

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

November 10, 2020

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Bylaw 2020-37 Public Behaviour Bylaw

Recommendation from Administration

Resolution #1 – That Council move First Reading of Bylaw 2020 – 37, Public Behaviour Bylaw, being a Bylaw to regulate problematic social behaviours that may have a negative impact on the enjoyment of public spaces within Wheatland County.

Resolution #2 – That Council move Second Reading of Bylaw 2020 – 37, Public Behaviour Bylaw

Resolution #3 – That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed to Third Reading of Bylaw 2020 – 37, Public Behaviour Bylaw

Resolution #4 – That Council move Third and Final Reading of Bylaw 2020 – 37, Public Behaviour Bylaw

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division County-wide

A bylaw mechanism that provides oversight of social behaviour results in safe public spaces. Bylaw 2012 – 80 was reviewed because there were provisions that were deemed to be unenforceable and out of date. These provisions no longer contribute to safe public spaces.

The proposed amendments remove the unenforceable sections and modernizes the wording of some definitions and sections therein. The proposed amendments also provide sections dealing with smoking and vaping of Tobacco and Cannabis in public places, and prescribed distances of certain areas around public buildings.

In preparing the revised bylaw, staff reviewed bylaws from jurisdictions that encounter similar public behaviour concerns and have incorporated some of them into the recommended amendments. After this proposed bylaw was drafted and discussed at a Planning and Priorities Committee meeting, it was circulated to all the RCMP detachments that provide service to Wheatland County for their comments, and none were received back.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Municipal Government Act (RSA 2000)

Bylaw 2012-80 Wheatland County Public Behaviour Bylaw

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Wheatland County is committed to serving the needs of our diverse rural community.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

This bylaw will assist enforcement agencies dealing with social issues within Wheatland County, giving defined sections and definitions, and penalties that are consistent with similar bylaws in other municipalities.

Organizational

Operations staff will have to work with community organizations and building managers to place proper signage prohibiting smoking and vaping of tobacco and cannabis within defined areas of public buildings

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

This bylaw will allow Enforcement officers to enhance public safety by having clear sections defining public nuisance behaviours that affect ratepayers.

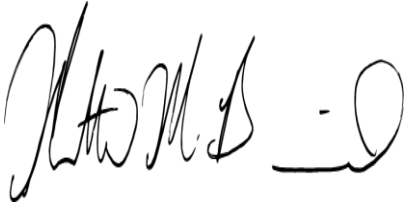
Follow-up Action / Communications

This bylaw will be given to all of the RCMP detachments which provide service to Wheatland County. A press release with the updates to the new bylaw and how it affects ratepayers will be released.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Public Behaviour Bylaw 2020-37.docx
Attachments:	- Bylaw 2020-37 Public Behaviour Bylaw.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson