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New County Bylaw Addresses Community Vitality and Well-being

County Council approved a new Community Standards Bylaw, which outlines standards in an all-encompassing bylaw aimed at making the growing municipality safer, more attractive and more enjoyable.

“The new bylaw provides citizens with clear and standardized expectations that promote good neighbour relationships,” said Superintendent Stuart Rempel, Regional Enforcement Services Manager. “It also provides officers with additional tools to be more proactive in addressing citizen concerns.”

The Community Standards Bylaw includes guidelines and regulations addressing common citizen concerns and priorities in the following areas:

- Addressing
- Unsightly Premises
- Bullying and Hazing
- Graffiti
- Noise
- Nuisance
- Cannabis
- Waste Management
- False Alarms
- Fire Hydrants
- Sidewalks

Some sections of the bylaw are new and address emerging issues; other sections have been updated from existing bylaws to better accommodate the changing needs of citizens and our growing communities. While new to the County in 2019, Community Standards Bylaws are common in most progressive Alberta and Canadian communities.

Rempel said that the development of the County’s bylaw was a collaborative effort, bringing together input from citizens, County Council and County administration, as well as subject matter experts.

Earlier this spring, the County conducted public consultation on the draft bylaw, inviting comments and recommendations from citizens on a number of sections within the bylaw. The final version approved by Council includes amendments based on feedback.

The Bylaw takes effect immediately and will be accompanied by a public education campaign to support residents’ understanding of how the bylaw serves them. To view the bylaw, and for further details, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/csb.



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