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County Looking for Feedback to Set New Community Standards

The County is seeking public input on a new Community Standards Bylaw, aimed at setting standards that will support the overall health, safety and viability of their communities.

County Council passed first reading of the new bylaw in today's Council Meeting, which presents regulations regarding standards in a range of areas, including noise, nuisance behaviours and safety of citizens, in one all-encompassing bylaw.

“With the County’s population on the rise, the new bylaw sets standards to make growing communities safer, more attractive and more enjoyable for our residents,” said Superintendent Stuart Rempel, Regional Enforcement Services Manager. “The bylaw also gives the County the tools to proactively enforce these standards.”

Rempel added that community standards bylaws are common in many Alberta municipalities.

Some sections of the new bylaw are currently in place in the County. These are being reviewed, and if necessary updated, and will now fall under the Community Standards Bylaw. Other sections address new standards, such as guidelines around recreational and medical cannabis.

The County is seeking public input on a number of sections of the proposed bylaw to determine if any modifications are needed, what should be considered in evaluating this new bylaw and how soon the bylaw should be reviewed after it is put in place. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts through the County’s engagement website – engage.countygp.ab.ca, between March 4 and March 24, 2019. The engagement website will also provide a list of events at which residents can get information and provide input in person.

Input received by March 24 will be considered for any modifications prior to the bylaw going back to County Council for second and third reading. Following approval, the County will implement a public education campaign to ensure that residents have an understanding of how the bylaw will serve them. Rempel said they aim to have the new Community Standard Bylaw in place prior to large special events and the opening of campgrounds on the May long weekend.

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