



## REVISED AGENDA

### SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

May 12, 2021, 9:30 AM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Members

Councillor G-C. Carra, Chair  
Councillor E. Woolley, Vice-Chair  
Councillor G. Chahal  
Councillor S. Chu  
Councillor J. Farkas  
Councillor S. Keating  
Councillor J. Magliocca  
Mayor N. Nenshi, Ex-Officio

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*Members may be participating remotely.*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING REMARKS
3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA
4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
  - 4.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services, 2021 April 14
5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS

None

5.2. BRIEFINGS

None

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

*(including related/supplemental reports)*

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

NEW MATERIAL

7.1. Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program, CPS2021-0748

NEW MATERIAL

7.2. *Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740*

Attachment 8 held confidential pursuant to Section 17 (Disclosure to personal privacy) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Review By: Do not Release**

7.3. Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Adjudication of Nuisance and Vicious Animal Appeals, CPS2021-0739

7.4. Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee Terms of Reference Amendments, CPS2021-0673

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

8.1. REFERRED REPORTS

None

8.2. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

None

10.2. URGENT BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT





## MINUTES

### SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**April 14, 2021, 9:30 AM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**PRESENT:** Councillor G-C. Carra, Chair  
Councillor E. Woolley, Vice-Chair (Remote Participation)  
Councillor G. Chahal (Remote Participation)  
Councillor S. Chu (Remote Participation)  
Councillor J. Farkas (Remote Participation)  
Councillor S. Keating (Remote Participation)  
Councillor J. Magliocca (Remote Participation)  
Mayor N. Nenshi, Ex-Officio (Remote Participation)

**ALSO PRESENT:** A/General Manager K. Black (Remote Participation)  
Legislative Advisor L. Gibb  
Legislative Advisor D. Williams

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Carra called the Meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**2. OPENING REMARKS**

Councillor Carra provided opening remarks and a traditional land acknowledgment.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councillor Carra, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Keating, Councillor Magliocca, Councillor Woolley, and Mayor Nenshi

Mayor Nenshi introduced a group of Grade 5 students from the Calgary French & International School, in Ward 6, along with their teacher.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Councillor Woolley

That the Agenda for the 2021 April 14 Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services be confirmed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 4.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services, 2021 March 10

**Moved by** Councillor Woolley

That the Minutes of the 2021 March 10 Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services be confirmed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 DEFERRALS AND PROCEDURAL REQUESTS

None

5.2 BRIEFINGS

None

6. POSTPONED REPORTS

None

7. ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

7.1 Community-Based Public Safety Task Force: Creating Safe and Connected Communities, CPS2021-0540

A presentation entitled "Community-Based Public Safety Task Force Creating Safe and Connected Communities CPS2021-0540 " was distributed with respect to Report CPS2021-0540.

Mayor Nenshi left the remote meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The following speakers addressed Committee with respect to Report CPS2021-0540:

1. Ramandeep Jaswal
2. Ambreena Ladhani

**Moved by** Councillor Chahal

That with respect to Report CPS2021-0540, the following be approved:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council:

1. Endorse the proposed actions of the Community-Based Public Safety Task Force, and
2. Conclude the work of the Community-Based Public Safety Task Force and thank the members for their contribution.

For: (7): Councillor Carra, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Keating, and Councillor Magliocca

**MOTION DEFEATED**

7.2 2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report, CPS2021-0570

A presentation entitled "2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report CPS2021-0570" was distributed with respect to Report CPS2021-0570.

**Moved by** Councillor Woolley

That with respect to Report CPS2021-0570, the following be approved:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council:

1. Receive the Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report for the Corporate Record, and
2. Give three readings to the proposed amendments to the Combative Sports Commission Bylaw 53M2006.

For: (7): Councillor Carra, Councillor Woolley, Councillor Chahal, Councillor Chu, Councillor Farkas, Councillor Keating, and Councillor Magliocca

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. ITEMS DIRECTLY TO COMMITTEE

8.1 REFERRED REPORTS

None

8.2 NOTICE(S) OF MOTION

None

9. URGENT BUSINESS

None

10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

10.1 ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

None

10.2 URGENT BUSINESS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by** Councillor Woolley

That this meeting adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The following items have been forwarded on to the 2021 May 10 Combined Meeting of Council:

CONSENT

- Community-Based Public Safety Task Force: Creating Safe and Connected Communities, CPS2021-0540

ITEMS FROM OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEES

- 2020 Calgary Combative Sports Commission Annual Report, CPS2021-0570

The next Regular Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services is scheduled to be held on 2021 May 12 at 9:30 a.m..

CONFIRMED BY COMMITTEE ON

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CHAIR

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ACTING CITY CLERK

## **Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council direct Administration to:

1. Address the need in the city centre for specialized leisure aquatic amenities by investing in the modernization and upgrade of Repsol Sport Centre (Repsol Centre). Approve the capital budget of \$45 Million for Repsol Centre funded from the current and future balance of the Community Investment Reserve (2022 – 2026).
2. a) Approve one-time funding of \$400,000 in 2022 from Budget Savings Account for the Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre (Beltline facility) to allow community use while work to re-purpose the facility is underway.  
b) Report back through the Priorities and Finance Committee in Q2, 2022 with the results of a feasibility study (including capital and operating needs) for converting the facility to deliver integrated social recreational programming.
3. a) Approve one-time funding of \$400,000 in 2022 from Budget Savings Account for the Inglewood Aquatic Centre (Inglewood facility) to allow the community to demonstrate use in alignment with CPS2020-0236 targets (tax support per visit), keeping the facility open in the short term if targets are met, and closing the facility if targets are not met.  
b) Close the facility when Repsol specialized leisure aquatic amenities are ready for use.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Recommendations are based on Council-directed research and engagement activities to understand and respond to the social and recreational needs of community members in the Beltline and Inglewood facility catchment area (the service catchment). Please see Attachment 2 for a summary of activities delivered in response to Council's direction.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Recommendations address current and future social and recreational needs of community members in the service catchment.
- **Why does it matter?** Recommendations enable equitable recreation service provision, address an amenity need in the city centre and respond to social and recreational service needs and preferences expressed through community engagement.
- In addition to the specific recommendations, Administration proposes to address community members' long-term social and recreational needs of through a variety of outdoor community-focused programming and amenities. Please see Attachment 3 for a summary of these programs and amenities.
- Both facilities will re-open in 2021 in alignment with Calgary Recreation's phased re-opening plan and current public health orders, but neither facility meets the long-term aquatic needs of the service catchment.
- On-going operation of the Beltline and Inglewood facilities is not required to provide fundamental aquatic recreation amenities (e.g. lane swimming) in the service catchment as these amenities are currently provided by other City- or partner-operated facilities. The need for specialized leisure aquatic amenities (e.g. water slide, wave pool, lazy river) can be met through investment in Repsol Centre. Please see Attachment 4 for details on the recommended aquatic amenity for the city centre.
- The Beltline facility will re-open with a focus on community programming and without the pool amenity. Administration is procuring a consultant to conduct a feasibility study to

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assess converting the facility to deliver integrated social recreational programming. Please see Attachment 5 for short- and long-term program plans at the Beltline facility.

- The Inglewood facility will re-open with increased prime-time (evening and weekend) swim hours for community members. The site is proposed as part of a larger re-development proposal currently under discussion with Community Planning and will form part of a larger conversation on opportunities to support community social and recreational uses in the service catchment. Please see Attachment 6 for details on Inglewood facility operating targets and short-term program plans.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A healthy and green city.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

## **DISCUSSION**

Administration advanced the Council-directed program of work through:

- community engagement;
- the Pools Study (part of the Facility Development and Enhancement Study) to analyze service delivery, programming and infrastructure at City- and partner-operated pools;
- a Request for Information (RFI) to assess third-party operator interest in the facilities;
- a review of facility usage, financial performance and building condition assessments.

