16	17	31%	6%	0.7
Cannabis Enforcement		1	2	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.4
Federal - General		1	3	2	6	5	400%	-17%	1.1
TOTAL FEDERAL		15	22	15	22	22	47%	0%	1.4
Liquor Act		15	7	12	8	1	-93%	-88%	-2.7
Cannabis Act		7	7	0	3	1	-86%	-67%	-1.6
Mental Health Act		66	59	79	54	71	8%	31%	0.5
Other Provincial Stats		99	113	132	125	101	2%	-19%	1.6
Total Provincial Stats		187	186	223	190	174	-7%	-8%	-2.2
Municipal By-laws Traffic		1	3	1	4	2	100%	-50%	0.3
Municipal By-laws		29	24	22	20	24	-17%	20%	-1.4
Total Municipal		30	27	23	24	26	-13%	8%	-1.1
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		41	12	20	33	14	-66%	-58%	-3.3
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		165	84	111	91	149	-10%	64%	-2.5
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		17	12	15	11	14	-18%	27%	-0.7
TOTAL MVC		223	108	146	135	177	-21%	31%	-6.5
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	2	3	3	5	N/A	67%	1.1
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	1	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.2
Total Provincial Traffic		705	326	322	330	389	-45%	18%	-62.8
Other Traffic		25	2	1	4	1	-96%	-75%	-4.6
Criminal Code Traffic		36	3	7	6	13	-64%	117%	-4.3
Common Police Activities									
False Alarms		27	39	35	32	36	33%	13%	1.1
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		197	186	89	97	61	-69%	-37%	-36.1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		61	47	40	92	77	26%	-16%	7.7
Persons Reported Missing		10	11	15	15	20	100%	33%	2.4
Search Warrants		0	2	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		87	83	95	75	95	9%	27%	0.8
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		7	7	4	3	5	-29%	67%	-0.8

Parkland RCMP - March 2024 Update



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Catalytic converters are being stolen at an alarming rate all across Canada. Engraving your catalytic converter discourages theft and makes it traceable for law enforcement. This business is in partnership with Holburn Crime Watch, Stony Plain and District Crime Prevention Association and the Parkland RCMP to help reduce catalytic converter theft.

It can cost \$1500-\$3000 to repair and replace your catalytic converter!!

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 - Never leave your keys inside your vehicle
 - Don't leave a running vehicle unattended
 - Never leave children or pets inside a vehicle
 - Use a steering wheel lock
 - Keep your vehicle locked at all times
 - Remove garage door openers from your vehicle
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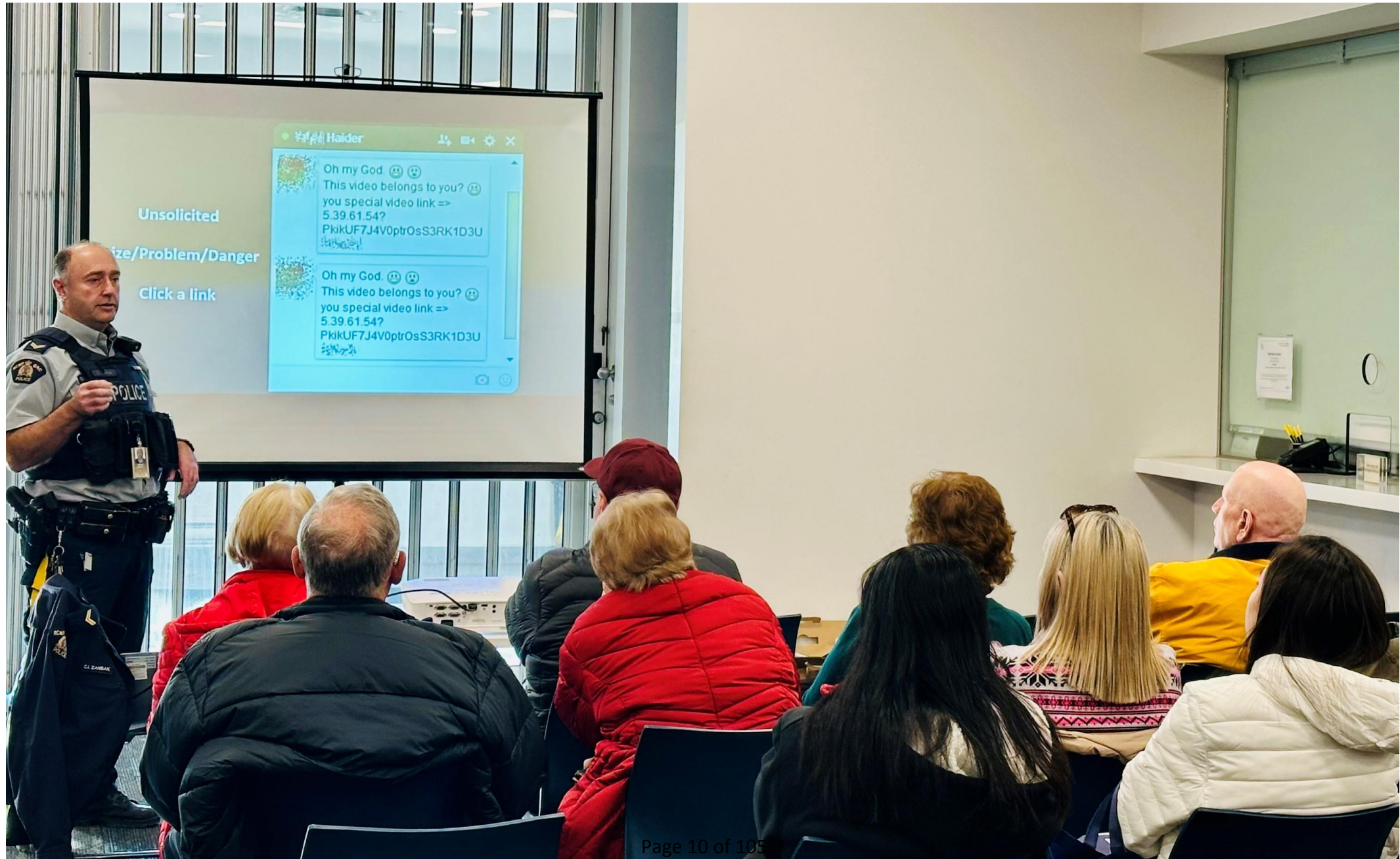
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**Fraud
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20 years of fighting fraud
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2024 ALBERTA RCMP YOUTH CAMPS

FOR AGES 16-18

WE ARE ACCEPTING PRE-APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2024 SESSIONS!

RCMP Youth Camps provide the exclusive opportunity to experience the behind-the-curtain of policing in one of the most highly recognized police forces in the world.

- Learn from Indigenous Police, Emergency Response Teams, Police Dog Services and more.
- Learn investigative skills, partake in drills, engage with active members, play games, and more.
- Bond with like-minded peers and be presented with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships.
- Receive an official certification of completion during a formal RCMP graduation ceremony.

FREE FOR ALL SELECTED APPLICANTS
TRANSPORTATION MAY BE AVAILABLE

2024 CAMP DATES **July 22-26 & August 5-9**
INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAMP **August 12-16**



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BATTLE FOR THE BADGES



CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS MENTAL HEALTH

TAILGATE PARTY - 11:00 AM, CENTRAL PARK
PUCK DROPS - 2:00 PM, GRANT FUHR
SPRUCE GROVE

SAT MARCH

23 2024

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ALL PROCEEDS TO THE LEGACY PLACE SOCIETY





REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2024

TITLE: Council Delegation - Youth Advisory Committee - 2024 Work Plan

DIVISION: Strategic and Communication Services

SUMMARY:

Chair Cara Nicholls, Vice Chair Hannah Dunbar, and Administrative Liaison, Karey Steil, will present the Youth Advisory Committee - 2024 Work Plan.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT Committee recommend to Council that the Youth Advisory Committee - 2024 Work Plan be approved as presented.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is required under C-1208-22 - Youth Advisory Committee Bylaw to develop an annual work plan that identifies key priorities and goals based on its mandate.

Under the bylaw, YAC is tasked with engaging with youth in the community to accurately represent a youth perspective on a variety of municipal issues and provide recommendations to Council on these issues. Council has provided direction on how they may accomplish this through:

- coordinating youth specific initiatives that profile local youth issues;
- developing and maintaining relationships with individuals and organizations addressing issues or opportunities relating to youth;
- researching and providing input into policy proposals for Council's consideration in reference to matters that directly impact youth in the community;
- receiving direction from Council on work or reports Council requires on youth matters;
- providing a youth lens on youth-oriented City policies, programs, or services; and

- engaging with Administration and other organizations supporting youth initiatives and other municipalities.

At the March 7, 2024 meeting, the YAC reviewed and approved the 2024 Work Plan with the following priorities:

1. Creating more social spaces for youth, increasing youth participation, focusing specifically on keeping community youth engaged.
2. Exploring opportunities for youth-orientated activities and events, including partnering and advising on partner led events.
3. Connecting with and protecting the environment.
4. Supporting local arts, culture, and a variety of small business.
5. Raising awareness and supporting the vulnerable and equity seeking communities.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

Committee could direct that the 2024 Work Plan be sent back to the YAC with instructions to incorporate additional recommendations or feedback.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

The 2024 Work Plan priorities were formulated after a review and analysis of the previous year's activities, suggestions from Administration, Councillors on YAC, and YAC members.

To fulfill the Work Plan, the YAC will look for opportunities to engage the youth in the community and will also look for opportunities to engage with Council and Administration throughout their term.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

The Administrative Liaison will work with Administration to suggest opportunities based on the priorities identified in the 2024 Work Plan. This will include, but is not limited to leadership opportunities, administrative policy review and input, event planning, volunteering, and/or fundraising.

IMPACTS:

The YAC will coordinate initiatives, participate in events, review policies, and make recommendations on items related to youth in Spruce Grove, in alignment with the items identified in the 2024 Work Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total YAC budget is \$10,500 with \$5,500 for Committee member bursaries and \$5,000 for youth-led events.



2024 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan (Draft)

Awareness and Understanding

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was created in 2023 and is tasked with engaging with youth in the community to accurately represent a youth perspective on a variety of municipal issues and provide recommendations to Council on these issues. Council has provided direction on how they may accomplish this through:

- Coordinating youth specific initiatives that profile local youth issues;
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- Researching and providing input into policy proposals for Council’s consideration in reference to matters that directly impact youth in the community;
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The 2024 committee has eleven members, up from seven, with six returning from 2023. The YAC is well positioned to learn from their successes and leverage them into 2024.

