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1 Introduction

Over the past months, Parkland County has worked with Strategic Steps inc. to conduct a bylaw review of six existing bylaws. These bylaws are Animal Control, Community Standards, Fire Services, Parks, Traffic Control & Regulation and Off-Highway Vehicle Use. Strategic Steps was also asked to create a new bylaw, Unauthorized Use of County Lands.

During the Bylaw Review, Strategic Steps worked with the County's subject matter experts to engaged with the public and interested parties in the County. This engagement took place at both in-person sessions and through a survey that was provided in digital and hard copy formats.

Residents were informed of the engagement sessions through various communications channels that are typically used by the County.

What follows is the input that the team heard at via the engagement sessions and the survey.

The in-person engagement sessions were held in four locations through the County:

- Clymont Community League, March 21st, 2023
- Wabamun Jubilee Hall, March 23rd, 2023
- Parkland Village Community Centre, March 27th, 2023
- Tomahawk AGRA Centre, March 28th, 2023

Parkland County subject matter experts were present to answer questions at all of the engagement sessions, with support from Strategic Steps staff.

In addition to the in-person sessions, a virtual engagement session was held on March 29th, 2023 as a way to engage with those people who were not able to attend an in-person session. During this session, residents had the opportunity to talk with and ask County staff questions and concerns regarding the bylaws.

What follows is insight into the questions asked during the public engagement process. Insights represent trends rather than recommendations.

The full data set from the engagement sessions and the surveys is provided in Appendices 1 and 2 for reference.

An overall comment might be that, with a few exceptions, there is general agreement with the direction being considered by the County as it seeks to update the six bylaws, consider a seventh, and seeks input into how cats might be better managed within the County.

2 Responses to Focused Engagement Questions

During public engagement, residents were asked four specific questions on which Parkland County is seeking feedback. The responses to those questions are illustrated below.

Also provided here is an indication of whether the sentiment of those being engaged matches the way in which the County is currently suggesting that the updated bylaws are being considered.

With two exceptions, the draft bylaws have been written in a way that is consistent with the sentiment of those who chose to provide their opinions.

2.1 Fire Services Bylaw

a) Allowed Fireworks Days

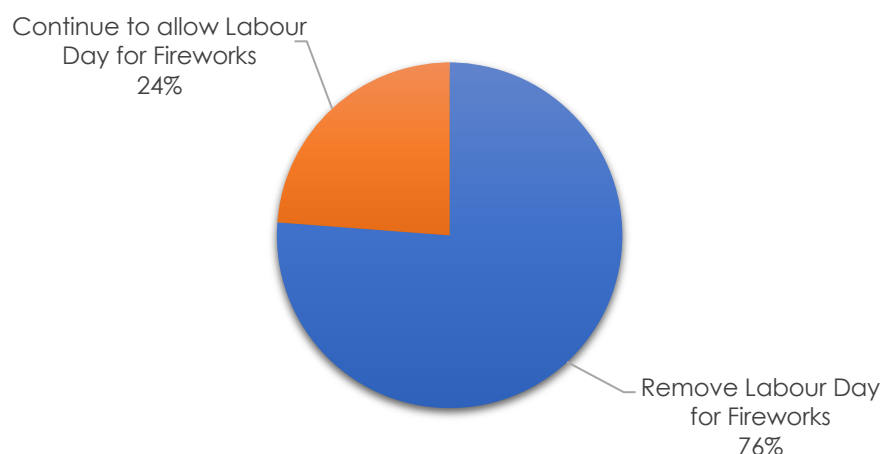
Recommendation

Due to the concern of heightened wildfire risk related to allowing fireworks within Parkland County on Labour Day, the County's subject matter experts recommend that Labour Day be removed as an allowable day for the use of fireworks within the County.

Observation

While this response from surveys is not universal, it is generally in alignment with the way that the draft Fire Services bylaw is being considered.

Survey Question: *Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the potential to change the number of days in which the discharge of fireworks in the County is permitted. Currently, the three permitted days are Canada Day (July 1), Labour Day (early September), and New Year's Eve (December 31). Due to increased fire risk in the fall season, Parkland County is proposing that Labour Day no longer be a day on which the discharge of fireworks be permitted. Which selection would you suggest for the use of fireworks in the County?*



b) Minimum Land Size for Fireworks

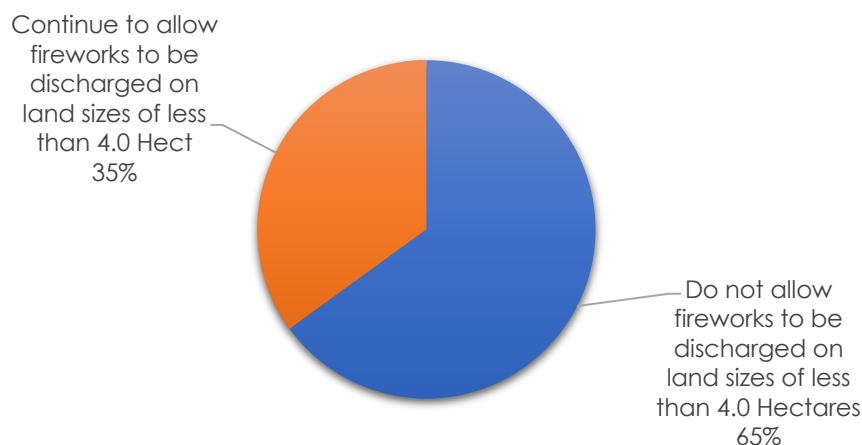
Recommendation

The County's subject matter experts recommend that fireworks discharge only be permitted on properties that are more than 4.0 ha. The idea behind this recommendation is to reduce fire risk in rural residential areas and to reduce noise nuisance for proximal people and animals.

Observation

While this response from the received surveys is not universal, it is generally in alignment with the way in which the draft Fire Services Bylaw is being considered.

Survey Question: A major change being contemplated in this bylaw is that fireworks would no longer be allowed to be discharged on land sizes less than 4.0 Hectares (9.9 Acres). Parkland County has proposed this change to reduce fire risk to neighbouring properties and to limit the impact to people and animals. Which selection would you suggest for the use of fireworks in the County?



2.2 Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw

OHV Operator Age

Recommendation

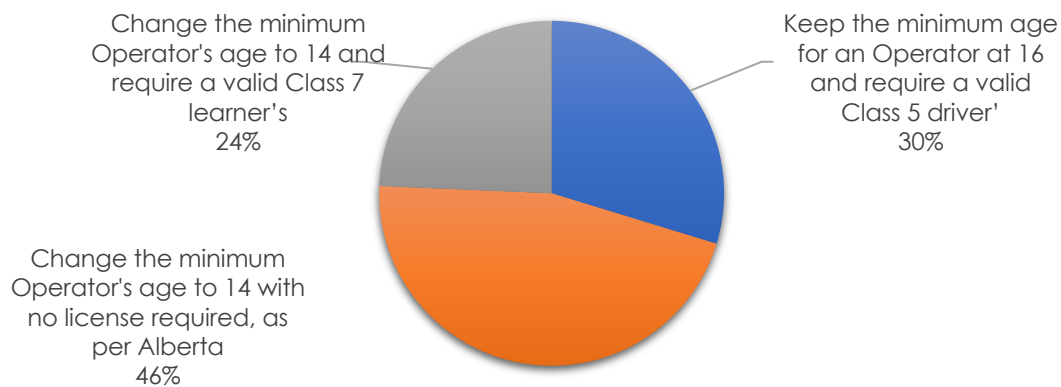
Being able to properly identify users of OHVs on public land is useful for Enforcement Services. As such, the County's subject matter experts recommend that OHV users on public land are required to be at least 14 years old with a Class 7 driver's license (learners permit). This would mean the updated bylaw's requirements will be the same as the current bylaw requirements.

Observation

In this bylaw, the opinion of those who submitted surveys differs from that which is in the draft OHV bylaw. In that bylaw, the operator age is indicated as 14 with at least a Class 7 seven license that can be used for identification.

The sentiment of those who provided feedback is that the age for an OHV operator on public land should be reduced to 14 with no requirement for any class of driver's license. This is in alignment with the requirement from the Province of Alberta.

Survey Question: Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the age at which a person may operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on public land. Council is currently considering three potential options. Please note that this looks at the operation of OHVs on public land, and has no effect on OHV use on private land. Please share with us which option you believe the County should include and enforce through the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw



2.3 Traffic Control and Regulation Bylaw

School Zone Hours

Recommendation

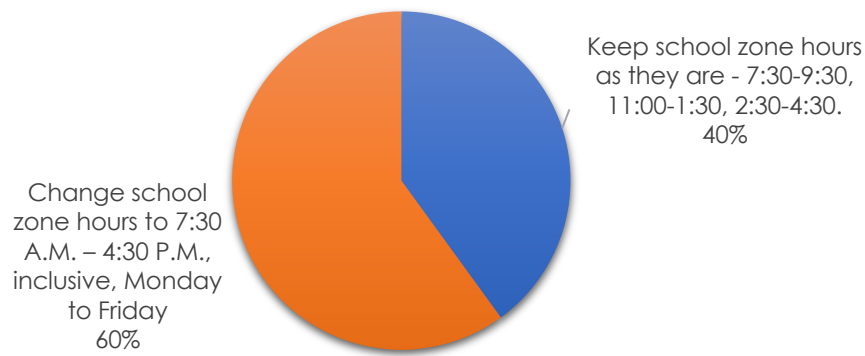
Comparable municipalities around the province have been moving towards all day school zones for reasons of consistency and safety, and as a recognition that children may be outside throughout the day. This change would also provide clarity and consistency for drivers.