Recommendations reflect the following key considerations:

- expressed community needs, values, and preferences;
- availability of aquatic service in the city centre;
- low third-party interest in operating the facilities.

### *Expressed community needs, values and preferences*

Through engagement, community members expressed that they value equitable, accessible, flexible, varied and safe social and recreational opportunities, amenities and programs. Administration is responding through the recommendations and by pursuing a variety of outdoor, community-focused programs and amenities.

### *Availability of aquatic service in the city centre*

The Pools Study confirms existing City- or partner-operated facilities in the service catchment can accommodate needs for city centre fundamental aquatic recreation amenities, despite the confirmed closure of the Gray Family Eau Claire YMCA and proposed long-term closure of the Beltline and Inglewood facilities. The Pools Study identifies a remaining need for city centre specialized leisure aquatic amenities. Re-development of Beltline and Inglewood facilities to accommodate these amenities is limited by asset age, building footprint and site size. These facilities require upwards of \$5M in immediate investment for lifecycle and accessibility issues. Investment in Repsol Centre, a City-owned asset, meets community and Calgarians' needs for these amenities, prevents future costs for the Beltline and Inglewood facilities, and extends this asset's useful service life. The investment is a cost-effective way to ensure availability of a broad spectrum of aquatic service in the city centre.

### *Low third-party interest in operating the facilities*

An RFI was issued on The City's open procurement system and publicized via City communication channels but generated low interest from third-party providers. The level of

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response suggests the facilities have low appeal and that operators are generally unwilling to take on risks related to lifecycle, capital costs, and associated operating considerations.

### **Next Steps**

The Beltline facility will re-open when public health restrictions permit with a focus on community programming. The pool amenity will not re-open due to high operating costs and low usage. Administration is procuring a consultant to investigate the feasibility of converting the facility to provide social programming that leverages recreational activities.

The Inglewood facility will re-open when public health restrictions permit with additional prime time hours allocated for community use until specialized leisure aquatic amenities are available at Repsol Centre. The Inglewood site forms part of the proposed Inglewood Brewery-Rail re-development lands and Administration will continue to pursue an agreement with the owner of the adjacent lands to ensure future land re-development amplifies public benefit.

Administration is also enhancing outdoor, community-focused programming and amenities. In the Beltline, Administration is working with the community to develop a Parks Strategy as a tool to support the Area Redevelopment Plan. In Inglewood, Administration is developing a bicycle pump track and addressing the carrying capacity of Inglewood open spaces by updating the Bend in the Bow project and preparing a capital request for 2023 – 2026 budget discussions.

Administration will report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development in November 2022 with an updated Recreation Facility Development and Enhancement Study per Council's direction in the Motion arising from PFC20219-1330.

## **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)**

- ☒ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☐ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☒ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☒ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

See Attachment 7 for details on engagement tactics, demographics, and community needs.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Social**

Delivering integrated social and recreational programming responds to expressed community values of equity, accessibility and social connectedness.

### **Environmental**

Outdoor community-focused programming will increase environmental awareness and advocacy.

### **Economic**

The recommendations will lead to lower tax support per visit and are the most economical way to achieve an equitable level of aquatic service provision.

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### **Service and Financial Implications**

*Other: New capital funding request and Existing operating funding – one time:*

Administration will invest \$45 Million in capital funding from the current and future uncommitted balance of the Community Investment Reserve in specialized leisure aquatic amenities to modernize and upgrade Repsol Centre. This work will include a comprehensive urban mixed-use master planning study to guide the planning and redevelopment of the available public lands at the Repsol Centre site for maximum benefit to Calgarians.

Administration requests Council approve one-time funding of \$800,000 from Budget Savings Account.

### **RISK**

**Repsol Centre:** The need for specialized leisure aquatic leisure amenities in the city centre remains if investment in Repsol Centre is not approved. Additional funding required for the Legacy expansion may lead to longer timelines for delivery of amenities. Administration will maintain close contact with Repsol Centre management regarding funding progress.

**Beltline facility:** The Beltline facility may not be viable to provide integrated social and recreational programming. Administration is procuring a consultant to evaluate feasibility.

**Community members:** Community members will not have an opportunity to demonstrate usage in the facilities if one-time operating funds are not re-committed and may feel their involvement in defining social and recreational needs will have been in vain if no actions are taken to meet those needs. The current facilities are popular with some community members and user groups and recommendations may be perceived as a loss of service. Administration will continue communications with community members and user groups about alternatives.

**Community Investment Reserve:** The Community Services capital infrastructure investment strategy identifies a growing infrastructure gap. Community Investment Reserve is one of the funding sources used to address this growing gap. Administration will need to continue to be deliberate with investments to ensure value and appropriate use of this reserve.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Background and previous Council direction
2. Council direction progress summary
3. Summary of planned outdoor community-focused programs and amenities
4. Recommended aquatic amenity in the greater downtown area
5. Beltline facility short- and long-term program plans
6. Inglewood facility operating targets and short-term program plans
7. Engagement tactics, demographics and expressed community needs
8. Public Submissions

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Executive Leadership Team	All departments	Inform



# Background

In November 2019, Administration recommended the closure of the Beltline and Inglewood facilities based on extensive capital requirements at both sites, high tax support and low utilization, and service catchment area overlaps with other City-owned recreation facilities.

Council directed Administration to implement new operating models at the facilities, update a study on city-wide recreation needs, prepare a procurement approach to shift to a partner operated model, identify social and recreational alternatives to the facilities, and engage community stakeholders. See Attachment 2 for a progress summary on these directives.

One-time operating funding for both facilities for 2020 and 2021 was approved for use while this program of work was underway. The facilities were closed in March 2020 per provincial COVID-19 restrictions and 2020 funds were returned to the Budget Savings Account.

## Previous Council Direction

On 2020 February 3, Council directed Administration to implement Scenario 1 at Beltline and Inglewood facilities listed in Attachment 1 of PFC2020-0028. That decision kept rates at the two facilities in line with what was implemented as part of the new 2020 admission and pass model.

On 2019 November 29, Council approved C2019-1052, 2020 User Fee & Rate Changes, Attachment 9C which reflected increases to single admissions. Council directed Administration to report to the Priorities and Finance Committee on 2020 January 21 with the addition of new user fee categories intended to increase prices at Beltline and Inglewood.

Council also approved PFC2019-1330 on 2019 November 29 as amended, including specifying price increases as shown in point 2 below:

1. Maintain funding for up to 2 years (\$400,000/site, per year) for the Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre and Inglewood Aquatic Centre from 2019 Corporate Program Savings to maintain service at both sites starting Jan. 1, 2020.
2. Implement a combination of the A1, A2, A3, and B1 concepts contained in PFC2019-1330 in order to:
  - Redesign program mix/allocation to focus types of programming to capitalize on each location's strengths;
  - Increase marketing and promotions in order to increase user base by increasing awareness among non-users, using market segmentation to reach out to under-represented populations.
  - Modestly increased prices compared to other City direct-delivery facilities, remaining competitive with other recreation facilities in the area.
  - Reduce hours to better align with times that are more financially viable, operating two facilities in tandem so one will always be open.
3. Update phase one and complete phase two of the Facility Development and Enhancement Study to include emerging communities and provide recommendations based on city-wide recreation infrastructure needs.
4. Prepare a Request for Proposal for a shift to a partner operated model for either or both pools.
5. Identify long-term, sustainable service alternatives and targeted investments to maximize community and social benefits in the area of the two flatwater pools.
6. To engage affected community stakeholders in the above work and report back to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services with an update on the progress of the work no later than Q4 2020.