Based on feedback from the 2023 Committee, the youth identified that they would like more mentorship opportunities from Administration and Committee Councillors. Based on that recommendation, Administration and Committee Councillors will focus on providing additional learning outcomes:

- Organizational development skills (i.e., meeting norms, facilitation skills, project management skills, etc.);
- Organizational procedures and skills (i.e., how to develop and approve key messages for events, event planning skills, etc.); and
- Open Q & A sessions to Administration and Committee Councillors.

2024 Priorities

The 2024 Work Plan priorities were formulated after a review and analysis of the previous year's activities, suggestions from Administration, Committee Council members, and the Committee members. The priorities remain similar to the 2023 priorities, however, have been further refined to provide additional focus. This work plan is a high-level overview of the focus areas that will guide their involvement and participation in various initiatives.

1. Creating more social spaces for youth, increasing youth participation, focusing specifically on keeping community youth engaged.

Alignment to Council's 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan:

- goal 3 B.1: Explore how outdoor municipal space could be leveraged to deliver recreation programming or spontaneous, community driven activities with a focus on affordability and increased opportunities.
- goal 3 B.2: Explore how indoor municipal space, as well as public institutions such as schools, could be leveraged to deliver recreation programming with a focus on affordability and increased opportunities.

2. Exploring opportunities for youth-orientated activities and events, including partnering and advising on partner led events.

Alignment to Council's 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan:

- goal 3 A.2: Provide additional accessible recreation programming opportunities for youth.
- goal 4.A.1: Determine new culture programming for residents that provide diverse culture experiences while leverage existing spaces.

3. Connecting with and protecting the environment.

Alignment to Council's 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan:

- goal 7 B.1: Review recommendations from the City's Climate Change Action Plan and develop a subsequent implementation plan for specific recommendations.

4. Supporting local arts, culture, and a variety of small business.

Alignment to Council's 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan:

- goal 4 A: Leverage existing infrastructure spaces to incorporate culture experiences and artifacts.

- goal 10: Business attraction, investment, and retention is encouraged within an environment that enables businesses to succeed, attract new investment and talent, and create local employment opportunities for residents.

5. Raising awareness and supporting the vulnerable and equity seeking communities.

Alignment to Council’s 2022 - 2025 Strategic Plan:

- goal 1 A.2: Work with local organizations that focus on addressing inequities in the community and understanding the needs of underrepresented and equity deserving groups.

The work plan is intended to be iterative to accommodate emerging YAC interests. As initiatives emerge that support their priorities, details will be added to the work plan.

January	Administrative Learning Outcomes
	Team activity
	City Clerk presentation – Meeting Procedure 101, Code of Conduct, Youth Advisory Committee Bylaw
	Committee Business
February	Nominate Committee chair, co-chair
	Set meeting schedule
	Administrative Updates
	Strategic Plan Overview
February	Administrative Learning Outcomes
	Team activity
	Review and analysis of work plan
	Committee Business
	Review and analysis of 2023 priorities
	Develop 2024 priorities
Youth Event Planning	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priorities 2,4

	<p>Administrative Updates</p> <p>Municipal Plan Update</p>
March	<p>Administrative Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Team activity</p> <p>Event opportunities – how can YAC encourage youth outside Committee to participate?</p>
	<p>Committee Business</p> <p>Approve 2024 work plan</p> <p>Continue to plan Youth Event</p>
	<p>Administrative Updates</p> <p>Recreation Department presentation – Who we are, what we do and how we can support YAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 1,2 <p>Economic Development – City Center Business Association Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 1, 2, 4
April	<p>Administrative Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Team activity</p> <p>How can YAC encourage youth outside Committee to participate?</p>
	<p>Committee Business</p> <p>Continue to plan Youth Event</p>
	<p>Administrative Updates</p> <p>Rotary Club: Rotary Youth Leadership Experience</p> <p><i>Spruce Up Spruce Grove (tentative)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 3 <p><i>Communications Department – how to communicate YAC involvement (tentative)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 1, 2
May	<p>Administrative Learning Outcomes</p>

	<p>Team activity</p> <p>How can we engage youth in civic matters beyond YAC?</p> <p>Committee Business</p> <p>Continue to plan Youth Event</p> <p>Decide on summer event</p> <p>Administrative Updates</p> <p><i>Housing Strategy Engagement (tentative)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 5
June	<p>Administrative Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Team activity</p> <p>Event commitments</p> <p>Committee Business</p> <p>Youth Event!!</p> <p>2025 recruitment strategy</p> <p>Administrative Updates</p> <p><i>Single Use Bylaw (tentative)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAC priority 3
July/August	<p>Summer Break</p> <p>Summer get together – reconnect and go for ice cream</p>
September	<p>Administrative Learning Outcomes</p> <p>Team activity</p> <p>Create recruitment key messages.</p> <p>Creating social spaces for youth</p> <p>Committee Business</p> <p>Recruitment Strategy</p> <p>Administrative Updates</p> <p><i>Transit (tentative)</i></p>

October	Administrative Learning Outcomes
	Team activity
	Committee Business
	Recap of 2024 – what worked, what didn't and what should YAC do more of?
November	Administrative Updates
	<i>Creating social spaces for youth (tentative)</i>
	Administrative Learning Outcomes
	Team activity
November	Committee Business
	Approval of Final YAC Report
	Administrative Updates
	<i>Social Policy Forum Update (tentative)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council direction 3 • YAC priority 5
December	Wrap Up Party!

Youth Advisory Committee

2024 Work Plan



2024 Youth Advisory Council



2024 Priorities

1

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2

Exploring opportunities for youth-orientated activities and events, including partnering and advising on partner led events.

3

Connecting with and protecting the environment.

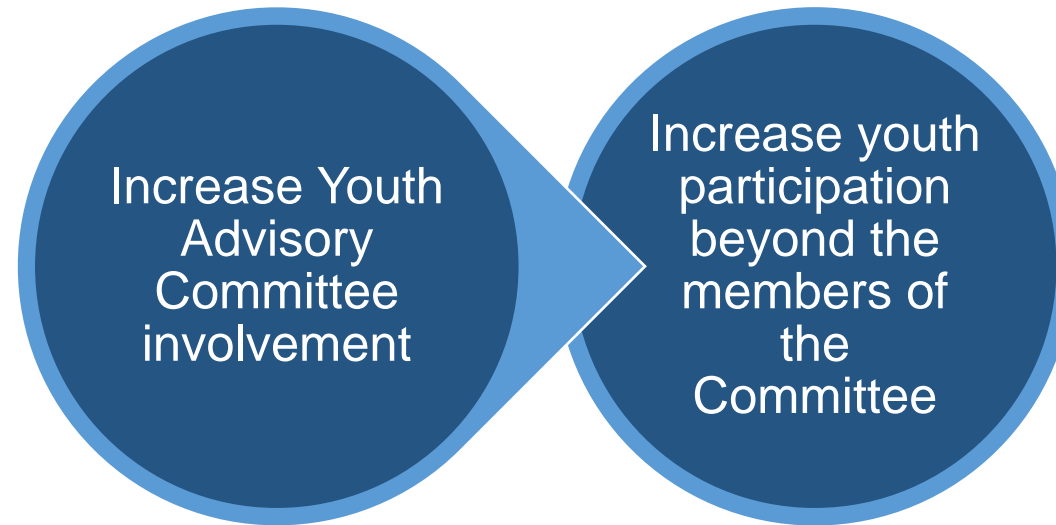
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2024 Goals





REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2024

TITLE: C-1312-24 - Community Standards Bylaw

DIVISION: Sustainable Growth and Development Services

SUMMARY:

C-1312-24 - Community Standards Bylaw is being presented to the Governance and Priorities Committee (GPC) for review and feedback and to obtain feedback on Administration's recommendations on the bylaw.

PROPOSED MOTION:

To be determined based on discussion and feedback of Committee.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

During the September 18, 2023 GPC meeting, GPC provided feedback on the 16 topics that were publicly consulted on with respect to community standards. These topics are as follows:

Public Behaviour

1. Liquor
2. Camping
3. Graffiti Abatement
4. Donation Bins at Charity Collection Sites
5. Panhandling
6. Urination/Defecation
7. Cannabis
8. Causing a Disturbance

Property Maintenance/Neighbour Relations

9. Nuisance/Unsightly Properties

10. Landscape Obstructions
11. Vegetation/Weeds/Trees and Grass
12. Boulevards
13. Recreational Vehicles
14. Construction Waste/Building Materials
15. Garbage/Waste

Noise Control

16. Prohibited Noise and Decibel Limits

Proposed C-1312-24 - Community Standards Bylaw (CSB) was drafted based on these 16 topics.

Administration's Recommendations

Administration has considered the operational implications and conducted a legal review on the minimum standards of all 16 topics to arrive at a set of recommendations for how best to effect the standards.

The attached Proposed Standards and Recommendations document contains a detailed listing of the proposed topics and standards along with Administration's recommendations. This document is meant to accompany the CSB as a reference tool to track what has been drafted, Administration's recommendations and the supporting rationale.

While most of the topics and standards have been addressed and written into the CSB, Administration has also made recommendations in the following general categories:

1. Keep in or amend existing City bylaws to effect changes instead of creating the topic in the CSB
 - For example, with respect to a pilot project to allow for consumption of liquor in designated park sites, changes were recommended to the existing *Open Space Area Bylaw* instead of adding it to the CSB. This is being recommended to keep all activities occurring in open spaces in one bylaw to make it easier for residents to reference.
2. Amend existing City bylaw(s) AND adding a topic into the CSB
 - Where this is recommended, it is in relation to topics where a specific activity could happen in different places (City property vs. private/public property).
3. Repeal existing City bylaws
 - Where this has been recommended, the content of an existing bylaw has been moved into the CSB and the purpose of repealing is to eliminate duplication.
4. Not recommended for implementation (see Options / Alternatives section for listing).

Based on the recommendations above, amendments would be made to the following City bylaws to effect the proposed CSB standards. These changes will be coming forward for Council's review and first reading at the same time as the first reading of the CSB:

1. Open Space Area Bylaw
2. Land Use Bylaw
3. Traffic Bylaw
4. Development Fees and Fines Bylaw
5. Fees and Charges Bylaw

Administration is recommending that the following City bylaws be repealed to eliminate duplication:

1. Consumption of Cannabis in a Public Place Bylaw
2. Construction Site Cleanliness Bylaw
3. Noise Control Bylaw
4. Nuisance, Unsightly, and Untidy Property Bylaw

Fines

At the September 18, 2023 GPC meeting, GPC also provided feedback on implementing a new fines structure into the bylaw and identifying higher fines for infractions the City wishes to deter. The recommended fine structure is as follows:

- \$250 for first offence within 12 months;
- \$500 for second offence within 12 months; and
- \$1,000 for third or subsequent offence within 12 months.