The County's subject matter experts recommend moving to all day school zones for the three affected schools within Parkland County.

Observation

In this bylaw, the opinion of those who submitted surveys differs slightly from that which is in the draft Traffic bylaw. Respondents to the survey suggested an all-day school zone that lasts from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. While this is the case, the opinions split between what is being considered and the current school zone hours, represents a difference of 10% either way.

Survey Question: Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the potential to change the school zone times for Graminia, Blueberry, and Tomahawk schools to create consistency of school zone hours amongst schools on County-owned roads located within the County. There are three school zone time options currently in consideration, including keeping the school zone times the way they are right now.



2.4 Overall Interest Levels

The number of survey responses can be used as a proxy for interest in the topics associated with each bylaw. This table provides illustration of those responses.

The Animal Control bylaw received almost twice as many survey responses as any other survey, followed by the OHV bylaw.

The Traffic Control and Regulation bylaw and Parks bylaws received the lowest number of survey responses.

Bylaw or Topic	Number of Survey Responses
Animal Control	57
Community Standards	20
Fire Services	22
Parks	13
Traffic Control and Regulation	6
Off-Highway Vehicle Use	38
Unauthorized Use of County Land	26
Cats	25

Appendix 1 - Feedback from Public Engagement Sessions

The comments below were provided through written notes as part of the in-person engagement sessions.

What appears here is verbatim, with only minor grammar or punctuation changes.

This gives a 'feel' for how those who chose to engage feel about the topics at hand. The number of comments provided indicates the relative level of interest in each bylaw or topic.

Each of the six updated bylaws are identified, along with the seventh (new) bylaw. Enough content was provided specific to chickens and cats that they have been broken out into their own topic areas.

Animal Control Bylaw

- Agricultural Operations: Make alterations for people who foster rescue dogs
- County Peace Officers have responded to dog complaints at my property and the issue was resolved quickly, rationally and to my satisfaction
- Do not create a burden on your residents to tag all dogs
- Having a place to bring injured or distressed animals is important
- Make it easier to deal with Bad dog owners
- Need a plan for animals who have been hit on the highway and need vet attention
- No enforcement action should be taken regarding exceeding numbers of animals on properties without concerns/complaints impacting residents
- No permits (registrations) on small livestock. No land size restrictions on small livestock.
- Should create a spay and neuter program for cats/dogs
- There are laws already created to address this
- We do not want to pay for enforcement to a few people with dog issues

Community Standards Bylaw

- Distinguish ourselves from other counties, don't take initiatives from, for example, Strathcona County
- Help me clean up by dead brush at Osbourne Acres
- Please enforce "Dark Sky Policy" in businesses around Osbourne Acres (Powell and surrounding businesses)
- Please keep noise and light restrictions in place. Need to have some kind of standard to hold people to
- The crime program is great
- We need more Peace Officers on the Road
- Who policies flying drones over our private property homes and properties?

Fire Services Bylaw

- A pamphlet showing the updated burnable items for fire pits would be helpful
- Consider connecting fireworks permit/use to Fire Hazare e.g. No fireworks in high hazard areas

- Continue to allow fireworks to be discharged on land sizes of less than 4.0 Hectares in the County
- Continue to allow Labour Day as a day on which fireworks may be discharged
- Fireworks should be dependent on fire risk, not size of lot
- How many calls do you get during Labour Day?
- I like the simplification of the Bylaw
- I love my firepit! Responsible fires are great!
- Would be helpful for a downloadable pamphlet to be handed out to residents, to educate people on what they can and cannot burn

Parks Bylaw

Note: *There was no written, in-person feedback for the Parks bylaw. We attribute this to residents having their questions answered by the parks subject matter expert that was at the engagement sessions.*

Traffic Control and Regulation Bylaw

Note: For the Traffic Control and Regulation Engagement, residents were this question.

Which of the following options should Parkland County consider for the school zones located at west of Graminia School on Range Road 271 and south of Graminia School on Township Road 511, south of Blueberry school and west of Blueberry school on Range Road 20, and north of Tomahawk school on Township Road 512

1) Keep the school zone hours as they are - between 7:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M., or 2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.

2) Change school zone hours to 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., inclusive, Monday to Friday

3) Other – suggestions

- 7:00 am – 4:30 pm for school zones. Should be the same as Spruce Grove and Stony Plain
- 7:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
- 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
- 7:30 am – 4:30 pm for school zones
- 9:00 am - 4:30 pm for school zones
- Keep the school zone hours as they are – between 7:30-9:30am, 11am-1:30pm, and 2:30-4:30pm
- School zone through Seba should be removed

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Note: For the Off-Highway Vehicle Engagement, we asked residents the below question.

Which of the following options should Parkland County consider for OHV operation on public land in the County?

- 1) Change the minimum operator's age to 14 years old and require a valid class 7 learners permit
- 2) Keep the minimum age at 16 years old and require a valid class 5 license
- 3) Change the minimum age to 14 years old, with no license required

Comments:

- 14 years old with learner's permit
- 14 years with no license required
- 14 years, no license required
- Age – 12 years old with adults, 14 without
- Change minimum operators age to 14 with no license required.
- Do not change this OHV bylaw. It would negatively impact more people than it would serve
- I don't feel leaving Bylaw Enforcement Open ended "At their Discretion" is appropriate. This level of subjectivity leads often to biased or heavy-handed interactions and recourse
- I have provided various examples of municipalities who require an OHV operator to be 14 years of age
- I would prefer 14 years with no license required
- Leave Age at 14 (2)
- Lower age to 14 for public areas. No age on private land
- Supervised youth at 12 years old, responsibility starts early. 90% of people are common sense individuals

Unauthorized Use of County Lands Bylaw

- There was no written feedback for the Unauthorized Use of County Lands bylaw. We attribute this to residents having their questions answered by the County lands subject matter expert that was at the engagement sessions.

Feedback on Chickens in the Community

Note: this is actually part of the Animal Control Bylaw, however sufficient comments were received specific to chickens that the topic has been broken out into its own section of this report.

- A small flock/urban poultry course should not be required, community mentorship would be better
- Age limit should not be required, people might want to raise from eggs
- Allow chickens on smaller than one acre lots
- An acreage can have many chickens and doesn't need to be regulated
- Any lot size should be allowed to have chickens. Please do not restrict livestock raising too strictly
- Backyard Chickens – PID # is not be something that should be necessary
- Backyard chickens are safe, economical and delightful
- Chicken Course is a great idea but not mandatory
- Chickens – No PID, No Age Limit

- Chickens (no Roosters)- easy. Offer courses to potential chicken owners and then check up on their set-ups in a couple of months to see that all is well!
- Chickens can be free range and keep bugs down and help compost
- Chickens should be allowed in the County
- Chickens should be allowed to be raised on reasonable amount of acreage
- Chickens work well on small spaces!
- Courses and PID should only be required if neighbours oppose
- Do not regulate poultry unless the case is way above or higher profile than the average in scope. Don't regulate the exception at the expense of the norm. No PID #.
- Do not waste time on courses, classes or regulations
- Encouraging chicken care courses are great, but any property over 1 acre should be able to have chickens with minimal restrictions
- Hens are not loud, roosters only crow a few times a day. Dogs bark all day long
- Hens are small, productive, and quiet. They are good pets
- Hens teach kids to care for animals and to respect them
- I have concerns regarding PID requirements and mandatory courses. Voluntary is an option. PID #'s are for commercial selling.
- I love chickens and love owning them on an acreage!
- Limit on number of chickens is too low
- Need more clarification and rationale. Why no slaughtering? Why at least 16 weeks?
- No chicken courses, no matter the lot size
- No Chicken limits for anyone, Roosters ok, No chicken course, No Coop Cops, No PID#
- No courses should be required
- No permits for chicken ownership, No PID #, 4 chickens not enough
- No PID #s
- No PID should be required
- No restrictions or regulations for those of us with smaller lots
- No words to express fully how I feel BUT No PID, No ridiculous course, No required age
- Placing a land to chicken ratio is ridiculous! In Edmonton you can have 6 chickens in a tiny city yard. Who could possibly think it's animal abuse to raise chickens on less than an acre when we gladly eat grocery store chickens raised in a square foot all their life?!
- Rules should be based on a nuisance basis
- Should not need a permit to own chickens
- Slaughtering is part of food security and part of our agricultural heritage
- Slaughtering should not be allowed
- The City of Edmonton allows chickens on tiny lots. Parkland County needs to allow chickens on any size lot, not just 1 acre
- The more people who can own chickens, the better!

- Want chickens in the backyard to help with kitchen and garden scraps. Would reduce organic waste on smaller than ½ acres
- We love our chickens! 4 acres in Osbourne
- Will the permitted training be free like courses to serve alcohol or food safety
- Would like to have chickens on less than one acre

Feedback on the Creation of a Cat Bylaw

Note: A cat bylaw is not formally being considered as part of the Major Bylaw Review, however the engagement opportunity was deemed an appropriate place to gauge interest in the subject area.

