

Responding to public concerns brought forward to Council as part of Public Input on October 10, 2023.

Concerns:

No distinction between land types

Answer: addressed under report.

The definition of County Land in the Bylaw is broken down further to include the lands environmental sensitivity, use, purpose, and designation.

County ditches are we not allowed to cut. They are county land.

Answer: Under this Bylaw, county ditches are not included unless the road has been closed through a road Closure Bylaw. Engineering Services is the authority of open developed county roads.

Un-necessary information in the bylaw such as the reference to defecating on county land.

Answer: This, unfortunately has been an issue. It also appeared across multiple other similar bylaws at other Alberta Municipalities.

Make the bylaw more user friendly.

Answer: Most of the items listed in the bylaw were scattered through multiple other bylaws and legislation, this bylaw puts everything in one place. It is much more understandable as presented, being in one place.

Prohibited use as it relates to breaking, bending or destroying grasses/vegetation. Does this mean we can not walk on county land?

Answer: addressed under the report. Only items deemed as destructive based on the class of land and level of impact. General use by walking or running on county land are not prohibited unless the land is under an exclusive agreement.

Discretion of the Peace Officer should not be allowed.

Answer: The Peace Officer always has discretion, not just in this bylaw but the Peace Officers professional authority.

Clarification on wording, what we can and can not do.

Answer: This bylaw has been reviewed internally, externally by legal and aligns with the purpose as well as the direction of similar bylaws with other municipalities.

Consideration to the public input given at the Public Engagement Sessions:

Answer: This bylaw was not completed at the time of the Public Engagement sessions and was only published for the first time as part of the October 10th agenda for first reading.

We did take all comments from the public into consideration as we completed the Bylaw, as noted through our responses to the What We Heard Report.