Higher fines have been proposed for offences related to:

- placing of graffiti on a building, structure, or vehicle;
- failure to meet standards set for construction sites;
- permitting sound above set daytime / overnight decibel limits in residential and non-residential settings; and
- obstruction / hindrance of the exercise of a person's powers pursuant to this bylaw.

The proposed fines are set out in Schedule "A" of the bylaw and are in line with the existing fines in other Alberta jurisdictions.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

Administration does *not* recommend that the following topics / standards be implemented from the September 18, 2023 GPC discussions:

- Specific time limit (21 days) for removal of graffiti by a property owner;
- Allowing an unused appliance to be placed outdoors temporarily;
- Permits for sidewalk extensions;
- Allowing recreational vehicles to be used as temporary dwellings for up to seven days;

- Standards regulating the placement of donation bins at charity collection sites;
- Specific exceptions to decibel standards by time limit (e.g., no sound permitted in excess of 65 decibels *except 70 decibels lasting a period of time not exceeding two hours in a day*); and
- Noise restrictions with respect to garbage removal and construction activity.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

Public consultation on the proposed standards took place over a nine-week period between May 7 and July 9, 2023. Members of City Council and City staff attended several community events, information sessions, and committee meetings to raise awareness of the consultation and encourage residents to complete the survey. In total, 1,204 responses were received.

Overall, survey respondents were supportive of the majority of the proposed standards (over 60 per cent of respondents agree). However, there were seven standards that did *not* receive strong support. Three of the seven are specifically related to boulevard gardens. They are:

1. A pilot program to allow liquor consumption in a designated site (such as Jubilee Park) with restrictions;
2. A new standard to allow camping on private land for no longer than seven days;
3. Removal of snowmobile from the definition of recreational vehicles to allow for more parking options during the winter season. Addition of summer restrictions for snowmobiles;
4. Specified daytime non-residential decibel limits;
5. Property owners should be allowed to garden in a boulevard;
6. To ensure safe and accessible spaces, a permit would be required for a boulevard garden; and
7. Only City-owned trees and shrubs are allowed in boulevards.

As requested by GPC, all seven of these standards have been included in the CSB.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

Once GPC has provided feedback and direction on the CSB, Administration will address any amendments when the bylaw is brought for first reading. The proposed next steps for the CSB approval and implementation are as follows:

Bylaw Approval

April 8, 2024 Council Meeting

- First and second readings of the CSB
- Review and first reading of amendments to, and repeal of, existing City bylaws to effect the CSB standards

April 22, 2024 Council Meeting

- Third reading of the CSB
- Third reading of amendments to, and repeal of, existing City bylaws to effect the CSB standards

Implementation

- Implementation of the CSB is expected to occur in late summer 2024.
- This timeline will allow for:
 - communication of the CSB changes so City residents are informed about how they will be affected;
 - development of operational processes / functions to support driveway extension permits and boulevard gardens; and
 - implementation of the new fine structure.

Communications Strategies and Timing

Communications strategy	Timing
Website	April (ongoing)
Education and awareness campaign	Late spring (ongoing)
Social media campaign	Late spring (ongoing)
Paid advertising	Late spring (ongoing)
Signage	Late spring (ongoing)

IMPACTS:

The CSB will serve to regulate and enable activities that relate to the safety, health and welfare of residents, businesses, community organizations, building developers, commercial property owners, and utility companies on private and public property. It will provide a “one stop shop” for the community to find information on community standards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is anticipated that to complete the work required in 2024/25, the following will be required:

Planning & Development and Engineering Departments:

- A one-time startup cost of \$50,000 to support system enhancements;
- A temporary FTE for 18 months to support the development of permitting / licence processes for boulevard gardens, driveway extensions, and other related permitting activities that may be addressed as the CSB is implemented. The estimated cost is \$150,000; and

- Funding to be identified as part of spring budget adjustment and 2023 year-end surplus reserve transfers planned for the April 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Resourcing requirements for Community and Protective Services is pending discussion on the desired enforcement approach.

THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

BYLAW C-1312-24

COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c M-26, as amended, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property, and to create offences and impose fines and penalties;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* states that the development and maintenance of safe and viable communities is one of the purposes of a municipality;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a Council to pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the enforcement of bylaws made under the *Municipal Government Act* or any other enactment; and

AND WHEREAS the City of Spruce Grove wishes to regulate or prohibit particular activities, industries, businesses, or other things; and

AND WHEREAS Council deems it desirable for all regulations which affect community standards to be located, as much as possible, in one bylaw;

THEREFORE, the Council for the City of Spruce Grove, duly assembled, hereby enacts:

1. BYLAW TITLE

1.1 This bylaw is called the “Community Standards Bylaw”.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 “Accessory Building” means a Building separate from and subordinate to the principal Building and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal Building. An Accessory Building is located on the same site as the principal Building, but they are not attached by a roof and floor or foundation.

- 2.2 “Alley” means a narrow Highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of Buildings and parcels of land.
- 2.3 “Boulevard” means that part of a Highway that:
- (a) is not a Roadway; and
 - (b) is that part of the Sidewalk that is not especially adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by Pedestrians, and includes the undeveloped road allowance adjacent to a laneway.
- 2.4 “Boulevard Garden” means a garden with flowers and plants cultivated in the strip of land between the Sidewalk and the Roadway.
- 2.5 “Building” includes any structure constructed or placed on, in, over or under land but does not include a Roadway, Sidewalk or bridge forming part of the Roadway.
- 2.6 “Camp” or “Camping” means the locating of, erecting of, or use of a Tent, trailer, motor home, truck camper, lean-to, a Vehicle or part of a Vehicle, a portable cabin, storage shed, or any other similar temporary structure for the provision of sleeping or human occupation.
- 2.7 “Camping Unit” means a Tent, trailer, fifth wheel, truck camper, motor home, camperized van, or other recreational unit used as a shelter while persons Camp or in conjunction with Camping.
- 2.8 “Cannabis” has the meaning given to it in the *Cannabis Act*, SC 2018, c 16, as amended.
- 2.9 “City Manager” means the administrative head of the City of Spruce Grove.
- 2.10 “City of Spruce Grove” or “City” means the municipal corporation of the City of Spruce Grove in the Province of Alberta, or where the context so requires, the area contained within the boundaries of the City of Spruce Grove.

- 2.11 “Construction Site” means a site on which construction or development is occurring for which a development permit and/or a building permit have/has been issued.
- 2.12 “Electronic Smoking Device” means an electronic device that can be used to deliver a vapour, emission or aerosol to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.
- 2.13 “Graffiti” means words, letters, symbols, marks, figures, drawings, inscriptions, writings, or stickers that are applied, etched, sprayed, painted, drawn, stained, scribbled, or scratched on a surface without the consent of the Property owner, or which are detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the surrounding area or neighboring properties notwithstanding that the Property owner has consented to their application or presence. For the purposes of this definition, detrimental to the surrounding area or neighbouring properties includes but is not limited to any condition which could reasonably be expected to cause a decline in market value of property in the surrounding area.
- 2.14 “Highway” means any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, Alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway, or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or allowed to use for the passage or parking of Vehicles, and includes:
- (a) a Sidewalk (including Boulevard adjacent to the Sidewalk);
 - (b) if a ditch lies adjacent to or parallel with the Roadway, the ditch; and
 - (c) if a Highway right of way is contained between fences or between a fence and one side of the Roadway, all land between the fences, or all the land between the fence and the edge of the Roadway, as the case may be.
- 2.15 “Indecent Act” means sexual or lewd activity in a Public Place.
- 2.16 “Mobility Aid” means a device used to facilitate the transport, in a normal seated orientation, of a person with a physical disability.

- 2.17 “Motor Vehicle” means a Vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power but does not include a bicycle, a power bicycle, a moped, an aircraft, an implement of husbandry, or a vehicle that runs only on rails.
- 2.18 “Naturalized Yard” means a residential yard or part of a residential yard within which, in the sole opinion of a Peace Officer, there has been practiced a method of distribution and maintenance of plant species native to the geographic area of the City of Spruce Grove that simulates the growth of plants in the natural environment, and which does not include any Noxious Weeds or Prohibited Noxious Weeds.
- 2.19 “Noxious Weeds” means plants designated as noxious weeds in the Schedule of the *Weed Control Regulation*, Alta Reg 19/2010, as amended.
- 2.20 “Nuisance” means any use of, condition of, or activity on Property which unreasonably interferes with a person’s use and enjoyment of Property, demonstrates a disregard for the general maintenance and upkeep of Property, is detrimental to the surrounding area, or is likely to produce a material annoyance, inconvenience or discomfort to persons, and includes but is not limited to:
- (a) excessive accumulation of material, including but not limited to building materials, appliances, household goods, boxes, tires, vehicle parts, garbage or refuse, whether of any apparent value or not;
 - (b) loose litter, garbage, construction debris or refuse whether located in a storage area, collection area or elsewhere on the land;
 - (c) damaged, dismantled or derelict Vehicles or Motor Vehicles, whether insured or registered, or not;
 - (d) smelly or messy compost heaps;
 - (e) grass or weeds higher than 15 centimeters, except in the case of a Naturalized Yard;
 - (f) production of excessive dust, dirt or smoke;
 - (g) production of any generally offensive odours;

- (h) any open structure or container placed in, on or over land which exposes any surrounding area to automotive fluids, including but not limited to engine oil, brake fluid or antifreeze;
- (i) use of any pesticide or herbicide which has significant detrimental or environmental effects on surrounding areas;
- (j) any tree, shrub, other type of vegetation or any structure:
 - (i) that obstructs any Sidewalk adjacent to the land or Alley;
 - (ii) that encroaches onto or covers any Sidewalk or neighbouring properties;
 - (iii) that impairs the visibility required for safe traffic flow at any intersection adjacent to the land or access to the land; or
 - (iv) that has any rot or other deterioration;
- (k) the failure to destroy Prohibited Noxious Weeds, control Noxious Weeds, or prevent the spread or scattering of weeds;
- (l) a Building that is damaged, rotting or deteriorating;
- (m) missing, broken or damaged fencing;
- (n) deteriorating surface infrastructure, including but not limited to pavement, curbs, sidewalks, and the existence of potholes;
- (o) inappropriate infiltration of air, moisture, or water into a Building due to peeling, unpainted or untreated surfaces, missing shingles or other roofing materials, broken or missing windows or doors, or any other hole or opening in the Building;
- (p) any publicly accessible excavation, ditch, drain or standing water that could pose a danger to the public;
- (q) any construction project or activity not completed within five (5) years of the date the Building permit for the project or activity was issued by the City or, if no permit was issued or required, within five (5) years of starting the construction project or activity; and

- (r) any conditions likely to attract wild animals, pests, other vermin, or domestic animals not associated with the subject Property.
- 2.21 “Order” means an order issued pursuant to s. 545 and s. 546 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c M-26, as amended.
- 2.22 “Panhandling” means to ask for a gratuitous donation of money, food, or goods of any kind, whether by spoken or printed word, or bodily gesture, but does not include the solicitation of charitable donations allowed or authorized pursuant to the *Charitable Fund-Raising Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c C-9, as amended, or any other legislation permitting the solicitation of charitable donations.
- 2.23 “Peace Officer” means any sworn member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Peace Officer or Community Peace Officer appointed under the *Peace Officer Act*, S.A. 2006, c P-3.5, as amended, and employed by the City, or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer employed by the City.
- 2.24 “Pedestrian” means a person afoot, a person in or on a Mobility Aid, and users of inline skates, roller skates, skateboards and non-motorized scooters.
- 2.25 “Prohibited Noxious Weeds” means plants designated as prohibited noxious weeds in the Schedule of the *Weed Control Regulation*, Alta Reg 19/2010, as amended.
- 2.26 “Property” includes land and Buildings.
- 2.27 “Public Place” means any Property, whether publicly or privately owned, to which members of the public have access as of right or by express or implied invitation, whether on payment of any fee or not.
- 2.28 “Roadway” means that part of Highway intended for use by vehicular traffic.
- 2.29 “Safety Codes Officer” means a person designated as a safety codes officer pursuant to the *Safety Codes Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c S-1, as amended.