- Bylaw for cats!
- Cat bylaw for hamlets, towns, villages, and high-density areas
- Cat bylaw is needed for ownership and population control
- Cat bylaw is needed to help maintain the population of strays
- Cats are a menace to all taxpayers and need to be the same as the dog bylaw
- Cats are necessary out in rural Alberta. The coyotes take care of the over population of cats. Cats take care of the mice. I like cats more than mice
- Cats no problem
- Cats should be allowed to be dropped off at the shelter
- Create a surrender and spay and neuter program
- Creation of a farm cat spay/neuter program
- How many cats per household?
- How to ensure cat's do not wander on your property
- I believe there should be a bylaw for "at large" cats as there is for dogs, as we should be responsible for all our pets
- Leave the cats alone, no cat bylaw
- No Limits on cats per household, rather contribute financially/per cat to help shelter to take kittens
- No Need for a Cat Bylaw (2)
- Stray cats found should be able to be dropped off at the animal shelter
- The County shelter should continue to use Edmonton SPCA services
- Very concerned about the amount of cats in our subdivision. There is too many! They pee on our back door, our truck back window and poop in our garden. Owners need to be more responsible
- We should have resources that outline responsible ownership of cats

General Comments

Some comments left in the surveys and in the engagement sessions were more focused on the bylaw review and engagement processes rather than specific topics. Those comments appear below.

- Great work on cleaning up the bylaws and streamlining the process
- No to agenda 2021 – Agenda 2030. And no to WEF agenda. Food security is paramount. Government corruption must be stopped

- No to government overreach
- Once bylaws are in place, place links on the website to relevant information e.g. permitting processes
- People should talk to their neighbours to get to know them and work problems out
 - Please make meetings later to accommodate working people
- We are all adults

Appendix 2 - Survey Responses

During the course of the Parkland County Major Bylaw Review public engagement process, surveys were administered both online through the County's website and in hard copy. The hard copies were available at the engagement sessions and elsewhere as appropriate.

The results below are from the collated surveys listed by the specific bylaw or topic area.

Animal Control Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 57

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 95%

Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

Survey Question: *Other than the changes noted above, is there anything else that you think County Council should consider in its review of the Parkland County Animal Control Bylaw?*

- Allow anyone wanting to raise chickens/rooster for eggs or meat to do so without any red tape! NO courses, no rules for coops period!
- Allowing chickens on acreages of only one acre.
- Allowing residents to have control over what they chose to do on their property without government interference
- Any way to determine WHERE excessive barking is coming from, difficult in subdivisions and that's the first question bylaw asks when you report it.
- As coyotes are classified as nuisance animals under the Agricultural Pests Act, I fail to comprehend why I am prohibited from having more than five Pyrenees dogs on my farm to address the coyote issue and safeguard my sheep and goats from being lost. With 160 acres of farmland at my disposal, I should be entitled to the same protection as other counties under the Predation Management for Alberta Flocks program, without having to bear any registration costs. It is imperative to note that the presence of coyotes poses a significant threat to livestock, and farmers must take necessary measures to protect their animals. As such, the use of guard dogs, such as Pyrenees at my farm, has proven to be an effective method of deterring coyotes and other predators. Furthermore, it is only fair that farmers in all counties receive equal protection under the Predation Management for Alberta Flocks program, without any financial burden. This program should aim to minimize the impact of predators on livestock and promote sustainable farming practices. In conclusion, I strongly urge the authorities in the Parkland County to reconsider the restrictions on the number of Pyrenees dogs that farmers can have on their farms so far as the land is greater than 80 acres. It is crucial to ensure that farmers have access to the necessary resources to protect their livestock and maintain a sustainable farming environment.

- Backyard Chickens: clause has been added with very specific regulations outlining the process for pursuing cooping chickens. We need ALL the details of the exact changes!!! This little info is unacceptable
- Changing anything to do with chickens is a joke. You should be ashamed of yourselves for this.
- Chickens are fine, but there is no need for anyone to have a rooster in a Residential Acreage Subdivision - extremely annoying early in the morning. There should be more efficient and convenient ways (especially at night) to handle dogs that are left out and bark all day, or worse, all night.
- contradiction on what an vicious dog is if is on my property its called protection. you get out of your car my dog don't know you he going to go nuts. dogs at large are the only problem in my area and they cause my dog to be even more protective don't limit people on their chickens and animals. roosters should be aloud ..we are not in the city. the rules in chickens and animals should remain the same
- Definitions need to be specific. example what a vicious dog would be. you changing definition causes more confusion and leave room to interpret things dif.. should only be one interpretation from the bi law. not many. Clear, precise and categorise in same area do not put under a different heading looks like your hiding something I don't agree with your version on vicious or that the officers can interpret to their discretion!!
- Dogs should not need to be on leash. Under control, yes but on leash? NO! Especially if there is no off-leash park but even if there was, it's ridiculous to have to pack the dog up in a car to drive to a park when we live out in the country.
- Existing poultry owners should be exempt from having to take a course - acreage not in a subdivision should not be under scrutiny with the number of birds allowed
- Having chickens over 16 weeks makes no sense. A pid license? 6 chickens max on 2 acres? Not liking where any of this is going. No roosters is the only thing that makes sense on the list of proposed changes.
- how to deal with feral cats on private property, i.e. trapping and where to take them. how to deal with pet cats running at large on private property.
- I believe that people with less land should not be held to higher standards then people with more land. If they are looking after their animals then leave them alone.
- I don't think agriculture producers should need too get County approval for more then 4 working dogs this is a common sense issue that does not need legislation leave it alone
- I think there should be more patrol of animal bylaw in the subdivisions in summer. We are constantly dealing with dogs on our property and dog feces in the ditches. From approximately May to Sept Also. Air BNB properties shouldn't allow dogs
- In my opinion, these changes do NOT need to be done to the current Bylaw.
- in section Off leash definition: ""Off-Leash Area" means any area of public land designated by the County as a location within which Dogs do not need to be on a leash and under the control of a responsible Person." the last part suggest that dogs do NOT need to be on a leash (ok that is fine) but the next

part is NOT ok. and under the control ... in the wording... grammatically, it states that the dog is NOT on leash and NOT under control of a responsible person. I'd suggest changing this sentence to something that is clear and cannot be debated in court because of bad English. Like do not need to be on a leash but need to be under control of a responsible person. I'd suggest that responsible person is vague. What about licensing... you offer certain dogs free of charge, but what about anxiety control dog? I know this can go down a slippery slope...but it is something that may come up. Think that for agricultural operations, County needs to be aware that there are very few operations that need lots of dogs. Many "abandoned" or left outside or questionable care are often on farms. So please make sure that there is a clause to evaluate on a case-by-case basis. A cattle operation, very few need more than 4 dogs. A sheep operation, yes, this makes sense. Should also have it to revise so if there are a lot more dog issues because too many dogs on farms or acreages in non subdivision and left wondering then you may need to revise. In word doc it states: Responsibility of Owners of Vicious Dogs: The Director of Enforcement Services may declare a Dog to be a Vicious Dog --- this does NOT make sense. look like copy paste not in right place. so enforcement services is the owner of vicious dog? Read that line in the table. that is how it can be interpreted.

- Is it an assumption that the proposed bylaw is for laying hens only? Why would slaughtering be prohibited? If birds are euthanized, how is disposal to be handled? I think this is a huge issue from a number of angles: animal welfare, dead birds left for wildlife to scavenge How are broilers, ducks and geese handled with this bylaw change?
- Just a comment on your approach to outlining changes. The specific wording should be shown. You are creating suspicion and distrust by only making a general statement about how things are changing) e.g. chickens
- Leave chicken coops alone. Even the city of Edmonton allows more in their backyard. This needs more input from poultry owners.... what is proposed is ridiculous!
- Needs to define Ag Operations. There is no way that a 2-acre parcel would have an ag operation requiring more than 4 dogs
- No to chickens. They are putting commercial flocks at risks. they are not pets. Also, 6 is too many. 4 at the most should be allowed
- No to PID# period! No to mandatory chicken course, make it voluntary. The wording for "at the discretion" of a PO is I too ambiguous and doesn't give clear direction of anything. I understand within the hamlets, there needs to be stricter guidelines as ppl live in closer quarters, so have separate bi-laws. But for those of us on acreage subdivisions or farms, we moved away from the towns and cities to get away from the restrictions and not have quieter lives with PRIVACY!
- No. leave people's land alone.
- Noise bylaw of dog owners dogs no matter working dogs or not should not be allowed to bark all night long ..
- Please be strict with people who are negligent with their animals.
- ridiculous really. There is nothing in any of the links that details specific changes to say coop of chickens. I would like details of proposed changes in order to make an informed response.

- Roosters are the nuisance not the chickens. Restrict Roosters to larger parcels of land or farms.
- There should be a provision for noise disturbance from roosters on small acreages, perhaps a ban on roosters for acreages under 5 acres.
- This is a step towards a communist ideology. Stop with the woke stupidity.
- Vicious dogs are needed to combat vicious thieves. County crime increasing and dogs are a critical first alert. Purely subjective so leave them alone.
- We already live in a society that attempts to control every aspect of our lives. County does not need to continue to over-reach and regulate everything that we do, so let us live our lives without this constant barrage of new bylaws that try to smother us.
- What is the clause in regards to cooling chickens? More information is needed, than what has been provided, to make an informed decision on the proposed change.
- When we first moved out to Parkland County 30 years ago the bylaw read no more than 3 household pets with only 2 of those being dogs. Would love to see this brought back into play. Cats are a huge issue and too many folks are getting 4 dogs or more. Barking has become a huge issue as has the explosion of the cat population.
- Where a lot is smaller than 2 acres. Residents should be able to apply for having 1 animal/bird unit.
- Why are roosters only prohibited for under 2 acres?!? Roosters can be heard for up to two kilometers! In my subdivision (Woodbend Place) average size parcel is 2.5-3 acres. My next-door neighbour has roosters that crow ALL DAY! So am I hooped? This makes me very sad and frustrated. Please consider changing the size of land parcel to anything under 5 acres would have roosters prohibited.

