



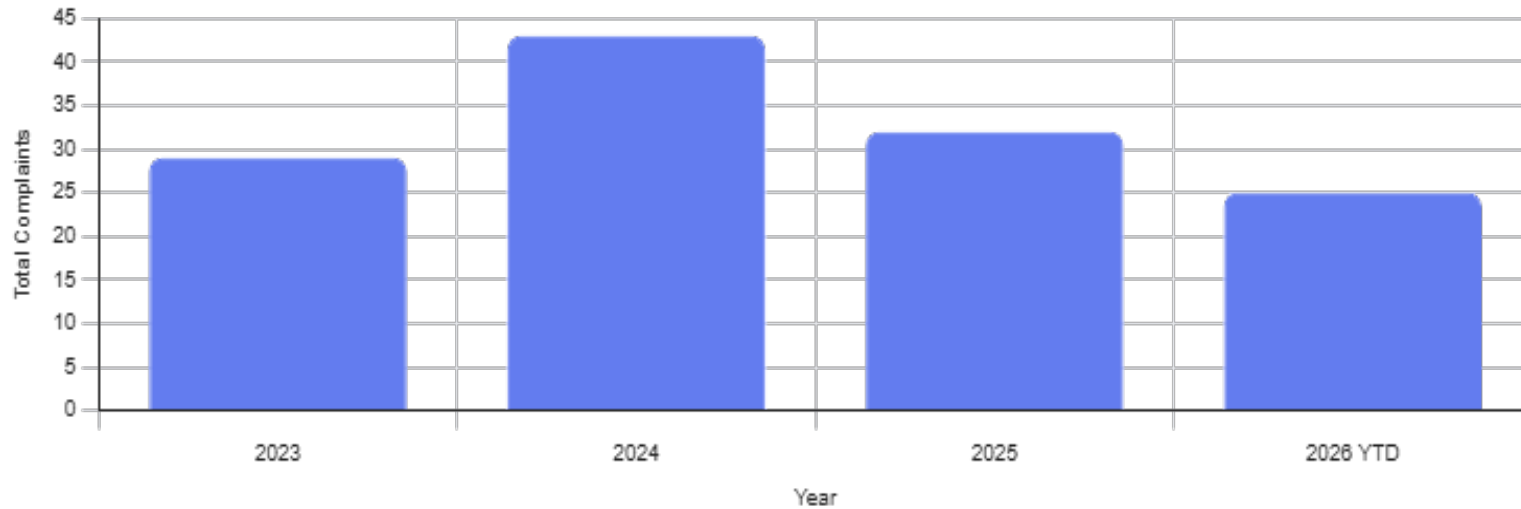
LITTER & ILLEGAL DUMPING REVIEW

COUNCIL DIRECTION

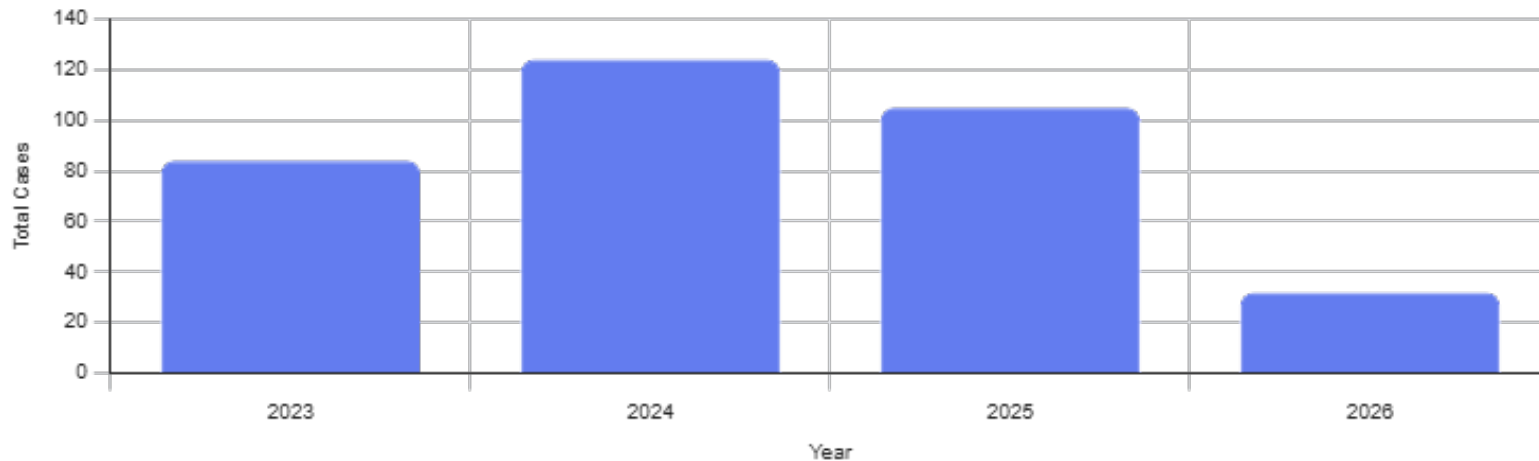
- On June 9, 2026, Council directed Administration to review Parkland County Bylaws related to littering and illegal dumping on roadways, ditches, public, and private lands
- Goals of Review Process
 - Examine and evaluate Parkland County Bylaws and related enforcement processes
 - Identify stronger deterrence measures
 - Standardize penalty structures that distinguish between individual and commercial infractions, which reflect the severity and associated clean-up costs
 - Identify a public communications strategy to address dumping practices and the clean up demands on County resources