- 2.30 “Sidewalk” means that part of a Highway especially adapted to the use of or ordinarily used by Pedestrians and includes that part of a Highway between the curb line, or where there is no curb line, the edge of the Roadway, and the adjacent property line, whether or not it is paved or improved.
- 2.31 “Smoke” or “Smoking” means:
- (a) inhaling or exhaling the smoke produced by burning or heating Cannabis; or
 - (b) holding or otherwise having control of any device or thing containing lit or heated Cannabis.
- 2.32 “Sound Level” means the sound pressure measured in decibels using the “A” weighted network of a Sound Level Meter with fast response.
- 2.33 “Sound Level Meter” means any Type 2 or better integrating instrument (as established by the standards of the American National Standards Institute “A.N.S.I.”) that measures Sound Levels.
- 2.34 “Temporary Shelter” means a structure, improvement, shield, or cover that protects people or things and includes a lean-to or other shelter made of cardboard, tarpaulin, plastics, metal, logs, brush, branches, or other materials or things, whether commercially manufactured or hand-made.
- 2.35 “Tent” means a portable or moveable shelter, partially or fully enclosed, partially or wholly assembled or constructed out of canvass, cardboard, cloth, synthetic material, plastic, metal, wood, or like materials suitable to provide temporary accommodation for one or more persons, whether or not the said shelter is designed or intended to provide such accommodation, or whether commercially manufactured or hand-made.
- 2.36 “Turfgrass” means various grass species that are grown as a ground cover to form a lawn.
- 2.37 “Uninhabitable” means a condition or state in which a Building is not suitable or safe for human habitation or occupation. This may include Buildings that have been damaged by fire, flood or other natural disasters and/or no longer in receipt of utility services. This does not include new homes under construction.

- 2.38 “Unsightly” or “Untidy” means:
- (a) Property that, because of its condition or the accumulation of refuse, debris, materials, or other items, is detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the surrounding area or neighboring properties;
 - (b) In respect of a Building, includes a structure whose exterior shows signs of significant physical deterioration, serious disregard for general maintenance, upkeep, or repair, or which constitutes a Nuisance; or
 - (c) In respect of land, includes land that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance or upkeep, or which constitutes a Nuisance.
- 2.39 “Vape” or “Vaping” means:
- (a) Inhaling or exhaling the vapour, emissions or aerosol produced by an Electronic Smoking Device or similar device containing Cannabis; or
 - (b) Holding or otherwise having control of an Electronic Smoking Device that is producing vapour, emissions or aerosol from Cannabis.
- 2.40 “Vehicle” means a device in, upon or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn upon a Highway.
- 2.41 “Violation Ticket” means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II or Part III of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c P-34, as amended.
- 2.42 “Wildlife” means non-domesticated animals, or an animal that is wild by nature and living in its natural habitat, but does not include feral cats and birds.

PART I – PUBLIC BEHAVIOURS

3 CAMPING

- 3.1 No person shall reside or Camp in any Public Place in the City unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions, by the City Manager or their designate.
- 3.2 No person shall reside or Camp in any Accessory Building, Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent, on private Property for a period longer than seven (7) consecutive days, or exceeding twenty-one (21) total days in a calendar year, unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions, by the City Manager or their designate.

4. GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

- 4.1 No person shall place Graffiti or cause Graffiti to be placed on a Building, structure, Vehicle, or vegetation if the Graffiti is visible from any surrounding Property.
- 4.2 An owner of Property shall not permit Graffiti to be placed on any Building, structure, Vehicle, or vegetation on said Property, such that the Graffiti is visible from any surrounding Property or Roadway.
- 4.3 Every person who owns or occupies Property shall ensure that Graffiti placed on said Property is removed, painted over, or otherwise permanently blocked from public view within the time period specified in a notice to remove the Graffiti issued by a Peace Officer.

5. PANHANDLING

- 5.1 A person shall not engage in Panhandling.

6. URINATION/DEFECATION

- 6.1 A person shall not urinate or defecate in a Public Place or on private Property except in a facility designated and intended for such use.

7. CANNABIS

- 7.1 A person must not Smoke, Vape or consume Cannabis in any Public Place.

- 7.2 Section 7.1 does not apply to a person Smoking, Vaping or consuming Cannabis that they lawfully possess pursuant to a medical document issued pursuant to the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations*, SOR/2016-230.
- 7.3 A person referred to in section 7.2 must, on demand of any Peace Officer, produce a copy of the person's medical document.
- 7.4 A person referred to in section 7.2 is subject to the City of Spruce Grove's Smoking Bylaw, as amended.

8. CAUSING A DISTURBANCE

- 8.1 No person located in a Public Place shall disturb the peace and enjoyment of other persons by:
- (a) screaming, shouting, or using loud, abusive or obscene language;
 - (b) being intoxicated by alcohol or another drug or substance;
 - (c) performing an Indecent Act;
 - (d) throwing or propelling an object, or acting in any other way that is reasonably likely to cause injury to or intimidate another person or cause damage to property; or
 - (e) interfering with Wildlife.

PART II – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

9. NUISANCE AND UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES

NUISANCE

- 9.1 A person shall not cause or permit a Nuisance to exist on Property they own or occupy.
- 9.2 A person who causes a Nuisance or permits Property they own or occupy to be used so as to cause a Nuisance shall, as soon as practicable, abate

the Nuisance and cause to be abated the activity which causes the Nuisance.

UNSIGHTLY OR UNTIDY PROPERTIES

- 9.3 A person shall not allow Property which they own or occupy to be or to become Unsightly or Untidy.
- 9.4 No owner or occupant of Property shall have or allow in or on the Property, the accumulation of:
- (a) anything that produces an odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or other airborne matter that is reasonably likely to disturb another individual;
 - (b) any material likely to attract animals, pests, or Wildlife; or
 - (c) animal remains, parts of animal remains or animal feces.
- 9.5 A person shall not have or allow the following to accumulate on Property which they own or occupy such that the accumulation is visible to a person outside the Property:
- (a) refuse, loose garbage or bagged garbage;
 - (b) bottles, cans, boxes, or packaging materials;
 - (c) household furniture or other household goods;
 - (d) automobile parts, derelict or inoperable Vehicles;
 - (e) parts of or disassembled machinery, equipment or appliances; or
 - (f) yard waste, including grass, tree and hedge cuttings, leaves and other refuse.
- 9.6 No person shall cause, permit or allow for the storage, repair, cleaning, maintenance, collection or servicing of mechanical equipment including but not limited to bulldozers, graders, backhoes, pay loaders, cranes, tractors, semi-trailers, or similar heavy equipment within a residential area.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, AND LAND

- 9.7 A person shall not cause or permit a Nuisance to exist in respect of any Property they own or occupy.
- 9.8 No person shall cause or permit refuse, metal or wood to accumulate in any open structure attached to any Building within the City except in containers, bins, drawers, shelves and areas provided for temporary storage. No storage shall be allowed in the front or side yard of any Property in a residential area.

UNOCCUPIED AND UNINHABITABLE BUILDINGS

- 9.9 If a Building normally intended for human habitation is Uninhabitable, the owner of the Building shall ensure that any door or window opening in the Building is covered with a solid piece of wood, which shall be:
- (a) installed from the exterior and fitted within the frame of the opening in a watertight manner;
 - (b) of a thickness sufficient to prevent unauthorized entry into the Building;
 - (c) secured in a manner sufficient to prevent unauthorized entry into the Building; and
 - (d) coated with an opaque protective finish in a manner that is not detrimental to the surrounding area.

REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

- 9.10 A person shall not permit a refrigerator, freezer, or other similar appliance to be placed or kept outside an enclosed Building on land they own or occupy.

10. BOULEVARDS AND ALLEYS

- 10.1 The owner of private Property shall not cause or allow a Nuisance within a section of an Alley that abuts their private Property.

- 10.2 The owner of private Property shall provide ongoing maintenance of the Turfgrass within a Boulevard that abuts their private Property, unless the Boulevard is part of an arterial Roadway, by:
- (a) keeping Turfgrass to a maximum height of 15 cm;
 - (b) removing any accumulation of fallen leaves or other debris; and
 - (c) keeping Boulevards free of landscape developments including but not limited to rocks, shrubs, concrete, rubber, plastic, wood, metal, or any such thing other than Turfgrass unless a permit is obtained for the development and maintenance of a Boulevard Garden.

11. CONSTRUCTION WASTE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

- 11.1 For any Construction Site, all construction materials and excavated materials related to the construction or renovation in question shall be confined to the lot on which the Construction Site is located.
- 11.2 For any Construction Site, a garbage container is required to be present for the duration of construction, the type of which shall be approved by the City at the time of development permit application, and:
- (a) construction materials must be stored neatly, and all garbage must be placed in garbage containers;
 - (b) notwithstanding the above, an alternative means of garbage containment or removal may be used pursuant to written authorization from the Safety Codes Officer and presented to a Peace Officer upon demand;
 - (c) notwithstanding the above, a garbage container may be shared between or among Construction Sites pursuant to written authorization from the Safety Codes Officer;
 - (d) a garbage container shall not be filled beyond eighty percent (80%) capacity, by volume.
- 11.3 The following shall not be present at a Construction Site:
- (a) an excessive accumulation of materials, including but not limited to excavated materials or loose building or construction materials;

- (b) any accumulation of construction-related garbage or debris; or
 - (c) any untidy work or storage areas on a City Highway or on public land.
- 11.4 No hazardous materials shall be deposited in any garbage container or into the storm sewer or sanitary sewer system.
- 11.5 No material, including excess concrete, gravel or clay, shall be washed down the storm sewer, dumped onto adjacent lots, public land or a City Highway, or stored anywhere outside the construction site, without prior authorization from the City.
- 11.6 Construction must not block or prevent public access to Sidewalks and driveways.
- 11.7 Construction equipment and machinery shall not be parked or stored on public lands or on a City Highway.
- 11.8 Unless otherwise authorized by the Safety Codes Officer once backfilling operations are complete, a gravel pad shall be created as a staging area for equipment. Alternatively, a poured driveway may be used as a staging and storage area.
- 11.9 At the discretion of the Safety Codes Officer, a temporary fence or other barrier may be required on a Construction Site.
- 11.10 Where there is a difference in elevation between lots where construction or landscaping is occurring, appropriate measures, such as a temporary silt barrier or dam, shall be erected on the higher lot to prevent drainage onto the lot or lots below until construction and landscaping, pursuant to City standards, is complete.
- 11.11 At any Construction Site, appropriate temporary barriers shall be placed around an excavation to prevent unauthorized entry or dumping.

