

Topic: Community Standards Bylaw Update

**Introduction:**

In an effort to ensure efficacy, Bylaws are reviewed periodically with the intent to understand challenges with interpretation, consider violation histories and identify prosecution trends.. Such review has recently been conducted on the Community Standards Bylaw, as part of a comprehensive Bylaw review process undertaken by Parkland County Administration.

**Background Information:**

Administration has been working on the revision and drafting of new bylaws as part of the Major bylaw review project. The Community Standards Bylaw was identified as one of the Bylaws that required review and revision. The use of Community Standards in Parkland County's residential and agricultural areas has undergone significant adjustments based on inefficiencies noted in the original Bylaw.

**Analysis:**

The Parkland County Community Standards Bylaw has not been reviewed since 2015. Revisions to the Bylaw now being brought forward for consideration are based on extensive review of challenges with interpretation, complaints history and prosecution trends. The incorporated revisions were further informed through a municipal scan, public consultation, and internal departmental review. The improved Bylaw has also been subjected to legal review, with the revised Community Standards Bylaw now being presented to Parkland County Council and Administration for final review and approval.

**Alternatives:**

1. Council may choose to maintain all terms of the current Community Standards Bylaw (Bylaw 03-2012)
2. Council may elect to make revisions to the revised Community Standards Bylaw as being presented

**Conclusion/Summary:**

The revisions to the Community Standards Bylaw being presented for consideration have been carefully reviewed and crafted to ensure consistency in interpretation, and are intended to contribute to a positive quality of life for our residents.

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