7. To develop appropriate targets for long term operating and capital support for each of these facilities reporting back to Council through Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services no later than Q1 2020.

On 2019 September 11, Council approved CPS2019-1055, directing Administration to continue to explore business and service continuity options for two flatwater pool facilities and report back to Council no later than 2019 November 30.

On 2019 July 23, Council approved C2019-0901 removing \$60 million from the operating budget for the current tax year. Council also approved Motions Arising related to that report including: Pending discussions on business continuity opportunities and area Councillors, allocate up to \$800,000 from 2019 Corporate Program Savings to allow for interim servicing of the community recreational assets referred to in Line 75 – Recreation Opportunities for the 2019 year, and report to Council on 2019 September 30.

On 2019 June 10, Council approved C2019-0782, directing Administration to identify permanent budget reductions of \$60 million for the 2019 tax year. Council identified thirteen guiding principles for Administration to consider in identifying proposed reductions, which included possible reductions to and/or elimination of programs, services and staffing positions.

## COUNCIL DIRECTION PROGRESS SUMMARY

The Motion arising from PFC2019-1330 included seven directions for Administration (please see Attachment 1: Background and Previous Council Direction). The table below summarizes Administration's progress for each directive. Note: through program delivery, directives 5 and 6 have been combined.

MOTION #, DESCRIPTION AND PROGRESS	SUMMARY
<b>1: Maintain funding for up to 2 years for both facilities</b>  <div>Complete</div>	<p>All City recreation facilities closed in March 2020 per Alberta Health Services direction to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program Report (CPS2021-0748) recommendations 2 and 3 request one-time funding of \$400,000 / facility in 2022 from Budget Savings Account.</p> <p>Administration will re-open Inglewood Aquatic Centre (Inglewood facility) by summer 2021 and Beltline Aquatics &amp; Fitness Centre (Beltline facility) by fall 2021 dependent on provincial health restrictions.</p>
<b>2: Redesign programs, increase marketing and pricing, and reduce hours</b>  <div>Complete</div>	<p>Administration will re-open the two facilities.</p> <p>In the short-term, the Beltline facility will focus on community programming and the Inglewood facility will have more hours reserved for community use.</p> <p>In the longer-term, the Beltline Facility will transition to a new, integrated social and recreational facility pending the results of a feasibility study. See Attachment 5 for short- and long-term program plans at the Beltline facility.</p> <p>The Inglewood facility will stay open unless the operating target of \$10.50 tax support per visit (as specified in CPS2020-2036) is not met or until specialized leisure aquatic amenities are available at the Repsol Sport Centre. See Attachment 6 for Inglewood facility operating targets and short-term program plans.</p>
<b>3: Update phase one and complete phase two of the Facility Development and Enhancement Study'</b>  <div>In progress</div>	<p>A consulting team is finalizing a comprehensive Pools Study as part of an updated Facility Development and Enhancement Study (FDES) to be presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development in 2022 November. Learnings from the Pools Study are foundational to CPS2021-0748 recommendations.</p>
<b>4: Prepare a Request for Proposal</b>  <div>Complete</div>	<p>Administration issued a Request for Information (RFI) in 2020 and received insufficient response to warrant moving to a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a third-party to operate the facilities as pools.</p>

<p><b>5 / 6: Identify long-term, sustainable alternatives and targeted investments / engage affected community stakeholders</b></p> <p><b>Complete</b></p>	<p>CPS2021-0748 content and recommendations directly respond to Council's direction. Attachment 3 provides details on outdoor community-focused programming and amenities Administration will provide in response to expressed community social and recreational needs. See Attachment 7 for details on engagement tactics, demographics, and expressed community needs.</p>
<p><b>7: Develop targets for long-term operating and capital support</b></p> <p><b>Complete</b></p>	<p>Administration submitted operating and capital targets in a Briefing to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services on March 11, 2020. The facilities were closed in mid-March 2020 and no 2020 operating data is available to assess against the targets submitted.</p> <p>The Inglewood facility will be assessed against the CPS2020-2036 operating target in 2022 contingent on provincial health restrictions. See Attachment 6 for Inglewood facility operating targets and short-term program plans.</p>

## SUMMARY OF PLANNED OUTDOOR COMMUNITY-FOCUSED PROGRAMMING AND AMENITIES

### BELTLINE

#### Beltline Parks Strategy (Beltline Open Space Playbook)

Through engagement, Beltline community members conveyed their needs for additional green space. Administration will collaborate with the Beltline Neighbourhood Association (BNA) to develop a best practice guide that creates appropriate processes, policies, criteria and implementation tools for the improvement, adaptation and reconfiguration of existing parks and the creation of new public spaces in the Beltline. An advisory group of City staff, BNA staff, and the Ward 8 office will develop the Beltline Open Space Playbook through 2021 to be finalized by Q1 2022.

#### Funded 2021 Beltline programs and amenities

The table below summarizes additional programs and amenities that Administration plans to deliver to meet the expressed social and recreational needs of Beltline community members. Please see Attachment 7 for details on community engagement tactics, demographics, and expressed community needs.

The programs and amenities included in the table below are funded within existing budgets. All are subject to provincial health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and may be altered or cancelled. New programs may be introduced to respond to community needs.

Program	High-level timelines	High-level description
<b>Temporary fire pits</b>	May – September (Possibly year-round)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fire pit will be provided at Thomson Family Park.</li> </ul>
<b>Beltline Adventures</b>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calgary Recreation Calgary Afterschool program for ages 6 - 12 featuring outdoor physical and creative activity (Haultain Park)</li> <li>Currently small group size to meet provincial health restrictions.</li> </ul>
<b>Seacan parklet</b>	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will be placed on the north side of 17 Avenue, just east of 9A Street.</li> </ul>
<b>Central Memorial Park festival tent rental</b>	May – September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A tent will be provided in Central Memorial Park as a community activation space.</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation equipment library (Activity box)</b>	May, then year-round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Memorial Park will be equipped with an equipment library / activity box (seasonal equipment could include bean toss and horseshoes in summer and snowshoes or snow paint in winter).</li> </ul>
<b>Active in Nature walk for older adults</b>	May and June Seniors' week (June 7-13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One walk is confirmed on May 19 and additional walks are planned for Seniors' week June 7-13.</li> </ul>
<b>Self-guided and guided tours</b>	June for self-guided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-guided walking tours with stops selected by environmental education staff and leveraging the existing "Self-guided walking tours" Calgary.ca webpage.</li> </ul>

	July 26 – August 6 guided tours (Heritage Week)	
<b>City urban farm farmers market</b>	May – October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YYC Growers will offer a farm stand at Central Memorial Park this year.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks wellness workshops and self guided resiliency stations</b>	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ActionDignity Indigenous drumming workshop for families in a park setting and performance focused on feelings for young people through dance and storytelling.</li> <li>Self-Guided Resiliency Stations are being explored for Beltline Parks with web-based brochure.</li> </ul>
<b>Art in the park</b>	July / August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A guided arts program in Central Memorial Park.</li> </ul>
<b>Music in the park</b>	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An annual music series featuring concerts in different parks in the summer (Central Memorial Park is one location).</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL MEMORIAL PARK demo historic garden bed</b>	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new garden bed by the Memorial Park Library will be designed and planted.</li> <li>A brochure, videos and educational talks about the gardens will be provided.</li> <li>Fall planting is being considered (possibly through a volunteer program).</li> </ul>
<b>Pop-up fitness</b>	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low intensity outdoor fitness classes will be provided in the Beltline community (Thompson Family Park or Barb Scott Park)</li> </ul>

## INGLEWOOD

**Bicycle pump track and Bend in the Bow project**

Funds for a bicycle pump track have been made available through the Government of Alberta Municipal Stimulus Program. Funds for the Bend in the Bow project will be requested through the 2023 – 2026 budget process.

<b>Amenity</b>	<b>High-level timelines</b>	<b>High-level description</b>
<b>Bicycle pump track</b>	Engagement: Spring 2021  Construction: Summer 2021  Park opening: Fall 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parks Foundation, in partnership with The City of Calgary, is proposing to build a new bicycle pump track in the community of Inglewood. The park will accommodate two custom-designed asphalt tracks for varying skill levels similar to the tracks in South Glenmore Park. Based on what we have heard from the community this matches up well with the need for family-focused outdoor amenities, a desire for active transportation needs, as well as the need to upgrade green spaces. Track design is currently underway and construction of the pump track is anticipated to begin this summer and be completed in fall 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Bend in the Bow project</b>	Funding request to be delivered during 2023 – 2026 budget process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bend in the Bow is a project name used by The City to encompass the redevelopment of Pearce Estate Park, the green spaces along the Bow River, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, and the Inglewood Wildlands. The name comes from the bends in the Bow River around Pearce Estate Park and the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.</li> <li>2021 refresh work will focus on Bend in the Bow's study areas around Pearce Estates Park and the park to the south and west side of the Cushing Bridge and BRT Line.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The project will re-assess these areas and find opportunities to add more active recreation activities to this part of the project area.</li></ul>
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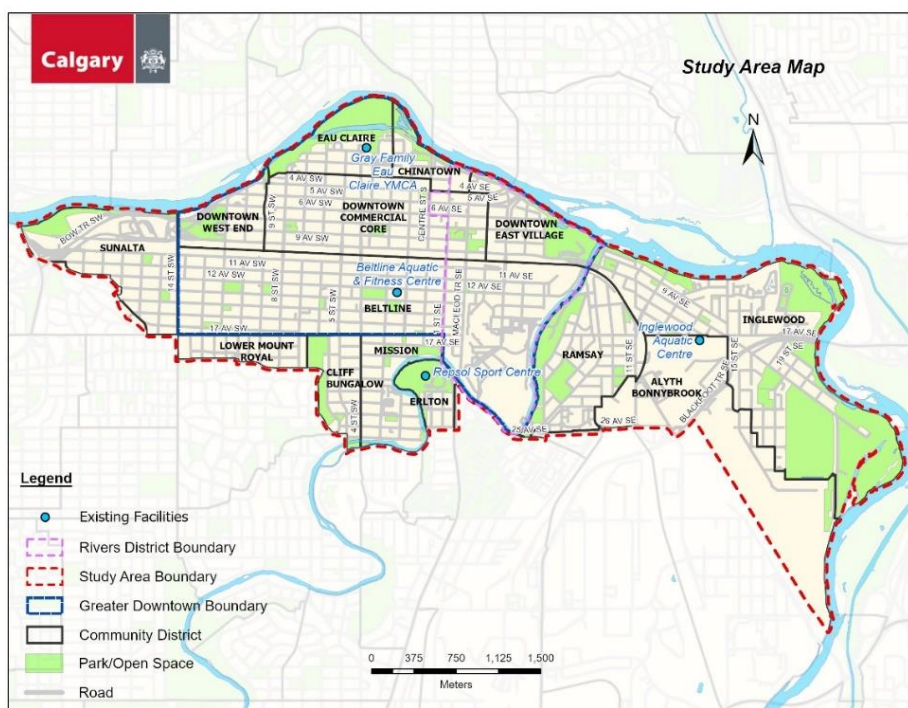


## RECOMMENDED AQUATIC AMENITY IN THE GREATER DOWNTOWN AREA

### Needs Assessment and Analysis

Administration conducted a needs assessment for communities that primarily utilize the Beltline and Inglewood Aquatic Centres (Beltline and Inglewood facilities), Repsol Sports Centre (Repsol Centre), and Gray Family Eau Claire YMCA. Figure 1 below shows the needs assessment study area.

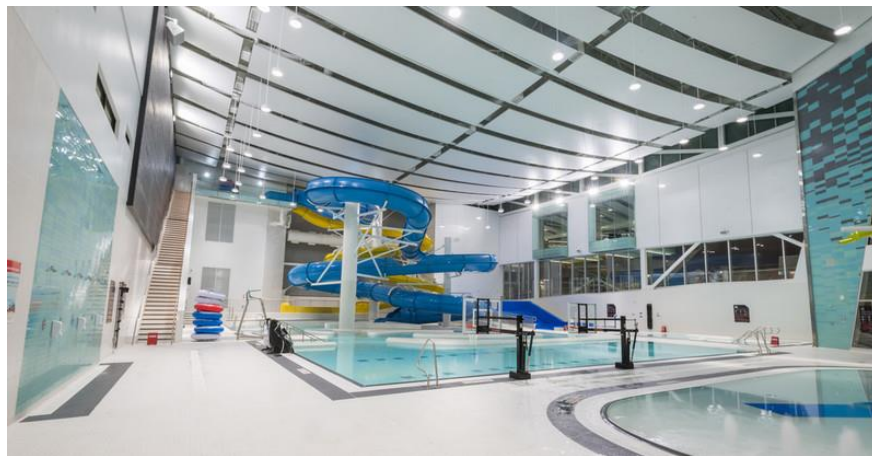
Figure 1



Despite the confirmed closure of the Gray Family Eau Claire YMCA, and the proposed long-term closure of the Beltline and Inglewood facilities, the study area is currently served by City or partner-operated facilities that provide fundamental aquatic amenities (e.g. rectangular 25 m pool basins with basic leisure amenities that provide a basic or community function, such as swimming for fun or lane swimming). The study area is not currently provided with specialized leisure aquatic amenities.

Figure 2

Examples of specialized leisure aquatic amenities include tot pools, zero depth entry basins, and water-based play features. Figure 2 shows part of the pool area at Brookfield Residential YMCA at Seton, a facility that provides specialized leisure aquatic amenities that include water slides, a lazy river, and a flow rider.



### Addressing community need

Administration conducted a facility options analysis to understand how specialized leisure aquatic amenities could be provided in the study area and how to accommodate the combined 161,325 annual swim trips that would be displaced from the closure of the Beltline and Inglewood facilities and Gray Family Eau Claire YMCA.

Administration used social, economic and environmental criteria to investigate if existing facilities could be expanded or if a new facility could be developed on a new site. Nine sites were examined through a variety of metrics, including cost, site readiness, location, accessibility, local policy plan alignment, and environmental impact.

Based on this analysis, Repsol Centre was determined to be the best option due to its:

- prime location at the gateway to downtown, adjacent to the Elbow River, playground and pathway network;
- functionality as a multi-purpose aquatic and fitness hub serving sport and the surrounding communities;
- accessibility by multiple transportation modes;
- proximity to the Beltline community (that has the highest current and projected population within the study area), while effectively serving the entire study area; and
- ability to provide specialized leisure aquatic amenities in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Investment in the modernization and upgrade of Repsol Centre, a City-owned asset, meets community and Calgarians' needs for specialized leisure aquatic amenities, accommodates the displaced annual swim trips, prevents future costs for the Beltline and Inglewood facilities, and extends Repsol Centre's useful service life. The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$45 million (based on a class 5 cost estimate) and could be completed in three to four years. A component of the work will be a comprehensive urban mixed-use master planning study that will prepare an integrated Master Plan of the Repsol Centre site.

Figure 3 on the following page shows the absence of specialized leisure aquatic amenities in the needs assessment study area.