PARKLAND COUNTY CALL FOR SERVICE TRENDS

Litter Complaints – Enforcement Services (Yearly Totals)



Road Maintenance Litter Clean Up



BYLAW REVIEW

- Municipal Litter-Related Bylaws Reviewed:

- Parkland County
- Spruce Grove
- Stony Plain
- Rockyview County
- Strathcona County

- Comparative Summary:

- Wide variance in fines and enforcement
- Spruce Grove and Strathcona County have the strongest penalties for violations
- Stony Plain has the lowest penalties for violations
- Parkland County's penalties fall directly in the middle of the five municipalities for fine amounts

MUNICIPAL BYLAWS AND FINE COMPARATORS

Jurisdiction	Bylaw	Section	Description	Fine
Edmonton	Public Spaces Bylaw 20700	Sec. 42	Littering in public spaces	\$250
Edmonton	Public Spaces Bylaw 20700	Sec. 43	Urinating / Defecating	\$500
Edmonton	Public Spaces Bylaw 20700	Sec. 45	Disposing Hazardous waste	\$500
Edmonton	Community Standards Bylaw 14600	Sec. 12.1	Waste on others' property	\$250 – \$1000+
Spruce Grove	Community Standards	Sec. 6.1	Urinating / Defecating	\$250
Spruce Grove	Community Standards	Sec. 11	Construction waste rules	\$1000 – \$5000
Stony Plain	Community Standards	Sec. 3.6.1	Littering in public places	\$100
Strathcona County	Community Standards	Sec. 18–19	Refuse accumulation	\$300 – \$1000
Strathcona County	Community Standards	Sec. 60	Littering	\$50 – \$200
Strathcona County	Community Standards	Sec. 60 (Ditch)	Rural dumping/dumping on highway	\$1000 – \$4000
Rocky View County	County Bylaw	Sec. 6–10	General littering prohibitions	\$700 – \$1000
Parkland County	Use of County Lands	Sec. 7(8)	Waste on county land	\$500
Parkland County	Community Standards	Sec. 75–78	Waste transport & dumping	\$600 – \$750
Parkland County	Land Use Bylaw	Sec. 6.60 (1.30)	Contravene a Development Permit (Site is not kept in orderly manner)	\$950
Province (EPEA)	Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act	Sec. 176–182	General waste disposal rules	\$120

CURRENT PARKLAND COUNTY BYLAWS

- Parkland County Bylaw 2023-19, Community Standards Bylaw
 - Prohibits disposal of litter and refuse on a highway, public place, or private property
 - Sections cover whether refuse is disposed of from a motor vehicle (Interpreted as throwing out of a moving vehicle, not stopping and dumping large amounts in a ditch) which allow the owner of the motor vehicle to be charged
- Parkland County Bylaw 2023-15, Use of County Lands Bylaw
 - Prohibits dumping waste, remains, or debris on County lands

CURRENT PARKLAND COUNTY BYLAWS – CONT'D

- Parkland County Bylaw 2025-12, Land Use Bylaw
 - Development Permits contain a condition stating, “The site shall be kept in a neat and orderly manner”
 - No specific section in the Land Use Bylaw restricting or requiring bins to prevent refuse from exiting properties

The enforcement practice would be using sections that prohibit the contravention of a Development Permit.

Leaving the term “neat and orderly” is subjective, leaving Peace Officers to prove how litter being blown off a commercial property is a Development Permit violation

RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMERCIAL LITTER

- Strengthen the Land Use Bylaw to address waste escaping from construction sites and commercial properties. Remove the existing complex provisions and instead require all development permits to include conditions for proper on-site waste containment, such as using covered bins or containers with lids. Any waste that leaves the site would be considered a bylaw offence. Establish a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and a minimum penalty of \$1,000
- Amend the Community Standards Bylaw to prohibit businesses from dumping waste on County land, in ditches, or along roadways. Businesses that dump commercial or public waste illegally. This would be considered a bylaw offence. Establish a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and a minimum penalty of \$1,000
- Amend the Use of County Lands Bylaw to prohibit commercial businesses from dumping commercial waste on County land. This would be considered a bylaw offence. Establish a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and a minimum penalty of \$1,000

RECOMMENDATIONS – RESIDENTIAL / PRIVATE LITTER

- Standardize fines in the Community Standards Bylaw and Use of County Lands Bylaw with a maximum penalty of \$1000 and a minimum fine of \$250 for littering by residents or on residential properties (excluding commercial waste). Waste from residential construction would be subject to the same waste containment requirements as other construction sites
 - Currently, ranging \$500-\$750 with a minimum penalty of \$150
- Work with the Communication Department to create a communication strategy on illegal dumping and what is required for successful prosecutions

QUESTIONS AND FURTHER ACTION