PART III – NOISE CONTROL

12. PROHIBITED NOISE

- 12.1 A person shall not cause or permit any sound that is reasonably likely to annoy or disturb the peace of any other person.

- 12.2 A person shall not cause or permit Property or goods they own or occupy, including any Vehicle or equipment, to be used such that any sound coming from the Property or goods is reasonably likely to annoy or disturb the peace of any other person.
- 12.3 A person may be found guilty of a contravention of this section whether or not the decibel level:
- (a) is measured; or
 - (b) if measured, exceeds any limit prescribed in this Bylaw.
- 12.4 In determining what sound is reasonably likely to annoy or disturb the peace of any person the following criteria may be considered:
- (a) type, volume, and duration of the sound;
 - (b) time of day and day of week;
 - (i) nature and use of the surrounding area;
 - (ii) decibel level, if measured; and
 - (iii) any other relevant factor.

DAYTIME DECIBEL LIMIT – RESIDENTIAL

- 12.5 A person shall not cause or permit any sound exceeding a Sound Level of 65 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for residential use, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- 12.6 A person shall not cause or permit Property or goods they own or occupy, including any Vehicle or equipment, to be used such that any sound coming from the Property or goods exceeds a Sound Level of 65 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for residential use, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

DAYTIME DECIBEL LIMIT – NON-RESIDENTIAL

- 12.7 A person shall not cause or permit any sound exceeding a Sound Level of 75 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for use other than residential, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

- 12.8 A person shall not cause or permit Property or goods they own or occupy, including any Vehicle or equipment, to be used such that any sound coming from the Property or goods exceeds a Sound Level of 75 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for use other than residential, between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

OVERNIGHT DECIBEL LIMIT – RESIDENTIAL

- 12.9 A person shall not cause or permit any sound exceeding a Sound Level of 50 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for residential use, before 7:00 am. or after 10:00 p.m.
- 12.10 A person shall not cause or permit Property or goods they own or occupy, including any Vehicle or equipment, to be used such that any sound coming from the Property or goods exceeds a Sound Level of 50 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for residential use, before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.

OVERNIGHT DECIBEL LEVEL – NON-RESIDENTIAL

- 12.11 A person shall not cause or permit any sound exceeding a Sound Level of 60 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for use other than residential, before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- 12.12 A person shall not cause or permit Property or goods they own or occupy, including any Vehicle or equipment, to be used such that any sound coming from the Property or goods exceeds a Sound Level of 60 decibels, as measured at the property line of a parcel zoned for use other than residential, before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 pm.

MOTOR VEHICLES

- 12.13 If a Motor Vehicle is the cause of any sound that contravenes a provision of this Bylaw the owner of that Motor Vehicle is liable for the contravention.

EXCEPTIONS AND COMPLIANCE

- 12.14 Nothing in Part III – Noise Control prohibits:
- (a) the City, its agents or employees, from managing the accumulation of snow and ice on Highways and on City Property; or

- (b) production of certain sounds on whatever conditions the City Manager deems appropriate, where the City Manager has issued a permit allowing the same, provided that any such permit shall be produced to a Peace Officer upon demand.
- 12.15 A Peace Officer may direct any person who has caused or made excessive noise, or any person who owns Property or goods from which excessive noise has originated, to abate or eliminate the excessive noise. Such a direction may be either verbal or written.
- 12.16 Where a person engages in an activity that is not specifically prohibited by any enactment, including this Bylaw, and which involves making a sound that may annoy or disturb the peace of any other person, the person shall do so in such a manner as to create as little sound as is practicable in the circumstances.
- 12.17 Part III – Noise Control does not apply to Community Events for which the City has issued a permit, or to:
- (a) work carried out by the City or its agents, contractors, servants or employees, acting within the scope of the agency, contract, or employment, as the case may be; or
 - (b) work carried out by any person on any land zoned as M-1 industrial pursuant to the City's Land Use Bylaw, as amended, if the sound is generated pursuant to the work done in the normal manner of carrying out such work.

PART IV – ODOURS AND EMISSIONS

13. EXCESSIVE ODOURS AND EMISSIONS

- 13.1 A person shall not engage in any activity that creates odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or other airborne matter that is reasonably likely to disturb another person.
- 13.2 A person shall not cause or permit Property they own or occupy to be used so that any odour, emission, vapour, dust or other airborne matter from the Property is reasonably likely to disturb another person.

- 13.3 In determining if any odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or other airborne matter is reasonably likely to disturb any person, the following criteria may be considered:
- (a) in the case of a firepit, an approved permit issued by Spruce Grove Fire Services;
 - (b) the type, frequency, intensity or duration of the odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or other airborne matter;
 - (c) the time of day and day of the week;
 - (d) the weather and ambient conditions;
 - (e) the proximity to neighbouring properties;
 - (f) the nature and use of the surrounding area;
 - (g) the effects of the odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or other airborne matter; and
 - (h) any other relevant factor.

PART V – ENFORCEMENT

14. OFFENCE

- 14.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a specific penalty as set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, or if no penalty is specified in Schedule “A”, a penalty of:
- (a) \$250 for a first offence within 12 months;
 - (b) \$500 for a second offence within 12 months; or
 - (c) \$1000 for a third or subsequent offence within 12 months.

15. VIOLATION TICKET

- 15.1 Notwithstanding anything else in this bylaw, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Violation Ticket

pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c P-34, as amended, to any person who the Peace Officer has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this bylaw.

- 15.2 If a Violation Ticket is issued in respect of an offence, the Violation Ticket may;
- (a) specify the fine amount established by this bylaw for the offence; or
 - (b) require a person to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.
- 15.3 Notwithstanding anything else in this bylaw, where a person is issued a Violation Ticket requiring them to appear in court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment, the person shall be liable to a penalty of up to \$10,000, and in no event shall such penalty be lower than the applicable penalty set out in section 14 or Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

16. CONTINUING OFFENCE

- 16.1 In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention of a provision of this bylaw constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which it continues and a person guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this Bylaw for each such day.

17. VICARIOUS LIABILITY

- 17.1 For the purposes of this bylaw, an act or omission by an employee or agent of a person is deemed also to be an act or omission of the person if the act or omission occurred during the employee's employment with the person, or during the agent exercising the powers or performing the duties on behalf of the person under their agency relationship.

18. CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- 18.1 When a corporation commits an offence under this bylaw, every principal, director, manager, employee, or agent of the corporation who authorized the act or omission that constitutes the offence or assented to or acquiesced or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the

offence is guilty of the offence whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted for the offence.

- 18.2 If a partner in a partnership is guilty of an offence under this bylaw, each partner in that partnership who authorized the act or omission that constitutes the offence or assented to or acquiesced or participated in the act or omission that constitutes the offence is guilty of the offence.

19. OBSTRUCTION

- 19.1 A person shall not obstruct or hinder any person in the exercise or performance of the person's powers pursuant to this bylaw.

PART VI – GENERAL

20. POWERS OF THE CITY MANAGER

- 20.1 Without restricting any other power, duty or function granted by this bylaw, the City Manager may:
- (a) carry out any inspections to determine compliance with this bylaw;
 - (b) take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce this bylaw;
 - (c) establish investigation and enforcement procedures with respect to residential, commercial, industrial or other types of property; and such procedures may differ depending on the type of property in question;
 - (d) establish areas where activities restricted by this bylaw are permitted;
 - (e) establish forms for the purposes of this bylaw;
 - (f) issue permits with such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate;
 - (g) establish the criteria to be met for a permit pursuant to this bylaw; and
 - (h) delegate any powers, duties or functions under this bylaw to an employee of the City.

21. PERMITS

- 21.1 A person to whom a permit has been issued pursuant to this bylaw, and any person carrying out an activity otherwise regulated, restricted, or prohibited by this bylaw pursuant to such permit, shall comply with any terms or conditions forming part of the permit.
- 21.2 A person shall not make any false or misleading statement or provide any false or misleading information to obtain a permit pursuant to this bylaw.
- 21.3 If any term or condition of a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw is contravened, or if a false or misleading statement or false or misleading information was provided to obtain the permit, the City Manager may immediately cancel the permit.
- 21.4 The onus of proving a permit has been issued in relation to any activity otherwise regulated, restricted, or prohibited by this bylaw is on the person alleging the existence of such a permit on a balance of probabilities.
- 21.5 A copy of a record of the City, certified by the City Manager as a true copy of the original, shall be admitted in evidence as *prima facie* proof of the facts stated in the record without proof of the appointment or signature of the person signing it.

22. SEVERABILITY

- 22.1 Every provision of this bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

23. LIABILITY

- 23.1 The City, a Peace Officer, or any person who inspects property under this bylaw or any person who performs work on behalf of the City is not liable for any damages caused by the inspection, the work, or disposing or anything referred to in an Order.

PART VII – EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL

24. EFFECTIVE DATE

24.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

25. REPEAL OF BYLAWS

25.1 The following bylaw are hereby repealed:

- (a) C-909-15 - Nuisances, Unsightly and Untidy Property Bylaw;
- (b) C-976-16 - Construction Site Cleanliness Bylaw;
- (c) C-908-15 - Noise Control Bylaw; and
- (d) C-1047-18 - Consumption of Cannabis in Public Places Bylaw.