Figure 4 on the following page shows how development of specialized leisure aquatic amenities at Repsol Centre meets the need.

Figure 3

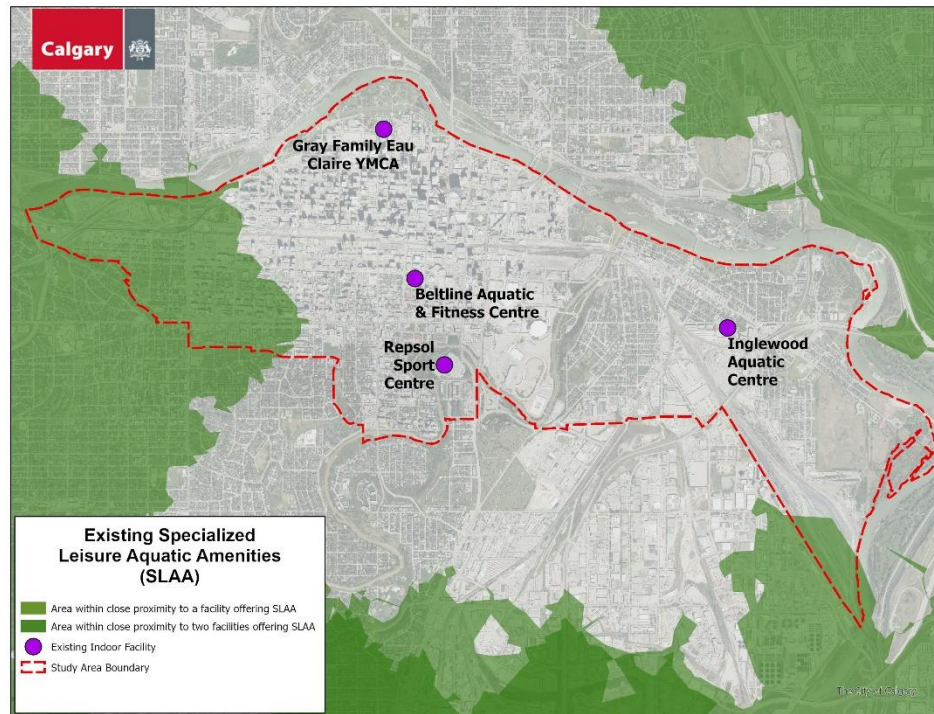
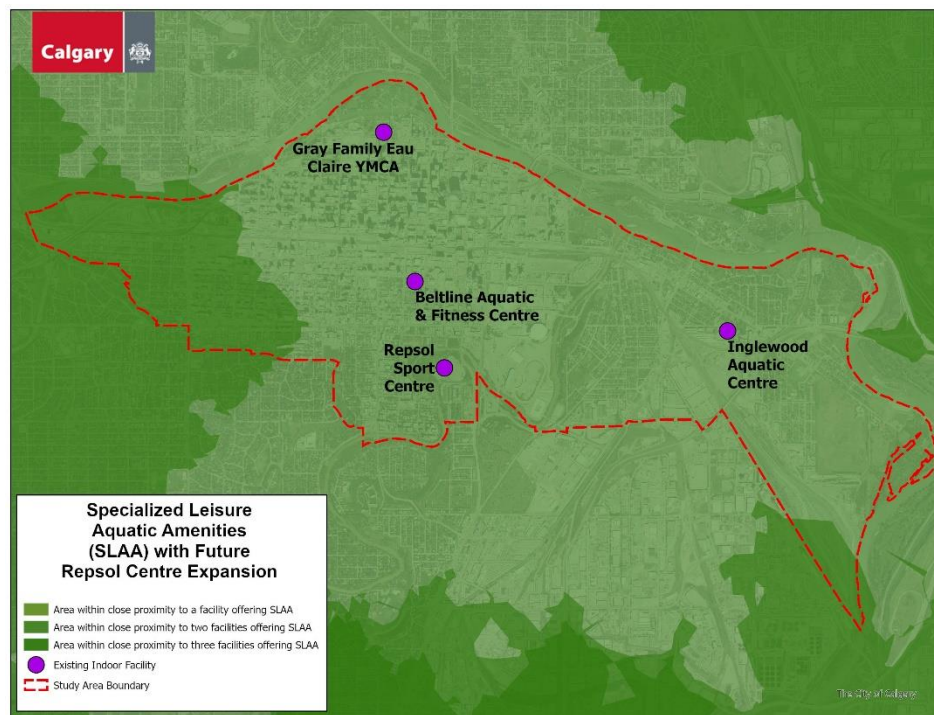


Figure 4







## BELTLINE FACILITY SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PROGRAM PLANS

### SHORT-TERM

The Beltline facility will re-open in alignment with provincial health restrictions. Short-term changes will be made at the facility to leverage and activate existing spaces with community-based activities and initiatives.

#### Amenities

The facility will operate as a community gathering space where citizens will be able to access a variety of social, cultural, recreational and community initiatives.

<b>Gymnasium</b> (upper floor)	Will re-open and primarily be used for social and recreational programming opportunities (Calgary After School [CAS], fitness, etc.) and sport group rentals.
<b>Multipurpose space</b> (upper floor)	Will re-open as a programming space for youth-focused activities (including CAS).
<b>Pool</b> (main floor)	This amenity will not re-open. Decisions on re-purposing this space will be made based on consultant recommendations and market / community engagement.
<b>Gym / Weight room</b> (lower floor)	This amenity will be re-purposed as a multi-functional community space. This community area will be made available to the public, partners and agencies at a low to nominal cost for community programming and initiatives.
<b>Rock climbing wall</b> (lower floor)	Will not re-open for public drop-in but will be made available for group bookings.

#### Programming

Programming and activation of the Beltline facility will be delivered through the collaborative efforts of Calgary Neighbourhoods, Calgary Recreation and Calgary Parks business units.

<b>Business Unit</b>	<b>Core Function in Beltline facility activation</b>
Calgary Neighbourhoods	Community gathering space (e.g. activate community room, community art mural, community outreach), community programming (e.g. résumé writing, English as a Second Language, intergenerational programming), and collaboration with community organizations and agencies to support community residents.
Calgary Recreation	Recreation programming (e.g. CAS, preschool dance), rental group management (e.g. Floor Hockey rental, Basketball league), core staffing function required for facility operations, and operational site management and support.
Calgary Parks	Outdoor activation and programming to augment and enhance programming within the facility.

#### Marketing and promotions

Enhanced marketing and promotion of this facility and its products to increase awareness and attendance.

<b>Facility marketing plan</b>	Create a facility specific marketing and promotion plan to support priority products and services to a determined target audience. Employ specific tactics once the final product mix has been determined.
<b>Facility web page</b>	Update the facility web page to showcase the range of programming offered.

### LONG-TERM

Administration is procuring a consultant to investigate the feasibility of converting the Beltline facility to a new use.

The feasibility investigation will focus on:

- Delivering integrated social and recreational programming with a focus on social connections. There is a unique opportunity to offer a variety of social, recreational, cultural and community initiatives at the facility.
- Responding to the social and recreational needs of diverse residents in the Beltline, particularly youth and new Canadians.
- Working with Beltline community members who expressed needs for low-cost opportunities for social connection and desire unique social and recreational opportunities and unstructured activities.
- Innovative re-use of the facility through conversion to deliver this unique style of programming.
- Aligning the programming with community demographics and needs.

Administration will report back through the Priorities and Finance Committee in Q2, 2022 with the results (including capital and operating needs).