Other Comments about the Animal Control Bylaw

- 4 housed pets is not that many on an acreage where ppl often have closer to 6
- All residents should be made aware of changes
- By Skipping VERY SPECIFIC REGULATIONS you are wasting my time.
- Changing "prohibiting roosters" to land size of 5 acres and under
- County restrictions on our lives is far to invasive as it is, infringing on our rights and freedoms even. Changes that should be made to the Animal Bylaw for the Counties to reduce their involvement in an individual's animal ownership and care. There are already Provincial regulations and enforcement which is sufficient and encompasses these issues already.
- Does a dog need to be proved vicious or are you targeting specific breeds?
- Everyone that is on the board needs to be recalled if they attempt to push this woke ideology.
- I hope you share the survey responses. I was sad to hear County officials present last night dismissing residence's concerns as conspiracy theorists. It doesn't bode much confidence in our concerns being adhered to by present staff.
- If in fact the objective of a predation management plan is to minimize the impact of predators on a flock by implementing effective husbandry

practices and utilizing guardian animals. This approach should be applicable to the farmer /producer and should aim to maintain a manageable level of predation, which is crucial for the well-being and safety of the flock. To achieve this goal, it is essential for farmer with 160 acres of land to the use of many guardian animals such as dogs etc. as an effective way to deter predators and protect the flock. I do not see why Parkland County can not implementing a predation management plan that works for farmers and ranchers to ensure the safety and health of their flocks while minimizing the economic losses associated with predation. It is a proactive approach that requires careful planning and execution, but the benefits are well worth the effort. Farmer should be exempt from registration of guardian animal as such and should be allowed to have many on their farm.

- If previous complaint done and a fine initiated, are there rules for 2nd or 3rd offence? Referring to Vicious Dog page 9 of new bylaw. (A neighbor's dog was killed by another dog) Also there is a neighbor you daily has his dog off leash and it has nipped at others.
- its pathetic that we are being limited to what we can have on our own land! we are country we grow food we raise animals for our food supply people should be able to butcher animals raised as long as the innards are incinerated!
- Leave the people with smaller plots alone, if they take care of their animals then mind your own business. It's ridiculous to expect workshops and other regulations from anyone wanting to own chickens or other animals!
- More than 4 dogs seems like a large number; I assume that they would have to be extremely well-trained dogs.
- My belief is that if you choose the Parkland County rural acreage lifestyle, no matter the size of the acreage, domestic animals should be allowed on the premises. Regarding chickens, whether you have 1/2 of an acre or 10 acres, the keeping of chickens needs to be allowed, particularly given our current climate of food insecurity and sky-high food prices. Regulations already exist regarding the disposal of a carcass, so landowners can not just discard carcasses on neighbouring properties. If neighbours complain regarding animal noises, then talk to their neighbour before consulting bylaw officers. We live in the country, therefore expect, respect, and enjoy any animals that are present.
- No more red tape. Allowing chickens, roosters for meat or eggs all good and no RED TAPE needed!
- Not liking the direction the County is going on proposed chicken bylaw for small properties with the exception of no roosters.
- On acreages or farms dog count should be left up to the individual. Obviously dogs need to be taken care of and complaints to the contrary should be investigated.
- other than this survey where are the public meetings to get firsthand public input. My name was on an email list from the Graminia meeting this year but no notice about the Clymont meeting.
- Please allow for MORE hens in the urban backyard chickens. Sometimes hens aren't as productive as one thinks. It would be great to see the limit increased. Also, please give more detail on how disposal of chickens should be proceeded if not to be slaughtered. Agricultural operations should have

automatic approval for greater than 4 dogs. No permits should be required. Or rewrite to say a certain acreage (4 acres or less for example) can have maximum 4 dogs

- Proposed chicken bylaw is inappropriate for country setting. Residents are and should be permitted to raise chickens without restriction in a CR setting
- Rooster bans in subdivisions I understand and agree with. However, on farms and stand-alone acreages they should definitely NOT be prohibited. I take no issue with the other clauses (Ex. vicious dog by-law.)
- Small changes to political figures are NOT always small changes to people's lives.
- That there should be a County cat bylaw to control feral and free-roaming domestic cats. Owners should be held responsible for their pets.
- The new bylaw for backyard chickens seems unnecessarily restrictive by not allowing chicks or slaughtering.
- The vicious dog definition has issues. If there is a dog that goes off property but then is attacked by another dog (even a small dog, remember, dogs do not see their size.) the larger dog can just bite the small dog but now is considered viscous however, it was the small dog that came up to attack the dog. Think you guys NEED to consult the one provincial court appointed dog expert. It shows people making rules without understanding dog behaviour. or at least not capturing clear in document.
- There needs to be more transparency and public forums before adopting any changes.
- Things are stated clearly - don't leave anything open to interpretation
- we spend all our time working to pay for our property. we should be able to do what we want with our land. I am 100 percent against every proposed bylaw.

Community Standards Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 20

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

Survey Question: *Other than the changes noted above, is there anything else that you think County Council should consider in its review of the Parkland County Community Standards Bylaw?*

- County needs to limit the number of development permits on one property. Residents can get multiple home-based business development permits that result in large numbers of vehicles and stuff that results in unsightly properties. However, they are in compliance because each individual development permit is being followed. There is no consideration for the cumulative impact of all these permits on the property
- for noise complaints I would like to know if there's a measurable level of noise that has to be met before a complaint is filed.
- How can someone have a privacy fence if the limit is 1m. Typical regulations are 6-8 feet.
- I am not ok with the fence height limits on fronts of properties. It is no one's business to look into my property!
- I did not see any mention of fireworks here (thought it may be covered in the fire bylaw). There are 2 issues here: 1) the potential fire hazard, and 2) the noise issue. My understanding is that to set off fireworks you require a permit, however many residents appear to have no knowledge of this. Education, in the form of a letter (possibly included in their tax notification) simply highlighting this might help.
- I live next to a vacant (no house) lot. It is owned but all that is on it is 3 "trailers". The owners come maybe once or twice a year for the weekend- use it for storage. It is unsightly and the lot next to it is full of Garbage- back in the trees and the lot across from that is also old vehicles - under the current bylaw this is all allowed- I live in a nice house with a nice yard and am surrounded by squatters and campers in a residential area. Johnnys Lake Estates. Why is camping allowed in a residential area- why are so many RV's and vehicles allowed on vacant lots?
- I moved rurally for the sole reason of peace and quiet. We have raised to very busy active boys on our acreage, with respecting our neighbors. This includes noise level after 10pm. I would consider moving from the County if there is no noise restriction.
- I think they need to review the changes noted as some things look like fall under County property but actually fall under the landowners property! contradicts itself causing concerns
- I would like to see Part 8 (nuisance noise) include wording that states any music emanating from private property may be considered a nuisance by others and it is every homeowners responsibility to ensure music or other nuisance noises end at their property/fence line.

- I'm concerned about the noise and light tool removal. If I had a neighbor that I was afraid of, I will now have to go to court to state that it was me who complained. That would deter me from complaining. An accurate tool for monitoring light and noise should be kept by Parkland County.
- Lights/noise Major concern living next to a gravel pit and that decibels and night sky lighting are a part of permitting. How will the noise be measured at my land?
- We do have a few concerns. With the light and noise restrictions now stricken from the bylaw, does this mean an area that with an Existing Permit (with restrictions on light and noise levels) will now be able to break those restrictions? With previous council and many hrs of debate and finally council agreeing on certain levels of acceptable noise and light restrictions on many permits, for this new councils to just throw it away for all existing permits seems absolutely unacceptable! We understand this as it'll be that everyone can be as noisy as they'd like 24/7 and can have as bright of lights as they deem necessary? For construction, businesses, industry, for residential and non-residential areas of Parkland County? If this is the case can we challenge you the council on this decision?