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Date Signed

Mayor

City Clerk

SCHEDULE “A”

SPECIFIED PENALTIES

OFFENCE	SECTION(S)	PENALTY
Cause/permit Graffiti to be placed on a Building, structure, or Vehicle	4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months • \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months • \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months
Failure to meet standards set for Construction Sites	11.1 to 11.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 for 1st offence within 12 months • \$2,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months • \$5,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months
Cause/permit sound above daytime decibel limits in a residential setting	12.5 and 12.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months • \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months • \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months
Cause/permit sound above daytime decibel limits in a non-residential setting	12.7 and 12.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months • \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months • \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months
Cause/permit sound above overnight decibel limits in a residential setting	12.9 and 12.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months • \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months • \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months

Cause/permit sound above overnight decibel limits in a non-residential setting	12.11 and 12.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months• \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months• \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months
Obstruction or hindrance of any person in the exercise or performance of the person's powers pursuant to this Bylaw	19.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$500 for 1st offence within 12 months• \$1,000 for 2nd offence within 12 months• \$2,000 for 3rd and subsequent offence within 12 months

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Ref. #	Topics	Summary of Minimum Standards That Were Recommended by the Committee and Consulted On	Recommendation(s)
Theme #1: Public Behaviour			
1	Liquor	<p><i>Current Standard (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No consumption of alcoholic beverages in an open space area without a permit. Spruce Grove Open Space Bylaw, s. 11.3). <p><i>Additional Standard (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pilot project where consumption of liquor is permitted in a designated site like Jubilee Park with restrictions (only allowed between 11 am and 9 pm, not allowed in the children’s playground or spray park) should be considered. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend keeping this topic within the <i>Open Space Area Bylaw</i> instead of moving to the CSB, as this topic is more appropriately situated there along with other open space activities. The following changes are being proposed in the <i>Open Space Area Bylaw</i> to allow for the pilot program to take place: <p><i>New Definition in the Open Space Area Bylaw</i> <i>“Designated Picnic Area” means any park area identified through signage approved by the City Manager as a designated picnic area where alcoholic beverages may be consumed;</i></p> <p><i>Amended Bylaw Wording</i> <i>A person may consume alcoholic beverages in a Designated Picnic Area, in accordance with any applicable provisions of the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act and any applicable rules made under this Bylaw.</i></p> <p><i>Adults of legal drinking age are only permitted to consume alcoholic beverages at</i></p>

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			<p><i>a Designated Picnic Areas between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Alcohol consumption will not be allowed in areas outside of the Designated Picnic Site.</i></p>
2	Camping	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No camping in an open space area without a permit. Spruce Grove Open Space Bylaw, s. 19 • Special regulations with respect to campgrounds. Land Use Bylaw, s. 60 <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add definition of camping. • Camping is not allowed on private land for longer than 7 days in a row in one calendar year. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend adding to CSB and keeping this topic in <i>Open Space Area Bylaw</i> as well since camping standards take place in both public and private spaces. 2. The following changes have been recommended to address the ambiguity of camping in other areas that may be considered public. <p>New Definitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp or Camping • Camper Unit • Public Place • Temporary Shelter • Tent <p>Amended Bylaw Wording</p> <p>No Person shall reside or Camp in any Public Place in the City unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions set by the City Manager or their designate.</p> <p>No Person shall reside or Camp in any Accessory Building, Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent, on private Property for a</p>

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			<p>period longer than seven (7) consecutive days or exceeding twenty-one (21) total days in a calendar year unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions by the City Manager or their designate.</p>
3	<p>Graffiti Abatement (NEW)</p>	<p><i>There is no existing City legislation on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>New Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti means words, letters, symbols, marks, figures, drawings, inscriptions, writings or stickers that are applied, etched, sprayed, painted, drawn, stained, scribbled or scratched on a surface without the consent of the property owner, and does not include anything authorized by law. Beaumont CSB • Graffiti is not allowed on any building, structure, vegetation or thing. • An owner cannot have graffiti on any building, structure, fence or vegetation that is visible from any surrounding areas. • If a property is defaced by graffiti, it must be removed within 21 days by the property owner. 	<p>All standards added to CSB except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not recommend adding “21 day” time limit for removal of graffiti by the property owner. If “21 days” is left in, there is nothing Enforcement Services can do to direct removal of hateful/offensive graffiti before the 21 days. <p>New Definition</p> <p>“Graffiti” means words, letters, symbols, marks, figures, drawings, inscriptions, writings, or stickers that are applied, etched, sprayed, painted, drawn, stained, scribbled, or scratched on a surface without the consent of the Property owner, or which are detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the surrounding area or neighboring properties notwithstanding that the Property owner has consented to their application or presence.</p> <p>For the purposes of this definition detrimental to the surrounding area or neighbouring properties includes but is not</p>

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			limited to any condition which could reasonably be expected to cause a decline in market value of property in the surrounding area.
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4	Donation Bins - Charity Collection Sites (NEW)	<p><i>There is no existing City legislation on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>New Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety measures must be taken with donation bins to prevent people from being trapped inside. • An organization must have a permit to operate a donation bin. • The owner of a donation bin is responsible to make sure the bin and surrounding area is kept tidy (e.g., no messy or overflowing bins). 	<p>1. Do not recommend adding this topic or standards to the CSB.</p> <p>Enforcement Services receives complaints related to overflowing/untidy donation bins; however, they have had no issues achieving compliance with existing nuisance/unsightly legislation and the CSB will only strengthen their ability to do so without requiring a specific regulation or definition of donation bins.</p> <p>Through discussion with Enforcement Services, it was noted that “tiny libraries” also fit the definition of a donation bin. The exclusion of this topic from the CSB would remove any ambiguity about what donation bins include.</p>
5	Panhandling (NEW)	<p><i>There is no existing City legislation on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>New Standard (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panhandling is not allowed. 	Added to CSB.
6	Urination/Defecation (NEW)	<p><i>There is no existing City legislation on this topic.</i></p> <p><i>New Standard (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public urination/defecation is not allowed except in a facility designated for such use. 	<p>Added to CSB.</p> <p>Note: Enforcement officers will exercise discretion in situations where a person is hiking on a trail with no facilities nearby, accessibility for people with disabilities etc.</p>
7.	Cannabis	<i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i>	All standards added to CSB.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumption of cannabis is prohibited in all forms. If a person has a medical document, they are exempt, but are subject to the Smoking Bylaw. Spruce Grove Consumption of Cannabis in a Public Place Bylaw • Spruce Grove Smoking Bylaw <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i> <i>Cannabis Odour</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody should engage in an activity that creates an odour, emission, smoke, vapour or dust or airborne matter that is reasonably likely to disturb another person. • Nobody shall cause or allow property they own or occupy to be used so that any odour, emission, smoke, vapour, dust or airborne matter is reasonably likely to disturb another person. • In determining whether something is reasonably likely to disturb, the following may be considered but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time, frequency, duration, ○ Time of day and day of the week, ○ Weather and ambient conditions, ○ Distance to neighbouring properties, ○ The nature and use of surrounding area and ○ The effects of the matter in question. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As consumption of cannabis is addressed in Section 7 of the draft bylaw (Att. 2), it is recommended that the City’s <i>Cannabis Consumption Bylaw</i> be repealed to eliminate duplication. 2. Proposed minimum standards related to Cannabis Odour (see left) have been moved to a section in the CSB called “Excessive Odours and Emissions” (Att. 2, s.13). Doing so will allow the standards to be applied more generally to nuisance smoke such as that emanating from fire pits.
8.	Causing a Disturbance	<p><i>Current Standard (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Person shall disturb others by fighting, using insulting or obscene language or commit any disorderly or lascivious conduct of any kind while in any Open Space Area or engage in any Activity which is likely to lead to a breach of the peace or disrupt the peaceful use and enjoyment of other Persons using the Open Space Area. (Spruce Grove Open Space Bylaw, s. 11.2) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend adding to CSB <i>and</i> keeping this topic in <i>Open Space Areas</i> Bylaw as well since these activities could occur in Open Spaces and Public Places. 2. Changes have been proposed to the bylaw wording (see Att. 2, s. 8) to provide additional clarity about the situations

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		<p><i>Additional Standard (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of “swearing” in the statement above. 	<p>that are considered as “causing a disturbance” including dangerous actions and interfering with wildlife.</p>
<p><i>Theme #2: Property Maintenance/Neighbour Relations</i></p>			
9.	Nuisance/ Unsightly Properties	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Nuisance Unsightly and Untidy Properties Bylaw, s. 1.13-1.14) • Spruce Grove Land Use Bylaw, s.52A <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <p><i>Unsightly Properties</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unsightly or untidy property means that because of its condition or the accumulation of refuse, debris, materials or other items, it is detrimental to the use or enjoyment of the surrounding area or neighbouring properties. • Property owners should not allow the accumulation of items such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loose or bagged garbage, ○ Bottles, cans, boxes or packaging materials, ○ Household furniture or other household goods, ○ Automobile parts, ○ Parts of disassembled machinery, equipment or ○ Yard waste, including grass, tree and hedge cuttings, leaves. • Property owners must ensure all buildings, fences and infrastructure (such as parking lots and utility boxes) are safe and do not show signs of serious disregard for general maintenance, upkeep or repair. 	<p>Added to CSB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend repealing <i>Nuisance, Unsightly and Untidy Properties Bylaw</i> to eliminate duplication. 2. A definition of “uninhabitable” was added with respect to Unoccupied Buildings. 3. Recommend that unused appliances be prohibited from being placed outdoors on an owner’s property instead of providing the temporary ability to store while waiting for a move/disposal. <p>There is a concern that if a 14-day limit is applied to temporary storage, folks will be tempted to remove for one day and put appliances out again for 14 days.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Serious disregard for general maintenance, upkeep or repair” includes but is not limited to damage, deterioration, rust, rot, presence of pests, inappropriate infiltration of air, water or moisture into a building due to peeling, unpainted or untreated surfaces, missing shingles or other roofing materials, broken or missing windows or doors, or other hold or opening in the building. • If a building that is normally intended for human habitation is unoccupied, any door or window opening may be covered with a solid piece of wood that follows specific standards (e.g., specific thickness, coated in protective finish). <p><i>Pet Waste</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No property owner or occupant of a property shall have or allow in or on the property, the accumulation of animal feces. <p><i>Appliances</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unused appliance cannot be placed outdoors on an owner’s property unless it is being temporarily stored there while awaiting a move or disposal. • While temporarily storing an unused appliance outdoors, safety measures must be taken to prevent opening and/or closing. • Unused appliances that are placed outdoors temporarily must be removed within 14 days or less. 	<p><i>Note:</i> Section 2.20 (l-n) (Att. 2) allow Enforcement Officers to address utility boxes, surface infrastructure, buildings and fences.</p>
10.	Landscape Obstructions	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Traffic Bylaw, ss.1.27, 8.1-8.2 • Spruce Grove Land Use Bylaw, s.50(2) <p><i>Additional Standard (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners must ensure that trees, shrubs, hedges and/or other vegetation do not block the use of a back alley. 	<p>1. Recommend that the proposed standard be captured in the definition of Nuisance in the CSB:</p> <p><i>“Nuisance” means any use of, condition of, or activity on Property which unreasonably interferes with a person’s use and enjoyment of Property, demonstrates a disregard for the</i></p>

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			<p><i>general maintenance and upkeep of Property, is detrimental to the surrounding area, or is likely to produce a material annoyance, inconvenience or discomfort to persons, and includes but is not limited to:</i></p> <p>...</p> <p><i>j) any tree, shrub, other type of vegetation or any structure:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>i. that obstructs any Sidewalk adjacent to land or Alley,</i><i>ii. that encroaches onto or covers any Sidewalk or neighbouring properties;</i><i>iii. that impairs the visibility required for safe traffic flow at any intersection adjacent to the land or access to the land...</i> <p>2. Changes have also been proposed in the “Boulevards” section (see #12 below) to make it clear from an enforcement/legal perspective that residents must maintain their alleys.</p>
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11.	Vegetation/ Weeds/ Trees/Grass	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Nuisance, Unsightly and Untidy Property Bylaw. • Spruce Grove Tree Protection Bylaw, ss.6.1-6.6 <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners must not allow trees, shrubs, hedges or other vegetation to grow onto neighbouring properties. <p><i>Naturalized Yards (as per City of Edmonton website)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A natural yard is an ecologically inspired landscaping approach that creates a more natural looking landscape than a turf-dominated yard. • These yards emphasize native plant species, support local wildlife and avoid chemical use where possible. • A natural yard is not created by not mowing an existing lawn or by allowing ‘nature’ to do what it will with bare soil areas. This will result in a weedy yard, not a natural yard. • Native plants do not just grow on their own; natural yards will not thrive if not carefully planned. • These standards apply equally to front, side and backyards. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The definition of “nuisance” in the CSB has been amended to address the issue of vegetation growing onto neighbouring properties (highlighted above). 2. Definitions of Naturalized Yards, Prohibited Noxious Weeds and Noxious Weeds have been added to the CSB (see Att.2). 3. Recommend keeping tree protection in its own separate bylaw. There is a lot of detailed information that is best suited for a separate bylaw, instead of in the CSB. This practice is in alignment with what other jurisdictions have done.
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12.	Boulevards	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Land Use Bylaw, s.15 • Spruce Grove Traffic Bylaw, ss. 8.2(d)(e), 8.23 • Tree Protection Bylaw, ss.3.1-3.2 <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners who wish to place a sidewalk in their boulevard must have a permit. • Property owners who wish to extend the driveway across a boulevard must have a permit. • Grass in the boulevard must be kept to a maximum of 15 cm in length. • Only City owned trees and shrubs are allowed in boulevards. <p><i>Boulevard Gardens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners should be allowed to garden the strip of land between the sidewalk and the road. • To ensure safe and accessible spaces for everyone, a permit would be required for a boulevard garden. 	<p>Added to CSB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new definition of “Boulevard Gardens” has been added. 2. The addition of the following section is recommended to make it clear from an enforcement/legal perspective that residents must not cause a nuisance in alleys: <i>The owner of private property shall not cause or allow a Nuisance within a section of an Alley that abuts their private property (Att. 2, s. 10.1)</i> 3. Do not recommend adding the boulevard sidewalk permits as the City does not currently allow new developments to implement them. This recommendation would ensure consistency in policy. 4. Recommend that driveway extension permits be addressed in the <i>Traffic Bylaw</i> instead of the CSB as this is the most appropriate place for this topic.
13.	Recreational Vehicles	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Land Use Bylaw, Definitions, s. 47 • Spruce Grove Traffic Bylaw, s.4.15 • City of Spruce Grove RV Parking Website 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend keeping this topic within the <i>Land Use</i> and <i>Traffic</i> bylaws as these are the most appropriate bylaws for the topic

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		<p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current City bylaw indicates that recreational vehicles (RV) cannot be parked on side streets, street side, front yards or driveways except between May 1 to October 31 in any year. Committee recommends revising the start date from May 1 to April 15. • A RV on a private property cannot be occupied as a temporary dwelling for more than 7 days. A temporary dwelling is a place where a person lives for limited period of time and is not a permanent residence. • Snowmobiles will be removed from the definition of a RV. Summer restrictions will be put into place. For example, snowmobiles on trailers can be parked in residential area, hitched to a vehicle when parked on roadways from October 31 through to April 15. 	<p>to be housed. Proposed amendments include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Administration recommends extending parking for RVs to November 30 (it is October 31 currently) to accommodate the start of hunting season: <p><i>A Recreational Vehicle shall not be permitted in a Side, Street Side or a Front Yard driveway or the driveway of a Site in any residential District except from May 1 April 15 to October 31 November 30 in any year.</i></p> 3. The definition of recreational vehicle will be amended in the <i>Land Use Bylaw</i> as follows: 4. <i>A recreational vehicle is defined as a wheeled or wheel-less structure intended to be moved from one point to another; designed to provide temporary living quarters or used as a form of recreation or transportation, which may or may not be a motor vehicle itself. Typical examples are travel trailers, motor homes, boats, campers, snowmobiles. Spruce Grove Land Use Bylaw - Definitions</i> 5. A new definition of all-terrain vehicles (ATV), which includes snowmobiles, has
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			<p>been created to differentiate them from RVs. By combining snowmobiles with ATVs, the definition is more inclusive of different types of machines that are used in the winter.</p> <p>6. Summer parking restrictions have been added for ATVs with tracks (including snowmobiles) as per the following:</p> <p><i>ATVs with tracks, including snowmobiles, shall not be permitted in a Side, Street Side, or a Front Yard driveway of a Site in any residential District except from November 15 to April 15.</i></p> <p>7. Do not recommend <i>allowing</i> RVs to be used as temporary dwellings for up to 7 days. Currently RVs are <i>not</i> allowed to be used as dwellings when parked on a highway. Enforcement Services will exercise discretion for special circumstances such as COVID.</p>
14.	Construction Waste/ Building Materials	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spruce Grove Construction Site Cleanliness Bylaw) <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property owners must ensure construction materials are stored neatly and garbage must be placed in waste bins. • Property owners must ensure there is not an excessive accumulation of materials, including but not limited to loose 	<p>Added to CSB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend repealing the City’s <i>Construction Site Cleanliness</i> bylaw to eliminate duplication. 2. Change of enforcement responsibility from Development Officers to Safety

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		<p>building or construction materials, any accumulation of construction-related garbage or refuse, or any untidy work or storage areas on land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property owners should ensure that construction does not prevent safe access to and use of sidewalks and driveways. 	Code Officers to reflect change in practice last year.
15.	Garbage/Waste	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spruce Grove Municipal Utility Services Bylaw, s. 7.4(a)(i-x) <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garbage and organic waste can be set out for collection a maximum of 24 hours before Collection Day and removed at the end of Collection Day. Garbage bins must not be stored on public property. 	<p>1. Recommend keeping this topic within the recently approved <i>Municipal Utility Services Bylaw</i> and <i>Municipal Solid Waste Utility Bylaw</i> not move to the CSB. The standards, as recommended by the Committee, are reflected in the new <i>Utility Services Bylaw</i>.</p>
Theme #3: Noise Control			
16.	Prohibited Noise and Decibel Limits	<p><i>Current Standards (existing City legislation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spruce Grove Noise Control Bylaw <p><i>Additional Standards (as recommended by Committee)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nobody is allowed to make noises that disturb other people. In determining what sound is likely to disturb others, consideration may be given to, but is not limited to, the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> type, volume, and duration of the sound; time of day and day of week; and nature and use of the surrounding area. A Person shall not cause or permit any construction activity on Property they Own or Occupy before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on a Weekday or before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on a Weekend or Holiday. 	<p>Added to CSB.</p> <p>1. Recommend repealing the City's <i>Noise Control Bylaw</i> to eliminate duplication.</p> <p>The section on Engine Retarder Brakes (Spruce Grove Noise Control Bylaw, s.3.5a) will be moved to the City's <i>Traffic Bylaw</i> to align with the sections on motor vehicle noise.</p> <p>2. With respect to decibel limits, Administration recommends:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Person shall not collect, cause, or permit the collection of garbage <i>with a Motor Vehicle on or adjacent</i> to any residential property before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on a Weekday or before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on a Weekend or Holiday. <p><i>Decibel Limits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limits on how loud noises can be (decibel limits) are needed such as: <p><i>Daytime Decibel Limits – Residential</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody shall create sound exceeding 65 decibels as measured from the property line of a residential property between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Exceptions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 70 decibels lasting a total period of time not exceeding two hours in any one day. ○ 75 decibels lasting a total period of time not exceeding one hour in any one day. ○ 80 decibels lasting a total period of time not exceeding 30 minutes in any one day. ○ 85 decibels lasting a total period of time not exceeding 15 minutes in any one day. <p><i>Overnight Decibel Limits – Residential</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody shall create sound exceeding 50 decibels as measured from the property line of a residential property before 7 a.m. or after 10 p.m. <p><i>Daytime Decibel Limits – Non-Residential</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody shall create sound exceeding 75 decibels as measured from the property line of a non-residential property between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Exceptions include: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping base decibel limits but eliminate exceptions by time limit as too many detailed/specific restrictions make enforcement difficult. • Removing restrictions on noise with respect to garbage removal and construction activity in favour of base clauses on noise and decibel limits.
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Community Standards Bylaw (CSB) - Proposed Standards and Recommendations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 80 decibels for a total period of time not exceeding two hours in any one day.○ 85 decibels for a total period of time not exceeding one hour in any one day. <p><i>Overnight Decibel Limits – Non-Residential</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nobody shall create sound exceeding 60 decibels as measured from the property line of a non-residential property before 7 a.m. or after 10 p.m.	
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Review of Draft Community Standards Bylaw

March 18, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Background

At the September 18, 2023 GPC meeting, Committee recommended that Administration:

- Draft a bylaw that contains the 16 proposed topics and minimum standards that were publicly consulted on,
- Include a new fines structure and identify higher fines for specific offences that the City may wish to deter.

Purpose

Present the draft Community Standards Bylaw (CSB) and obtain feedback on Administration's recommendations on the bylaw.

