



Council amends Community Standards Bylaw

Changes to bylaw include updates to “nuisance” and “loiter”

Thursday, June 5, 2025 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — The [Community Standards Bylaw](#) received a few tweaks during the most recent regular Council meeting.

Changes to the bylaw include an [update to the definition for “nuisance” and “loiter.”](#) These changes came as a result of a request from Council to apply broader definitions due to concerns with unsightly yards and increased loitering.

Council gave first reading to the updated bylaw during its [Monday, May 12, regular meeting](#), and passed second and third reading the [Monday, May 26, meeting](#).

“The changes to our *Community Standards Bylaw* will help our Enforcement officers in keeping our city looking good and helping neighbourhoods take pride in their properties,” said Mayor Tyler Gandam. “The previous definitions were very specific and set a bar that was too high to enforce. By simplifying the bylaw, officers will be able to use their discretion and get nuisance properties and loitering issues dealt with quickly and effectively.”

Previously, a nuisance property was identified as having “grass or weeds higher than 20 centimeters.” The updated bylaw has loosened that requirement and simplified to “showing signs of lack of general maintenance and upkeep by the excessive accumulation of grass or weeds relative to other properties” in the neighbourhood.

The updated bylaw also simplifies offence Section 11.1 under loitering from “a person shall not loiter in a public place so as to obstruct or harass another” to “a person shall not loiter in a public space.”

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