Other Comments about the Community Standards Bylaw

Survey Question: *Is there anything else you would like to say as part of this Community Standards Bylaw review in Parkland County?*

- changes sound good
- Fence height on over .4 hectares, limiting fencing to 6 feet does not account for fencing needed for various livestock or larger dogs. My fence (in places) is upwards of 3 metres to keep my dog from jumping out- responsible pet ownership of a wandering dog. As someone who can have livestock as animal units, llamas and emus (as examples) require upwards of 2.5 metre fencing. Farmers of elk need minimum of 2.5 metres. Limits should be made on type of fencing after certain heights (gaming fence or wire mesh fence verse solid wood).
- Hopefully the residence in the County are heard
- I can't imagine having a neighbour who consistently pushes the limits of noise and disrupts the neighbourhood. Yes, mediation, but stop giving so many chances to the violator. Just like the City of Edmonton wants to make enforcement an immediately high-ticket price for noisy vehicles, etc., every municipality needs to do the same to let violators know that some noise levels are totally unacceptable. Get the message that we do not accept this, right from the get-go. And I can't say it enough - make these bylaws crystal clear to the reader so that there is no room for interpretation. And when someone new comes to the County to live, work and play, they should be immediately provided with the Bylaws upon buying a new property/home. And for goodness sakes, make your website for the County more user friendly. Every time I look something up, it spits back at least 437 articles, most of which are inappropriate to my search.
- I know this is happening in almost all rural areas(there is always one or two lots that look horrible)- people that come out and use the lots for camping, garbage, storage- it is unsightly and can be dangerous (these lots do not have power or water or septic)- they attract animals and we have had drug dealers down the road as well

- I very much appreciate the new day time definition that offers flexibility for seasons.
- Our family has endured our neighbours playing music outside during the summer for close to 10 years and we are hopeful that any changes will help in terms of eliminating the unwanted noise.
- Parks and water Can a business load a boat at a park? Flotation tubes? RRd 23- can a float business pick up floaters getting off there? Dies and fireworks What about crown land? If burning is not permitted in Parkland then no one can set off and explosive on the crown land in Parkland. Is this being considered as very important
- The fence restrictions wasn't mentioned in the summary of proposed changes, comes across like the County is trying to sneak this one in. Fence restrictions given are not in line with our municipalities with smaller lots. 1m does not provide privacy and does not permit safeguarding of a residence.
- The noise is the issue, and often this is very late at night which can keep residents awake. In addition, livestock (horses and cattle) are often spooked by the sudden explosions and can do damage to property and injury to themselves.
- There should not be any sort of restriction on the height of fences. This is tedious and not worth the time or money it would take to enforce it. Fences should be kept in an acceptable condition, as in not falling apart, and that is it.
- We do have a few concerns. With the light and noise restrictions now stricken from the bylaw, does this mean an area that with an Existing Permit (with restrictions on light and noise levels) will now be able to break those restrictions? With previous council and many hrs of debate and finally council agreeing on certain levels of acceptable noise and light restrictions on many permits, for this new councils to just throw it away for all existing permits seems absolutely unacceptable! We understand this as it'll be that everyone can be as noisy as they'd like 24/7 and can have as bright of lights as they deem necessary? For construction, businesses, industry, for residential and non-residential areas of Parkland County? If this is the case can we challenge you the council on this decision?
- who ever makes the up it would be nice to see actual complaints backing the laws and how many complaints. it looks like a money grab and really Parkland has not done well with borrowing or their spending. the laws need to make sense not stop people from enjoying their neighbourhoods or Own land if its confusing it needs to be made clear in the least, sheesh
- Why the removal of lights and noise? Does that mean sleepless nights?

Fire Services Bylaw

Responses

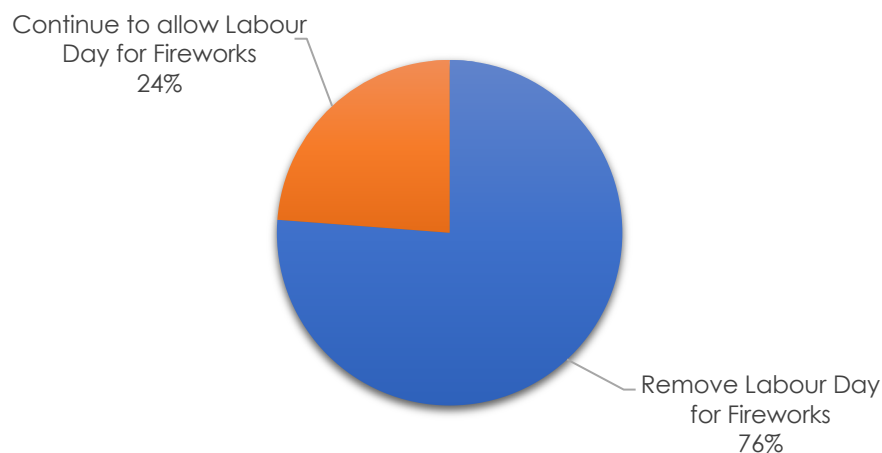
Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 22

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 96%

Specific Question: Allowed Fireworks Days

Survey Question: *Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the potential to change the number of days in which the discharge of fireworks in the County is permitted. Currently, the three permitted days are Canada Day (July 1), Labour Day (early September), and New Year's Eve (December 31). Due to increased fire risk in the fall season, Parkland County is proposing that Labour Day no longer be a day on which the discharge of fireworks be permitted. Which selection would you suggest for the use of fireworks in the County?*



Other Comments on Allowed Fireworks Days

Survey Question: *If you have any other comments about days on which fireworks should be allowed to be discharged in Parkland County, please note them here:*

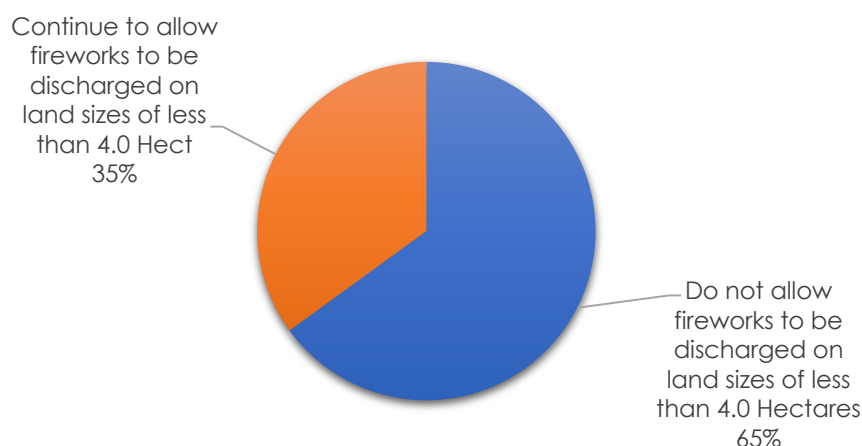
- Fireworks are a high risk for fires and injuries to nearby property, animals and people. Many counties have banned fireworks in any rural subdivisions. Discontinue the use of any kind of fireworks please
- Fireworks are discharged frequently on days where they are not allowed putting livestock and pets at risk. The fines are paltry relative to the cost of fireworks. Steeper fines are required. Permit holders should be obligated to notify neighbours. Thanks
- Fireworks don't belong in small subdivisions or at anytime there is a risk from a fire
- I am not a big fan of fireworks within any residential acreages at all due to animals (dogs and horses) that are very sensitive to these loud noises.
- If fireworks are going to continued to be allowed in the County, this is a small step in the right direction.
- Leave labour day in place as is. The argument about removing it due to weather and ground conditions is not strong as we could have the same conditions on Canada day. Typically in September the ground is in

satisfactory condition and we should allow them, obviously coinciding with any restrictions or bans.

- More education is required for the residence of Parkland County. In a lot of subdivisions residence are not aware that there are restricted days that Only permit the Use of Fireworks. In my subdivision it seems that anybody's Birthday etc. is a day to set off fireworks.
- Stop the vendor permit for fireworks idea. Enough red tape exists. Stop already!
- There need to be much more patrolling on fireworks. People around Jackfish Lake continually set fireworks, average 4 days a week. This is wrong!! People try to sleep, have animals and now fireworks aren't even exciting anymore. Police NEED to patrol this more!!!
- Vendor license is a good idea, however, not sure how you would enforce. You could enforce vendors selling fireworks in the County but it wont stop people going to another municipality and buying fireworks to discharge in Parkland County
- When there is a fire ban on. No fireworks are allowed. This is the way it should be. The bylaws aren't stopping people. They are just making them go and do it away from their home in fear of being caught.
- Would like to see stiffer fines for those that discharge fireworks when not permitted. I know it is hard to enforce but would be nice to see if someone is reporting a neighbor for discharging fireworks what proof do they need to give in order for a fine to be issued.

Specific Question: Minimum Land Size for Fireworks

Survey Question: *A major change being contemplated in this bylaw is that fireworks would no longer be allowed to be discharged on land sizes less than 4.0 Hectares (9.9 Acres). Parkland County has proposed this change to reduce fire risk to neighbouring properties and to limit the impact to people and animals. Which selection would you suggest for the use of fireworks in the County?*



Other Comments on Minimum Land Size for Fireworks

Survey Question: *If you have any other comments about the use of fireworks on land sizes of less than 4.0 Hectares (9.9 Acres) in Parkland County, please note them here:*

- Again, a step in the right direction.
- Again, hard to enforce so need to consider how to show proof in order for fines to be issued.
- Also do not let them be discharged in hamlets or villages
- Ban all use in subdivisions. Home owners should check with their insurance companies if they are covered in the liability
- Fireworks, on any given weekend, happen withing residential, multi-parcel acreage subdivisions all the time. I believe that most of the people setting these off are not aware of the bylaw requirements, they've moved to the country and believe it is OK. Education is required, along with a more efficient method of enforcing this as it typically happens late at night and calling 911 just seems overkill. Changing the bylaw as highlighted above would make this illegal, and if the proper education or notification of residents is done, may curb the majority of the problems.
- I am not a big fan of fireworks within any residential acreages at all due to animals (dogs and horses) that are very sensitive to these loud noises.
- I'm suggesting you ban fireworks completely
- Leave the status quo. Let people live freely.
- More education and enforcement is required on when the use of Fireworks are permitted.
- Patrol more, BAN FIREWORKS!!!! Me need our land!!!
- Should be based on proximity to tree lines not size and based on fire conditions. Even limits on type of fireworks discharged.
- Unless there have been significant concerns, I believe it would be unfair to limit people further. Many people would end up illegally shooting off fireworks regardless which would cause more issues. A lot of residents do not have the luxury of having 10 acres for these activities.

Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

Survey Question: *Other than the changes noted above, is there anything else that you think County Council should consider in its review of the Parkland County Fire Services Bylaw?*

- Allow unscreened fire pits. We have a gravel area surrounding our fire pits. Great spark suppression.
- Do we need to have a look at burning garbage in burn barrels? This County is still burning garbage?
- I don't believe that retailers should be limited to when commercial fireworks should be sold. Many people purchase fireworks while passing through to go to vacation or weekend properties outside of Parkland County. This change of 14 days prior to approved days would limit vendors opportunity to have positive revenues and turn over product.
- I would like to see a complete ban on firework being discharge by residents in the County. As a licenced pyro technician, I have nothing against fireworks. They should not be set off be the average person, in residential areas. The fire risk is too high, and getting higher every year. Residents already shoot off fireworks when ever they want, any day of the year, so a total ban would lesson the confusion as to when they are allowed. I fear for my safety every

some when I hear them going off. It's just a matter of time until someone burns down a subdivision or 10. Thank you.

- No more permits. No vendor permit to sell fireworks in the County needed.
- Nothing I can Think Of.
- There is mention of the requirements for a permit to sell fireworks, however I see no mention that those selling fireworks must see fireworks permit from the purchaser before they can sell them (similar the requirement to see a liquor permit).
- This County has free range on what you can burn. Everyone knows what burning barrels are for and that's to burn garbage. What's the long-range plan for air quality and reduced fire risk?

Other Comments about the Fire Services Bylaw

Survey Question: *Is there anything else you would like to say as part of this Fire Services Bylaw review in Parkland County?*

- If a resident receives a fire permit; and someone calls a fire in; there's no need to dispatch fire departments. This has happened more than once. Controlled fire signs up; and such a waste of resources other than "volunteer firefighters " to fill their pockets! A simple call to check is all that's needed!
- None
- The bylaw wording for fireworks seems to focus on the danger of fires, however just as important is the nuisance to neighbors who are disturbed by the noise. People get disturbed when they are trying to sleep, animals (dogs, horses, cattle) get spooked and do damage to property and injury to themselves. These should be clearly covered.

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Responses

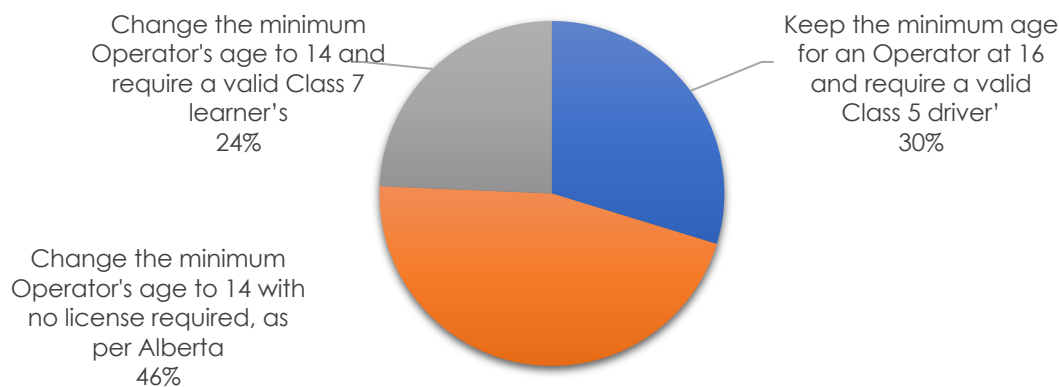
Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 38

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Specific Question: Operator Age

Survey Question: *Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the age at which a person may operate an Off-Highway Vehicle on public land. Council is currently considering three potential options. Please note that this looks at the operation of OHVs on public land, and has no effect on OHV use on private land. Please share with us which option you believe the County should include and enforce through the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw*



Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

Survey Question: *Other than the changes noted above, is there anything else that you think County Council should consider in its review of the Parkland County Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw?*

- Allow children 10 and older to ride with someone who has their class 5 license and is 16 or older.
- As long as OHV drives respectfully on the road there shouldn't be any harm. Lowering to Note
- Change it to 11
- Change the minimum age to 12 years old and no license needed. Alberta youth may big game hunt at 12 and even birds at 10.
- Could not find the definition of "Conservation Reserve" so not sure if this will be more restrictive or less restrictive than the current bylaw. My experiences is that these bylaws are not abided by some OHV users. We live adjacent to environmental reserve lands which are routinely frequented by OHV users, often crossing though my private land. There is no County signage on these environmental reserve lands. I have visited other County properties such as the old Buck for Wildlife lands intend to be conservations sites. All are full of OHV tracks. The same holds true for crown land, even crown lands with signage set aside for conservation. I does not seem to matter to some OHV users if there is signage or restrictions, if land looks vacant there will be OHV

usage on it. I can only conclude that these bylaws are not taken seriously by "some" OHV users. I would only be in favor of more restrictive OHV bylaws with real consequential penalties for disregarding the bylaws and more County land set aside for conservation purposes. I moved to a quiet corner of the County over twenty years ago and since then have noticed ever increasing noise of OHV usage which I connect with ever decreasing wildlife near my property. I am very disappointed in some OHV users.

- I thought that "the addition of an age restriction when driving an OHV- must be 16 years of age or older for driving an OHV" was new? But in question #2 it says it's already the current requirement? In any case, I hope "County Land" includes ditches. Over the past few years, there has been a huge increase in the number of OHV tearing through the ditches (and on the paved roads) in our rural country residential subdivision (Woodland Park). They have destroyed the ditches, ripping up the native grasses and leaving deep ruts. Now they're starting to go over our entry driveway and wreck that, too. These are children (and adults, too!) on quads and dirt bikes. The kids tends to drive around and around and around in circles all over the subdivision, for literally hours on end. It very clear to see they are under 16, with no supervision. If you've ever had to listen to a dirt bike gunning by your house day after day you'll know how frustrating and disturbing it is. (I work from home and hear it happening all...the...time... and it gets worse, of course, during summer holidays). I hope the changes to bylaw will address this issue, and that the County will do more enforcement.
- I understand that age limitations are a necessary part of a bylaw. It would be nice to allow younger children to ride on public lands with the supervision of a fully mature adult. This would allow parents to teach children how to operate OHV's and learn safety, rules of the road, etc. before they are 16.
- I would like to see these removed from traveling the ditches-I cut my grass and try to keep it looking good only to have dirt bikes. quads and side by sides rip it up. Destroys the peace and quiet we moved to our acreage for.
- If an OHV is being operated in a safe and respectful manner. I do not see a concern. I have witnessed neighbours swearing at children in my subdivision while riding an OHV. Firstly this is unacceptable and secondly I ask a simple question. Would these people rather the kids be vandalizing a property to burn off energy?? As this is a sensitive issue I would suggest that any changes be made with extremely careful consideration. Sometimes the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Other times those who live in glass houses should be careful before tossing stones.
- I'm fine with 16 and a valid class 7.
- it was a travesty when, during lockdowns, the peace officers were going after the young kids on 50cc atv's in a subdivision. They were not allowed to go anywhere or do anything. A terrible use of PO's time. if anything, we should be allowing kids with adult supervision be allowed to ride, the polar opposite of what's proposed.
- Limit the places where OHV can be used. Greater fines for the destruction of property and for operating an OHV where they are not allowed.
- Making anything harder to do is ridiculous make it easier to enjoy the outdoors is the key age restrictions of any kind is not needed

- Many kids in the community depend on OHV to go to a neighborhood friends house. In general most people are accustomed to the use of OHV's and he even cut access paths through their properties for the kids to ride and access neighboring subdivisions. The speed and other related offenses are not in the younger age groups but within young adults with full licenses.
- More access or trail system to use
- More enforcement in the subdivisions. All summer the quads are ripping up the ditches and green spaces
- no driving in the ditches
- None at this time.
- OHV should not be allowed on any park/County Reserve Lands where the lands on which they drive are of an environmental delicate nature, such as small trails, cliff tops and near waterways, such as Lakes and Rivers.
- Put in restrictions in spring when the ground is thawing; so they can't be used until it dries up. I live on a Secondary highway and cut the grass to prevent wildfires from cigarettes butts, etc.; at this time of year the OHV are tearing up the grass and creating ruts, which makes maintaining the ditch difficult. In addition if it's extremely dry (extreme fire risk) ban the OHVs from ditches.
- stop wasting time in changing the wording of existing bylaws total waste of taxpayers money.
- The change from Environmental Reserve to Conservation reserve is only mentioned in this OHV survey. Last week March 22, 23 there was a virtual meeting on the Trail Plan Strategies and there was NO mention of changes of Environmental Reserve to Conservation reserve.
- The definition of County land includes all ditches and roadways, so the new bylaw effectively outlaws the use of recreational vehicles on any country property, meaning all use within the County must be on private property. Is snowmobiling in the country now outlawed?
- There are small engines 50cc on off road vehicles designed for younger kids they should be able to ride under adult supervision especially on private property.
- Today, people in multi-parcel subdivisions (which I am assuming means acreage subdivisions - though I believe I also have seen the term "residential subdivisions") do not seem to be aware of what they can and cannot do with their OHV - education is needed for residence and this could be delivered with property tax notification.
- Will changing the wording from "park" to "County land" also include restrictions on previous County land? I understand there is no OHV use in parks but "hells half acres" for example is a popular riding area. And if I am not mistaken then that is County land. Will this "definition change" affect the few areas in the County that can currently be used for recreational OHV use?
- with a learner would help kids get to neighbours for a summer/winter job.
- Within residential subdivisions, to not allow the use of these OHV when operators just race about the subdivision. This noise and safety for residents (whether on foot, or horseback) is extremely concerning.