Administration's Recommendations (Att. 1)

1. Keep in or amend existing bylaws instead of addressing the topic in CSB
2. Amend existing bylaw(s) AND add to the CSB
3. Repeal existing bylaws
4. Not recommended for implementation

Not Recommended for Implementation

- Time limit (21 days) for removal of graffiti by a property owner
- Allowing an unused appliance to be placed outdoors temporarily
- Permits for sidewalk extensions
- Allowing recreational vehicles to be used as temporary dwellings for up to 7 days
- Standards regulating the placement of donation bins at charity collection sites
- Exceptions to decibel standards by time limit
- Noise restrictions on garbage removal and construction activity

Public Consultation (May 7 to July 9, 2023)

Weak Support (Less than 60% of respondents agree)

1. Pilot program to allow liquor consumption in a designated site (such as Jubilee Park) with restrictions. (43% agree, 49% disagree)
2. Allow camping on private land for no longer than 7 days. (33% agree, 50% disagree)
3. Removal of snowmobile from the definition of recreation vehicles. Addition of summer restrictions for snowmobiles. (49% agree, 23% disagree)
4. Specified daytime non-residential decibel limits (54% agree, 22% disagree)

Public Consultation (May 7 to July 9, 2023)

Weak Support (Less than 60% of respondents agree)

Boulevard Gardens

5. Property owners should be allowed to garden in a boulevard. (54% agree, 29% disagree)
6. To ensure safe and accessible spaces, a permit would be required for a boulevard garden. (57% agree, 24% disagree)
7. Only City owned trees and shrubs are allowed in boulevards. (54% agree, 24% disagree)

1. Public Consumption of Liquor

CSB Standard:

- Pilot project where consumption is permitted in a designated site with restrictions.

Administration's Recommendations:

- Keep topic in the *Open Space Bylaw* instead of moving to CSB.
 - Consumption permitted by adult in a designated picnic area (identified through City signage) between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 - Not permitted in areas outside of designated site.

2. Camping

(Att. 2, s. 2.6, 2.7, 2.27, 2.34, 2.35 & 3)

CSB Standards:

- Add definition of camping
- Camping is not allowed on private land for longer than 7 days in a row.

Administration's Recommendations:

- Keep in *Open Space Area Bylaw* AND add in CSB
 - No camping on private property for longer than 7 consecutive days OR exceeding 21 total days in one calendar year
 - New definitions: camp/camping, camper unit, public place, temporary shelter and tent

3. Graffiti Abatement (Att. 2, s. 2.13 and 4)

CSB Standards:

- Add definition of graffiti
- Graffiti not allowed on building, structure, vegetation or thing
- An owner cannot permit graffiti that is visible from surrounding areas
- If property is defaced, owner must remove graffiti within 21 days

Administration's Recommendations:

- All standards added to CSB except:
 - Adding 21 day time limit to removal of graffiti by the property owner

4. Donation Bins

CSB Standards:

- Permit is required to operate a donation bin
- Safety measures to prevent people being trapped inside
- Owner of a bin is responsible to ensure tidiness of bin and surrounding area

Administration's Recommendation:

- Do not recommend adding this topic to CSB

5. Panhandling (Att. 2, s. 2.22 and 5)

CSB Standard:

- Panhandling is not allowed

Administration's Recommendation:

- Added to CSB
- New definition: panhandling

6. Public Urination/Defecation (Att. 2, s.6)

CSB Standard:

- Not allowed except in a facility designed for such use

Administration's Recommendation:

- Added to CSB

7. Cannabis (Att. 2, s.7 and 13)

CSB Standards:

Cannabis Odour

- A person shall not engage in activity that creates airborne matter that is reasonably likely to disturb another
- A person cannot allow their property to be used so that airborne matter is reasonably likely to disturb another
- Criteria to be considered when determining whether something is reasonably likely to disturb another

Administration's Recommendations:

- Repeal *Cannabis Consumption Bylaw* and move all content to CSB (s. 7)
- All Cannabis Odour standards added to CSB (s. 13)

8. Causing a Disturbance (Att. 2, s. 8)

CSB Standard:

- Addition of “swearing” to what is considered “causing a disturbance”

Administration’s Recommendations:

- Keep topic in *Open Space Area Bylaw* AND add in CSB
- Provide clarity on situations considered as “causing a disturbance” (using loud, abusive or obscene language, being intoxicated, performing indecent act, interfering with wildlife, throwing items / acting in ways to intimidate, cause injury or property damage)

9. Nuisance and Unsightly Properties

Att. 2, s. 2.20, 2.37, 2.38, 9

CSB Standards:

- Add specific examples of “nuisance” and unsightly” (garbage, household goods, auto parts, grass/weeds higher than 15 cm)
- Address upkeep of buildings including structures (utility boxes), fences and surface infrastructure (parking lots)
- Address uninhabited buildings (window/door openings must be covered)
- No owner shall have accumulation of pet waste on property

Administration’s Recommendations:

- Repeal *Nuisance, Unsightly and Untidy Property Bylaw*, move content to CSB
- All standards above added to CSB
- New definition: uninhabitable buildings

9. Nuisance and Unsightly Properties

Att. 2, s. 9.10

CSB Standards:

Unused Appliances (Refrigerators/Freezers)

- Cannot be placed outdoors unless stored temporarily while awaiting a move or disposal.
- If temporarily stored outdoors, safety measures must be taken and appliances must be moved within 14 days.

Administration's Recommendations:

- Do not recommend that temporary storage be permitted.

10. Landscape Obstructions

(Att. 2, s. 2.20(j) and 10.1)

CSB Standard:

- Property owners must ensure trees, shrubs, hedges and other vegetation do not block use of a back alley

Administration's Recommendations:

- The standard above has been addressed in the CSB in:
 - the updated definition of “nuisance” (s. 2.20(j)(i) and,
 - section 10.1 which states:
 - *The owner of private property shall not cause or allow a Nuisance within a section of an **Alley** that abuts their private property*

11. Vegetation/Weeds/Trees and Grass

(Att. 2, s. 2.18, 2.19, 2.20(j), 2,25)

CSB Standards:

- Property owners must not allow vegetation to grow onto neighbouring properties.
- Allow naturalized yards (native plants, no noxious/prohibited noxious weeds)
- Add existing tree protection standards to CSB

Administration's Recommendations:

- Updated definition of “nuisance” (s. 2.20(j)(ii))
- New definitions: naturalized yard, noxious/prohibited noxious weeds
- Keep tree protection standards in its existing separate bylaw

12. Boulevards (Att. 2, s. 2.4, 10)

CSB Standards:

- Permits required for:
 - placing of a sidewalk in a boulevard
 - extending a driveway across a boulevard
 - boulevard gardens
- Turf grass kept to max length of 15 cm, only City owned trees & shrubs allowed

Administration's Recommendations:

- New definition: boulevard garden (work underway on permitting process)
- Address driveway permits in *Traffic Bylaw* (work underway)
- Do not recommend boulevard sidewalk permits

13. Recreational Vehicles (RV)

CSB Standards:

- RVs cannot be parked on side streets, street side, front yards or driveways *except* between April 15 and October 31 of any year
 - Currently, RVs are allowed to park from May 1 to Oct. 31
- Remove snowmobiles from the definition of an RV to allow for winter parking. Summer parking restrictions will be put in place for snowmobiles.
- An RV on private property cannot be occupied as a temporary residence for more than 7 days

13. Recreational Vehicles (RV)

Administration's Recommendations:

- Keep this topic in the *Land Use* and *Traffic* bylaws
- Extend parking for RVs to November 30 to allow for start of hunting season
 - With this change, RVs can park between April 15 to November 30 instead of May 1 to October 31 (as it is currently)
- A new definition of all-terrain vehicles (ATV), which includes snowmobiles, has been created to differentiate them from RVs to enable seasonal parking.
 - ATVs with tracks (including snowmobiles) can park between November 15 to April 15.
- Do not recommend allowing RVs to be used as temporary dwellings

14. Construction Waste and Building Materials

(Att. 2, s. 11)

CSB Standards:

- Add specific standards on storage, accumulation of materials and placement of garbage in waste bins
- Property owners should ensure safe access to and use of sidewalks and driveways during construction

Administration's Recommendations:

- All standards have been added to CSB.
- Repeal *Construction Site Cleanliness Bylaw* and move content to CSB.
- Change of enforcement responsibility from Development Officers to Safety Code Officers

15. Garbage/Waste

CSB Standards:

- Garbage and organic waste must be set out for collection a maximum of 24 hours before Collection Day and removed at the end of Collection Day
- Garbage bins must not be stored on public property

Administration's Recommendations:

- Keep topic within the recently approved *Municipal Utility Services Bylaw* and *Municipal Solid Waste Utility Bylaw*
- The above standards have been addressed within the two bylaws

16. Prohibited Noise & Decibel Limits (Att. 2, s. 12)

CSB Standards:

- A person shall not create or permit property they own to create sound that is reasonably likely to disturb another
- Criteria to be considered when determining what sound is reasonably likely to disturb another
- Addition of daytime/overnight sound limits in residential/non-residential settings
 - e.g., A person shall not permit sound exceeding 75 decibels as measured from property line between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. **Exceptions include:**
 - 70 decibels lasting a total period of time not exceeding 2 hours in one day.

16. Prohibited Noise & Decibel Limits (Att. 2, s. 12)

Administration's Recommendations:

- Repeal *Noise Control Bylaw* and move content to CSB.
- All standards addressed *except*:
 - Exceptions by time limit (example in red font in previous slide)
 - Adding restrictions on sound for garbage removal and construction activity

Fines (Att. 2, s. 14 and Schedule A)

- Administration recommends the implementation of a range of fine amounts for infractions in the CSB:
 - \$250 for 1st offence,
 - \$500 for 2nd offence,
 - \$1000 for 3rd offence and more.

Fines (Att. 2, s. 14 and Schedule A)

- Administration recommends higher fines for offences related to:
 - placing of graffiti,
 - failure to meet standards set for construction sites,
 - permitting sound above set decibel limits, and
 - obstruction/hindrance of the exercise of a person's powers pursuant to this bylaw.

Financial Implications

2024/25

Planning & Development and Engineering Departments

- A one-time start up cost of \$50,000 to support system enhancements
- A temporary FTE for 18 months. The estimated cost is \$150,000.

Community and Protective Services

- Resourcing requirements pending discussion on the desired enforcement approach

Next Steps

Administration recommends amendments to the following City bylaws to effect the proposed CSB standards:

1. Open Space Area
2. Land Use
3. Traffic
4. Development Fees and Fines
5. Fees and Charges

Next Steps

Administration recommends the following City bylaws be repealed to eliminate duplication:

1. Consumption of Cannabis in a Public Place
2. Construction Site Cleanliness
3. Noise Control
4. Nuisance, Unsightly and Untidy Property

Next Steps

Bylaw Approval

- April 8 Council meeting
 - First and second readings
 - Amendments to existing bylaws to effect CSB standards
 - Repeal of existing bylaws to eliminate duplication

- April 22 Council meeting
 - Third reading

Next Steps

Bylaw Implementation

- Late summer 2024

Communication Strategies and Timing

Website	April (ongoing)
Education and Awareness Campaign	Late spring (ongoing)
Social Media Campaign	Late spring (ongoing)
Paid Advertising	Late spring (ongoing)
Signage	Late spring (ongoing)

Questions?