## INGLEWOOD AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATING TARGETS AND SHORT-TERM PROGRAM PLANS

### OPERATING TARGETS

Per the report recommendations, the Inglewood Aquatic Centre (Inglewood facility) will re-open for short-term community use in alignment with provincial COVID-19 restrictions. In the long-term, the facility will close:

- if the operating target of \$10.50 tax support per visit is not met (to be assessed on an annual basis), and / or
- when specialized leisure aquatic amenities are ready for use at the Repsol Sport Centre.

The \$10.50 operating target was set in CPS2020-2036, presented on March 11, 2020 in response to the Motion arising from PFC2019-1330.

The table below compares the Inglewood facility's 2019 attendance and tax support with City facilities of comparable size and amenities. Neither the Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre nor Inglewood facility are included in the comparable averages or ranges. As the table illustrates, the Inglewood facility is an outlier:

Measure	Comparable facility 2019 average	Comparable facility 2019 range	Inglewood facility 2019 average
Attendance	88,799	80,000 - 100,000	52,000
Comparable facility tax support per visit	\$8.80	\$6.90 - \$10.50	\$11.75

Three levers ultimately impact operating performance at recreational facilities: attendance, revenues and expenses. The sustainability of the Inglewood facility relies on increasing visits in combination with reducing the gap between revenue and expenses.

### SHORT-TERM PROGRAM PLANS

Adjustments to Inglewood facility operating practices have been made to provide increased community access during prime-time hours and to enhance opportunities for children and seniors.

The table below outlines Administration's actions in response to key feedback heard through engagement and market research.

What we heard	What we will do in response
Community respondents are seeking more prime time hours (evenings and weekends) at the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more evenings and weekend hours for community use.</li> <li>• Re-balance swim club bookings and community access during prime-time hours.</li> </ul>
46% of community engagement respondents have never been to the facility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement a facility-specific marketing plan.</li> </ul>
Seniors account for a significant portion of the Inglewood and Ramsay population. Over 37% of the population in the catchment area is 50+, slightly higher than the Calgary average of 30%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase senior-specific programming offerings.</li> </ul>
When asked about social and recreational activities, "things with friends" was the first response (50%).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial "Friday Night Family Movies in the Pool."</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote and enhance opportunities for birthday party bookings.</li><li>• Promote group pool rentals (Inclusive swims, small group gatherings, parties, etc.).</li><li>• Explore opportunities for outdoor programming (including an art / community mural project).</li></ul>
<p>Top Inglewood rentals and bookings users are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aquabelles, Killarney Synchro, Calgary Dolphins, Waterwerks Kayak Club, and Special Olympics Calgary</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adjust swim club bookings to allow for increased community access during prime-time hours.</li><li>• Engage and work with each swim club organization to find appropriate opportunities for all parties.</li></ul>
<p>Ongoing engagement is important to keep our finger on the pulse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adapt the existing Engage web portal to be able to capture on-going feedback.</li><li>• Create and distribute surveys to capture feedback.</li></ul>



# Community Engagement

## Tactics and Process

### BELTLINE

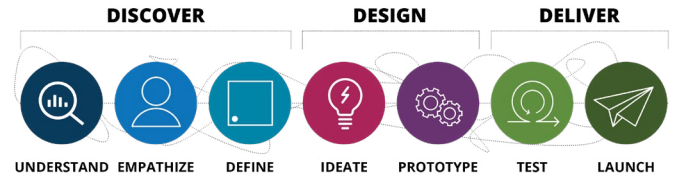
**427+** Beltline Residents Engaged  
**19** Organizations Engaged  
**5** Community Groups Engaged (CA/BIA)

### INGLEWOOD & RAMSAY

**222+** Inglewood/Ramsay Residents Engaged  
**19** Organizations Engaged  
**4** Community Groups Engaged (CA/BIA)

### DESIGN THINKING CYCLE

Administration undertook a Design Thinking Cycle (diagram on the right) to respond to this complex, human-centered challenge. This proven, problem-solving method ensures community members most affected are involved throughout and that solutions are grounded in a deep understanding of their lived experience.



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Online Surveys

Broad public engagement took place online, via [The City of Calgary's Engage web portal](#) during the summer of 2020. Calgarians could access background information about the Project, timelines, reports from the Design Thinking Cycle and answer a series of survey questions. Communication through social media and opportunities to connect online about this challenge were essential to reach the median demographic age of 18-44. 738 participants responded to a 15-question online survey to give further insight about the social and recreational needs.

### DESIGN RESEARCH : Neighbourhood Inquiry Kits (NIKs) and Semi-Structured Interviews

Administration offered an innovative, applied-ethnographic research tool (known as a "cultural probe"), a physical Neighbourhood Information Kit (NIK), as a physical way for diverse participants to engage in the process without predefined answers to capture multi-layered qualitative and quantitative data.

**Each NIK was composed of the following:**



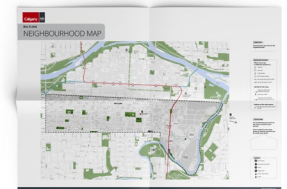
*Two-week Social and Recreational Activity Diary*



*Three Postcards*



*A Social Connections Map*



*Neighbourhood Map*

#### The physical NIKs were designed to:

- + Develop an empathetic understanding of the social and recreational needs as participants told their story
- + Triangulate with data from other sources in the project
- + Provide in-the-moment data (a diary), as there is a difference between what people say they do and what they actually do

Fifty participants from each community were sent physical Neighbourhood Inquiry Kits. The depth of the design research and quality of materials helped build trust with communities to demonstrate that Administration was committed to meaningful outcomes on this project.

Following analysis of the data from the NIKs, Administration conducted 60-minute, semi-structured phone interviews with select participants to learn more and validate the emerging needs and insights from the NIKs. Interviewees were selected if their profile indicated ideas for innovation ("bright spot") or a resident facing significant barriers.

The design research approach was a first for The City of Calgary Administration, which encouraged humanizing a process for Administration that is typically driven by quantitative data.

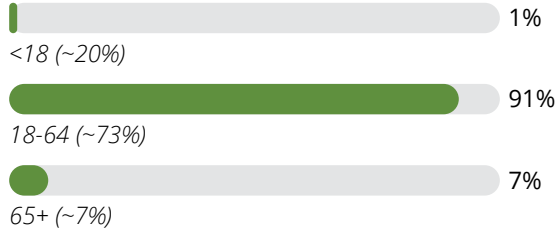
# Community Engagement

## Snapshot of Demographics | 830 total residents engaged

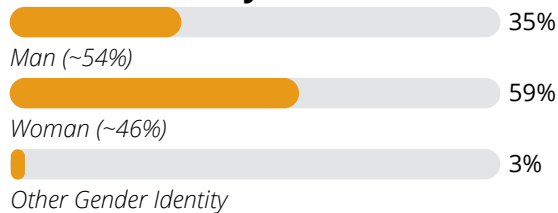
Administration used a demographic screener survey for the Design Research to ensure participants mirrored the neighbourhood demographic profiles. This visualization shows the demographics of the engagement participants, represented by the coloured bar with the percentage at the end, in comparison to the Community Profile with the percentages below the bars.