Other Comments about the Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

Survey Question: *Is there anything else you would like to say as part of this Off-Highway Vehicles Bylaw review in Parkland County?*

- ATV's and snowmobiles are manufactured for kids under the age of 14. The bylaw prevents them from responsibly operating any such vehicles. Bylaw should be that anyone under 14 needs to be accompanied by an adult.
- Change the age
- children / adults should not be driving in crescents of acreages, we see it all the time they don't obey traffic laws. the parents should be held accountable
- If we are trying to work with surrounding counties on the trail systems meeting. The OHV bylaws need to match. All the other counties are in accordance with the provincial bylaw. 14 years of age. I think adding the class 7 license is already exceeding the provincial standard which will help with safety. If we trust them to drive a motor vehicle. How can we not trust them to ride an OHV?
- Let people live
- Make the Bylaws clear and to the point, not open to interpretation
- mandate parental supervision. the Alberta law covers what you are trying to do.
- More enforcement is needed!
- No
- No. Thank you for the survey.
- None at this time
- Safe ohv use can teach the youngsters a lot about the safe use of all vehicles. In my opinion the riding age should be lowered to 14 (with a learners license) AND be accomplished by a licensed (and sober) adult. Just letting the youth go out when they turn 16 and go riding Will not teach them as they won't have to have supervision
- See last comment-better enforcement.
- The age group with most fatalities in vehicle accidents in Alberta is 18-20 according to a publication by OHS, 18% are due to impairment. Do not penalize the youth for young adult offenses.
- The bylaw as it reads today, indicates that operation of an OHV in a Multi-Parcel Subdivision must only use the roadway in order to go to and from their residence. This would seem to say that it is against the bylaw to continually take the OHV up/down the roadway, or on to any type of reserve land. This is obviously not clear to most residence. clear statements to that effect should be delivered to all residents as education.
- There is a municipal reserve that goes from Cottonwood Rd. and Birch Road in Ascot Beach. Back Lot owners have received permits from County and AER to place piers and Boat lifts in this Municipal reserve area. March 29 Virtual meeting the question on the use of OHV's in this area was asked and confirmed by Mr. Dave Cross that the use of OHV's will still be permitted as it is today, no change is going to effect that area or use. There are elderly residence and as well as some residence with mobility issues that require the use of OHV's
- Wetlands should be off limits to OHV. Signage should be installed and visible.

Parks Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 13

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

- Ban drones.... Total breach of privacy
- Do I understand this correctly. If I am at a park with my leashed dog, I can't sit at a picnic area?
- Give the bylaw strict and clear rules to enforcement. This has been ignored for too long. Clean up the unsightly properties a lot be fined
- Good to see updates to being done to the bylaws
- I routinely use Chickakoo trails. A lot of users of these trails routinely disregard the requirement to keep dogs leashed. On one occasion three aggressive unleashed dogs attacked my one leashed dog. When the owner wandered by, she commented I should not be concerned because my dog was not badly hurt. My dog was not seriously hurt but was traumatized by the incident. Can the bylaws include occasional patrols and penalties for owners of unleashed dogs. I am afraid we will start to see incidents between dogs and small children. I would like to see a bylaw restricting creation of ad-hoc trails by users including signage. Again at Chickakoo there are several very good County created trails with lots of room for everyone by over the last 10 years I have seen and explosion of users creating ad-hoc trails, tromping down a lot of undisturbed fauna. Please clamp down on unleashed dogs
- I want to see bylaw have more power to fine people who keep their property unsightly. Old boats, rvs, junk, cars, garbage. Trailers and RVs are not homes and should not be allowed in a hamlet. A hamlet is like a town. I can't park an rv in a city on an empty lot, so why is allowed in a hamlet or town
- Municipal Reserve land located in Ascot Beach between Cottonwood Rd and Birch Road is used and permits obtained by County and AER to place docks and Boat lifts by back lot owners. Access to this area in the Virtual Meeting March 29 is not going to be effected and the use of OHVs will be permitted in this area of Municipal Reserve
- No open liquor while in Park. - It has now become common in most major cities to allow open liquor in parks. Maybe the County should consider this
- Some of the County Reserve lands that are small paths and in forested areas and near waterways need to be kept in their pristine condition. Make it easy for a resident to request that a natural area be kept free from OHVs and other motorized vehicles that would potentially run down existing natural vegetation, trees and shrubs. and to erect easy for a resident to request that a natural area be kept free from OHVs and other motorized vehicles that would potentially run down existing natural vegetation, trees and shrubs. and

to erect signage in these delicate areas to keep these pathways free from these vehicles/motorbikes/etc. So many places in this County need to be Environmental Reserves, to allow nature to do its own bidding, and for the preservation of wild animals

- The area of Municipal Reserve has a current trail located in Ascot Beach that is from Cottonwood Rd to Birch Rd and is used to access the water and docks and boat lifts. There are elderly and as well residence with mobility issues that need the use of OHVs to access the usage of the beach and docks within this municipal reserve
- The corresponding process to apply for permits to do listed activities should be publicized and be transparent on the number of applications/approvals
- There should be more parks created and the County should publish a process that allows neighborhoods to build out park space on MR land to help build local community resilience that would help alleviate inter-neighbor disputes and combat rural crime. Parks don't necessarily mean play structures but can be as simple as green space and picnic tables
- This Bylaw review is much needed in Parkland County, as some people who move here think that this is a free for all place to live - do what I want, when I want, how I want. No, there is a reason that we have rules. So, if Bylaws are in place, clear and concise, not open to interpretation, hopefully this County will be a great place to continue to reside. Please don't try to make the County a big Tourist Attraction either - there are places for that - lakes, campgrounds, picnic areas, the Devonian pathways, wildlife sanctuaries already in place, we don't need to be developing more spaces if the present need is not there
- Under: 1.) Reserved Areas should the wording be change to: The County may issue a permit granting a person (party/parties?) exclusive use (a non-for-profit or business may want to reserve the area and want it in the party name). 2.) Animals - "Unless otherwise permitted by this Bylaw no person shall allow any animal under their control, or for which they are responsible, to be on Park land." YET Dogs in parks are allowed if they are leashed and 10 m away from any developed playground or picnic site. What about service dogs, and companion dogs for individuals such as members of the military or emergency services afflicted by PTSD. 3.) Rivers and Waterways - "No Person shall swim, wade or bathe in any lake, pond, or other similar body of water unless the area is designated by the County for this activity." Given that under the Public Lands Act, the provincial government is the presumptive owner of all of the beds and shores or natural occurring water bodies in the Province of Alberta, and under Canadian law navigable waterways like lakes and rivers may be freely traversed by anyone, does the County have jurisdiction to impose such restrictions?
- Were statistics related to parks complaints and enforcement used to guide/inform the proposed changes? Was municipal benchmarking and best practice research undertaken?

Traffic Control and Regulation Bylaw

Responses

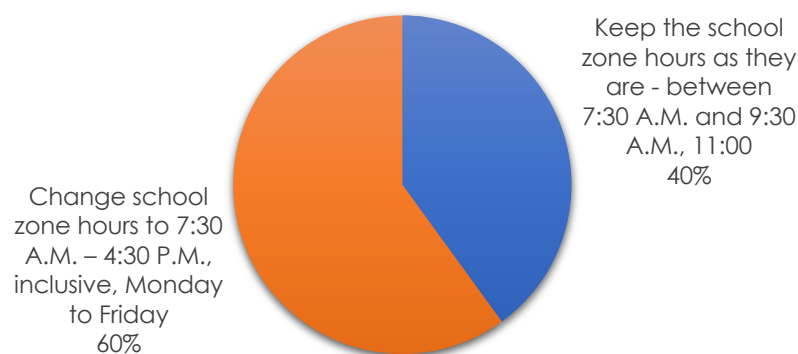
Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 6

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Specific Question: School Zone Hours

Survey Question: *Of specific interest to Parkland County Council is the potential to change the school zone times for Graminia, Blueberry, and Tomahawk schools to create consistency of school zone hours amongst schools on County-owned roads located within the County. There are three school zone time options currently in consideration, including keeping the school zone times the way they are right now.*



Other Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

Survey Question: *Other than the changes noted above, is there anything else that you think County Council should consider in its review of the Parkland County Traffic Bylaw?*

- I was at one of the Townhalls and it was mentioned that the 'decibel readers' were going to be done away with. That concerns me as I find that traffic has gotten much louder. Without a 'decibel reader' how would a vehicle (be it car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) be determined to outside the acceptable noise limit?
- The area in front of Muir Lake School Sec Hwy 779 starting at Twp Road 534 should be designated as a School Zone.
- This about the bylaw and I know that the officers have a heavy workload but more enforcement on HWY 770 for speeding would be appreciated. Thanks!

Other Comments about the Traffic Control Bylaw

Survey Question: *Is there anything else you would like to say as part of this Traffic Bylaw review in Parkland County?*

- I put it on the previous page.
- More patrol

- The County should coordinate with the province to make the area in front of Muir Lake School Sec Hwy 779 starting at Twp Road 534 should be designated as a School Zone.
- This survey, like the rest available, is bullshit. I would like to see the bylaw changes replacing Schedule A, yet they are not listed. Typical government. "Do you want to do it my way this way, or my way that way?" BS

Unauthorized Use of County Lands Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 26

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 95%

Consideration for a New Bylaw

- Allow permitted fire and camping on country property Allow off road vehicles within small communities (lake properties, etc.)
- Along with current permits issued for Haying on MR land, there should be a published process to mow borders and clear deadfall on MR land where the annual buildup creates an extreme fire risk threatening nearby properties
- Bylaws are there for a reason they should therefore be enforced!!!!
- Can you be clearer on the planting, disturbing, or removing vegetation? Would a personal garden fall under this? If so it's absurd. Same with bird houses, drones and signs on private land
- Environmental Reserve, Conservation Reserve and Municipal Reserve will still remain as designated areas within the County. There are portions of Municipal reserve that permit the usage of OHV's and should remain so. There was a Trail Plan Strategy meeting March 22, 23 and no mention of these changes noted at that meeting
- I am assuming that this would encompass all reserve land withing Acreage subdivision - and if not, it should. Regardless, it should be clearly stated that these lands are included
- I don't agree with most of it
- I'm glad that the bylaw is being created but surprised that nothing was previously in place
- In Ascot Beach between Cottonwood Rd and Birch Rd there is a municipal reserve area that Back Lot owners obtain permits from the County and AER to place docks and Boat lifts. There is as well Elderly residence and residence with mobility issues that use OHV's to access the area to enjoy the water and boating. At the March 29 meeting the question on the use of OHVs in this area was asked of Mr. Dave Cross and was confirmed that no changes to this proposed bylaw would change that current use in that area of Ascot Beach
- In the proposed information, relative to things people cannot do, camping is mentioned, but lighting a fire (which does not necessarily mean camping) is not specifically mentioned. It should be. It also mentions developing trails, I am assuming this development can only be done by the County and not residents - this should be clearer. this should also highlight the types of trails and/or who has responsibilities for designation of the trail usage

- It's important to protect our municipal reserves to the fullest extent of sustaining natural states. No OHV's or (now the latest abuser-side by sides) should be prohibited on them as they ruin the vegetation, plant life, and quietness. There is no regard or respect as they freely drive anywhere making new paths or roads. I agree with this change
- Parkland County should allow residents and subdivisions to develop green spaces in MR land in a more transparent manner. A lot of focus is but on hamlet revitalization but many of our subdivisions are grouped together and have a lot of population that would benefit by the creation of park space to interact
- Please make sure it is specified what County land this pertains to since "County land" seems like a very broad definition of inclusion
- Provincial right of ways is for access. Even if they are under the direction and management of the County, they are not County lands as they are owned by the province and their use for lawful access to property should not be impeded
- Use of County Land - does this include foraging (edible plants and trees) in the "Harvesting" definition. If foraging is included in the prohibited list, I think it may reflect poorly on Indigenous groups who may want to use land responsibly for teaching/survival/cultural significance. Also, day use areas with saskatoon or raspberries would likely be used by anyone. If foraging is included, consideration should be made to outline respectful and responsible foraging - keeping within the damage to vegetation clause
- Where's the entire description of unauthorized use of County land bylaw?
- Yes, that anyone has the right to use a provincial right of way to access their property whether or not they have a permit to do so from the County as per section 618(1)A of the Municipal Government Act
- you actually have items that are land owners included in the County bi law why?? I understand the County ones, but did you know walking on ground, grass disturbs the earth?? not what you meant?? Be clear and specific in these laws we don't need half of them changed

Feedback on the Creation of a Cat Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 25

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Considerations for any Considered Bylaw

Survey Question: *What do you think that County Council should consider in any review of the Parkland County Cat Bylaw?*

- Absolutely. Cats do damage, especially un-neutered males. With a bylaw, when caught, we need a place to drop them off and a process to handle them.
- Allow all residents of Parkland County to bring cats to the shelter. I had 3 cats dropped off in a short period of time, all were terrified! One was hit on the road, another assumably the coyotes got, the 3rd (an intact male who was spraying and fighting with another male (neutered) stray who had adopted the farm) eventually found a new home but our summer was miserable. Create a catch and release spay/neuter program for strays; for those who are struggling, lower the costs.
- Allow nuisance cats to be trapped Mandatory licensing for cats
- As there is already a bylaw outlining the number of dogs residents may have the same should be true for cats. If individuals own more than their share they should be issued a fine.
- Cats when they are obtained or captured by bylaw officers must be spayed or neutered. Adopted cats should be spayed and neutered as well
- Changes to the current Cat Bylaw are not needed. Provincial Jurisdiction trumps Municipal and the major concerns are already addressed at the Provincial level.
- Expand it to the whole County. I'm tired of my neighbours' cats wandering around my property and killing the birds we feed.
- I understand that the County does not accept stray cats at its facility. I do not own cats, but wonder how others feel about this. I can see how difficult it would be to accept cats at the facility as is.
- If it's not being reviewed drop it!
- If people (anyone within the County) are kind enough to catch a stray cat wandering on their property, they should be able to take it to Animal control.
- Indicate clearly how many cats allowed per property owner. How to ensure a cat doesn't wonder one to another's property to do their business.
- My understanding is the current cat bylaw applies to only Parkland County. I think there should by a bylaw to prevent cats running at large throughout Parkland County (feral or domestic). There should be a pound that accepts cats.
- No changes
- Nothing. We don't need a cat bylaw for the County
- should increase capacity to intake cats at existing County animal control

- stop making people pay when they take strays to pound. its causing the town people to drop strays at acreages. acreage owner should not have to licence their cats. they keep mice population down as well as keep birds away from chicken flock.. decreasing risk of avian flue. their presence is enough they don't need to catch an bird
- That owners retrieving their animals from the By-law office should have to pay a fine of some sort, and not just have their animal returned free of charge.
- The cost of keeping the cats at the pound. I assume they will be surrendered to another shelter if they are not claimed. I think this program and the associated cost could get out of hand if it were to include the entire County. The administration costs of this could be quite large.
- Think that this bylaw may be a problem to enforce and eventually have the shelter filled with "stray cats". The issue found here is that many farmers do not spay or neuter cats and they reproduce endlessly. Need a way to address those people. There are cats in the area that go around and cats in agriculture production may be useful. However, there is no way you can restrain cats in such a place. There are farms near acreages and cats will go wonder over. Think the biggest issue is people having cats in subdivisions and those cats go to neighbours and bother them. Think that there need to have better way to deal with this situation then have it as a bylaw. Could it be more simply that cats that continually bother people be picked up and brought to the shelter and when it is not a neighbour trying to just be a pain because they don't want farmers or don't like their neighbours, then maybe fines applied. we had a stray cat come around and bother my dog. Found out it belonged to neighbour but it comes and goes. They had opened their home to it but it also like its freedom. Think there need to have flexibility. There is too much variability within the County to have a bylaw that makes sense across the board. Thus, what works in Parkland Village will not work for the entire County as a whole.
- This is an acreage owner problem, not a rural problem. It will cost too much to administer and rural people can look after cats on their own. No more regulations
- To make cat owners responsible for their pets. Cats should not be allowed to roam free. There should be a way to try and control the feral cat population!
- We need a safe, local place to take lost cats where their owners know to look for them or if they are strays or drop offs they can be re-homed.
- Why will it be enforced, what is the cost of enforcement including sheltering and ultimately disposing WHEN they aren't claimed or adopted. Think Council needs to consider been focused on responsible government just as residents are asked to focus on responsible pet ownership.

Other Comments about Cats in Parkland County

Survey Question: Is there anything else you would like to say as part of this survey regarding cats in Parkland County?

- As a person who does not own any animals, I find it very frustrating that my neighbours can let their pets roam the streets and crap in my yard. I am constantly cleaning up excrement from animals that I do not own and apparently there is nothing anyone can do about it.

- As a suggestion, the County could consider a subsidization program to help with spay/neuter costs rather than increasing the costs for the pound. I also recognize that the administrative costs for this idea could be quite high.
- Cats should be controlled as much as dogs are!
- Does it also indicate that cats should have a collar to locate the owner.
- Feral cats and domestic cats at large are becoming more than a nuisance, they kill already stressed songbird populations and out-compete natural rodent predators
- Focus on real issues.
- N/a
- No (2)
- Over the many years of living in the County, we've seen / done it all. Having found "tame/ friendly" cats ~ I've taken them into the animal control centre & checked for microchips/ tattoos {which were successful luckily} ~ though I didn't enjoy the 40KM round trip drive. We've dealt with irresponsible owners, letting their intact male cats roam. The last one had the cat collar/tagged, but were angry at us for crating their cat until they were home from work. {prior to this, the cat had sprayed on our BBQ beside the house & also on some hay bales ~ which of course, the horses wouldn't touch after that. It would have been easier to just take the cat to the County & not get involved with a "new to a subdivision" owner who thinks all cats & dogs should "run free" in the County.
- Parkland County needs to deregulate Cat Bylaw. It is not needed as concerns are covered by Provincial Animal Health regulations. The County must stop interfering in residents lives n such a minuscular level as they are. The County is NOT limiting itself to its proper scope.
- Please don't use my tax dollars to deal with cats. This is a rural municipality and residents can look after their own cat issues
- Something has to be done with irresponsible pet owners that allow their cats to continue to breed, take no ownership of the results, then allow them to roam free in the subdivisions. We have numerous individuals within our own subdivision with one individual not even caring about the well being of their cats. This just entices the coyotes to come around to cull the problem.
- stop trying to get money for every little thing. cats are cats if my neighbours cat visits no problem.. his dog however would be. the loan Parkland took out should not be collected back in ridiculous bylaws
- Think there need to have flexibility. There is too much variability within the County to have a bylaw that makes sense across the board. Thus, what works in Parkland Village will not work for the entire County as a whole.