### BELTLINE

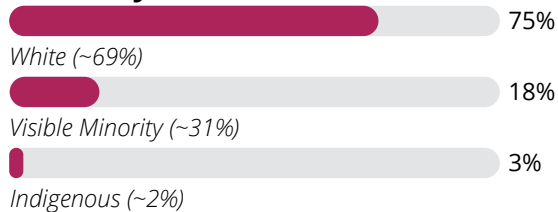
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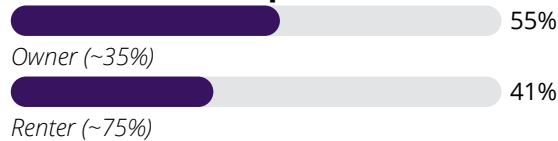
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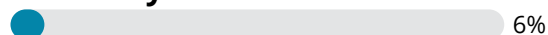
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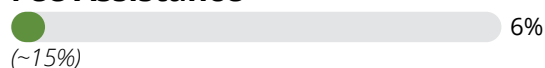
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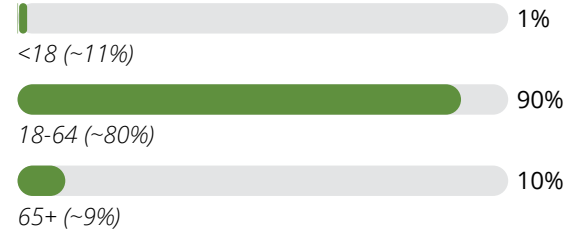


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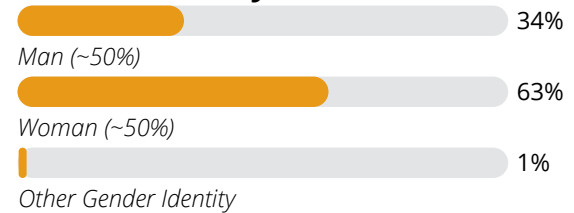


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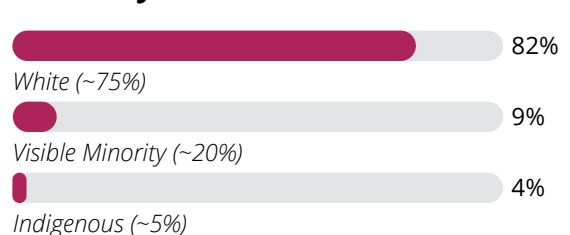
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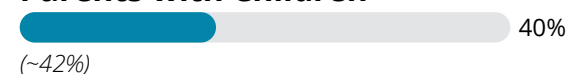
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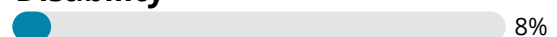
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# High-level Discover Phase Results

The high-level results below summarize content from the Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program Discover Phase in the Design Thinking Cycle. These results are organized into three categories: needs and insights themes, project frames, and design principles.

## BELTLINE

## INGLEWOOD & RAMSAY

### COMMUNITY NEEDS AND INSIGHTS THEMES

Administration learned about community residents, their social and recreational needs and requirements, and their interaction with the Beltline and Inglewood pools. The statements below synthesize needs and insights Administration gathered through community engagement.

#### Needs

- + Active and healthy lifestyle
- + Affordability and access
- + People and community
- + Perception of safety
- + Variety of spaces and choices

#### Insights

- + Local Businesses Matter
- + Economic Divides Exist
- + Diversity and Vibrancy Draw People
- + Parks Matter
- + Safety is Top of Mind

#### Needs

- + Active and healthy living
- + Neighbourhood Identity
- + People and community
- + Supporting Local
- + Variety of spaces and choices

#### Insights

- + Recreational Amenities in Line with Future Growth
- + Collaboration Matters
- + A Village in a City
- + Rivers and Paths are Vital

### PROJECT FRAMES

Administration created project frames – high-level statements that incorporate community needs – to further synthesize the engagement learnings and reframe the challenge.

#### THE LIVING ROOM EXTENSION WITH A COMMUNITY BACKYARD

**Create ways to support meaningful social interactions** through unique, all-season recreational experiences, providing a safe additional place to augment residents' smaller private living spaces and facilitate social and recreational interactions between a wide variety of residents.

**Keep safety in mind** (in particular parks and public spaces), as well as the challenges of building community in a place where many people often move within and outside of the neighbourhood.

**Consider equitable access** in a neighbourhood with a higher percentage of low-income and marginalized residents who feel disadvantaged in building social capital.

#### NEIGHBOURLY SOCIAL CONNECTION AND RECREATION, ALL-YEAR-ROUND

**Create ways for Inglewood and Ramsay neighbours to support each other** and recreate, keeping in mind that these residents are loyal and supportive of their local amenities and businesses.

Help enable the community to continue building strong social and neighbourhood connections through **all-season recreational experiences**. Test the assumption that the Inglewood Pool is the most effective way for this vibrant community to achieve those social outcomes.

### DESIGN PRINCIPLES

These design principles were developed from the Discover Phase data. Administration created design principles to refine the needs, insights, and project frames into actionable guidelines to inform the project's recommendations and next steps.

1. Focus on **social connection**
2. **Involve/invite** diverse residents
3. **Diversify opportunities** to engage – City-led, as well as private and community-led
4. Extend **connection** beyond physical walls
5. **Inclusive and accessible** opportunities
6. **Discoverable** in multiple ways
7. Consider perceptions of **safety**

1. Respect strong sense of **neighbourhood identity**
2. Take **inspiration** from historic as well as emerging community identity and context (railway, music, arts and breweries)
3. **Involve** the neighbourhoods (and local partners) for a home-grown feel
4. Be **friendly and accessible** to all ages
5. Consider **all-season** indoor and outdoor social and recreational experiences

# Report Alignment with Community Needs

## BELTLINE

The content below visualizes how community needs directly align with the Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program Report recommendations and content.



### Fund Beltline facility for short- and long-term community use

**Insights:** Diversity and Vibrancy Draw People; Economic Divides Exist

**Needs:** 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 11, 13



### Invest in Repsol Sport Centre

**Insights:** Economic Divides Exist, Diversity; Vibrancy Draw People

**Needs:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13



### Provide outdoor community-focused programming and amenities

**Insights:** Local Businesses Matter; Economic Divides Exist; Diversity and Vibrancy Draw People; Parks Matter; Safety is Top of Mind

**Needs:** 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 13

## Needs of Beltline Residents

### Active and healthy lifestyle

1. Travel through their neighbourhood using active modes of transportation, with a feeling of safety.
2. Exercise in social environments, and have continued to do so in private gyms, even during COVID-19.

### Affordability and access

3. Equitable, and potentially no-cost, access to recreational opportunities in order to develop social capital.
4. Working parents in the Beltline need to feel their school-aged children are safe and looked after between the end of the school day and when the parents finish work.

### People and community

5. Feel connected to others through close proximity with a diversity of other citizens, generating energy and vibrancy.
6. Socialize with friends while meeting their recreational needs.
7. Beltline has a high density of LGBTQ2+ residents who need to socially connect with their community, in a safe and inclusive space without people who don't identify as LGBTQ2+.

### Perception of safety

8. Meet their social needs in environments they perceive as safe and secure.
9. Feel safe in public spaces, including parks, and do feel safe when they see many diverse people in those spaces.
10. Safe off-leash spaces in which to exercise their dogs.

### Variety of spaces and choices

11. Many of whom have smaller living spaces, need places to connect socially outside of their homes year-round.
12. Year-round access to conveniently accessible parks that include amenities in addition to green space to support their mental health. Although Beltline has many great green spaces, current and future density means that the community is deficient in green space.
13. To have a variety of choices for meeting their social and recreational needs.
14. Feel their neighbourhood has a diversity of unique small businesses and that they are contributing to those businesses and experiences through their spending habits.
15. Feel a sense of flexibility with recreational experiences – for example, drop-in and pop-up activities with varied hours.

Explore the full scope of this research





# Report Alignment with Community Needs

## INGLEWOOD & RAMSAY

The content below visualizes how community needs directly align with the Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program Report recommendations and content.



### Fund Inglewood facility for community use

**Insight:** Recreational Amenities in Line with Future Growth

**Needs:** 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16



### Invest in Repsol Sport Centre

**Insight:** Recreational Amenities in Line with Future Growth

**Needs:** 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16



### Provide outdoor community-focused programming and amenities

**Insights:** Recreational Amenities in Line with Future Growth; Collaboration Matters; A Village in a City; Rivers and Paths are Vital

**Needs:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16

## Needs of Inglewood and Ramsay Residents

### Active and healthy living

1. To exercise to live a healthy lifestyle.
2. To walk in their neighbourhood to meet their social connection and recreational needs, across all demographics and stages in life.
3. To connect to each others' neighbourhoods through active modes of transportation, as well as by car, especially with upcoming Green Line changes.
4. To spend time in parks to support their mental health.
5. To exercise their dogs in off-leash spaces of perceived safety.
6. Inglewood/Ramsay residents need to build water safety skills, especially as the neighbourhoods are bordered by rivers.
7. Pursue water sports (e.g. swimming, kayaking, surfing) and value that the river is in close proximity to practice regularly.
8. Residents who are planning to have children in the future need a means to teach those children how to swim.

### Neighbourhood identity

9. Feel that the architectural heritage of their neighbourhood is respected and visible.
10. Feel that their perspectives are heard and that they are influencing changes affecting their community.

### People and community

11. Connect socially online, at a distance, and in their yards due to COVID-19.
12. Feel that they are supporting each other as neighbours.

### Supporting local

13. Feel they are contributing and loyal to local Inglewood businesses and experiences through their spending habits.
14. Reinforce their sense of belonging through regular social connection with neighbours in public/private spaces. They prefer to do so at local dining establishments, pathways, and sidewalks.

### Variety of spaces + choices

15. Feel like they are close to the action of the downtown core, but not right in it.
16. Meet their social and recreational needs with a mix of scheduled/coordinated and drop-in experiences both in their neighbourhood and throughout the city.

Explore the full scope of this research





## Public Submission

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program, CPS2021-0748
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sad to see the Beltline pool close but great there is funding to help transform it into a community hub</li> <li>- The \$45 million investment for Repsol Centre to make it welcoming, accessible, and affordable leisure aquatic amenities for residents of Greater Downtown is a definite positive</li> <li>- The City needs to develop a longer-term plan for delivering high quality, modern, economically viable, and inclusive wellness and recreation infrastructure to the Greater Downtown. If the City want families and senior citizens to stay downtown, they need to these amenities.</li> </ul>



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May 11, 2021

**RE: Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program, CPS2021-0748**

On behalf of the more than 25,000 Calgarians living in the Beltline, the Beltline Neighbourhoods Association supports recommendations for the Beltline and Inglewood Pools Program, CPS2021-0748.

We appreciate that Beltline pool has been an unsustainable financial drain to The City of Calgary for many years. However, it is deeply unfortunate that--with the closure of the Gray Family YMCA and the pool in the Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre--citizens within our neighbourhoods have a significant lack of aquatic facilities serving children, families, and seniors.

Therefore, we also support the investment in Repsol Sport Centre (Repsol Centre) to also offer more welcoming, accessible, and affordable leisure aquatic amenities for residents of Greater Downtown. We strongly support the approval of the capital budget of \$45 million for Repsol Centre to be funded from the current and future balance of the Community Investment Reserve (2022 –2026). Our expectation is that these improvements will give all our Beltline citizens an aquatic facility that can serve the diversity of our demographics and aquatic recreation needs. Repsol Centre must be accessible to users of all abilities, religious and cultural backgrounds, and socioeconomic circumstances.

It is also notable that the Beltline Aquatic and Fitness Centre has an opportunity to become a vibrant community hub for citizens in our neighbourhoods--a hub that is also sorely lacking. Therefore, we also support one-time funding of \$400,000 in 2022 from the Budget Savings Account for the Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre to allow community use while work to re-purpose the facility is underway.

While this investment is welcome and necessary, we believe that the City must also consider a longer term strategy for delivering high quality, modern, economically viable, and inclusive wellness and recreation infrastructure to the Greater Downtown. With the closure of the Gray Family YMCA, and despite the proposed investments noted previously, our communities remain underserved relative to our population, growth potential, and contributions to the City's overall tax revenue base when compared to new communities on the City's periphery. We would request that the City undertake a gap analysis and



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feasibility review to investigate options for potential sites, amenities and services that could be accommodated in future facilities so that a framework exists should funding become available.

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of City administration to engage with the citizens of the Beltline and the BNA. We believe these recommendations and important investments in community infrastructure can improve the quality of life for many of the people who live in our neighbourhoods and throughout Calgary.

Sincerely,

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## Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council give three readings to the proposed Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (Attachment 1) to replace Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 23M2006.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Calgarians' needs have changed since the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw was updated 12 years ago. The proposed bylaw was guided by input from a municipal scan, internal statistics, input from Councillors' offices, best practice information, corporate research and two phases of comprehensive engagement with the public, industry stakeholders and City staff.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** The proposed bylaw is aligned with citizen needs and expectations, balances effective compliance and education and responds to new trends in animal care and ownership that will impact citizens and businesses.
- **Why does this matter?** Whether a Calgarian is a pet owner or not they are affected by this bylaw. This bylaw will improve public safety and liveability related to pet ownership in Calgary.
- Administration is proposing a number of key changes (a summary of major changes can be found in Attachment 2):
  - The **Chief Bylaw Officer has the authority to designate animals vicious in Calgary** rather than the Provincial Court.
  - A proposed **expanded nuisance designation** allows the Chief Bylaw Officer to prescribe conditions for how a nuisance animal is kept to mitigate community concerns and rehabilitate the animal.
  - An **urban hen program** is proposed that requires potential hen keepers to attend training and adhere to generally accepted hen keeping practices to mitigate community nuisance.
  - **Ownership is limited to six dogs and six cats per household.** Proposed regulations **also limit the number of dogs a person can bring to an off-leash area to six.**
- Recommendations regarding a proposed tribunal to hear appeals of nuisance and vicious dog designations can be found in report CPS2021-0739, which is also being brought forward to the 12 May 2021 Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services meeting.
- Through One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets, Council directed Administration to revise the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to bring insightful change based on pet owners and neighbour engagement, that is reflective of current trends and improves satisfaction.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city

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### **DISCUSSION**

Information from research and engagement along with a comprehensive municipal scan of 33 Canadian jurisdictions and an analysis of internal statistics informed the proposed Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw amendments. Administration also worked with subject matter experts when refining proposed changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. Opportunities were identified to support enforcement and education efforts and increase clarity in the bylaw. Key changes are included below, and major changes are summarized in Attachment 2.

A key proposed change enables the Chief Bylaw Officer to declare an animal vicious and prescribe conditions for how an animal is kept, which seeks to ensure public safety and facilitate the rehabilitation of vicious behaviour where possible. Seeking this designation through Provincial Court is often a lengthy process during which the animal is held at a City facility. Placing conditions on an animal quickly mitigates risk to the public and City staff, and also improves outcomes for animals by releasing them back into the care of their owners under strictly enforced conditions.

An animal can be declared a nuisance when it has engaged in repeated threatening or aggressive behaviour, has been found running at large more than once, repeatedly causes noise that disturbs any person, or the owner has demonstrated an inability to control the dog in an off-leash area. Expanding the nuisance designation allows the Chief Bylaw Officer to place conditions that mitigate community concerns and provide opportunities for rehabilitation.

Engagement showed general support for an urban hen program if proper housing and care is maintained and there are no community nuisance issues. The proposed urban hen program will ensure these conditions are met and Administration will be able to address community nuisance issues. Similar urban hen programs have been implemented in several large municipalities across Canada successfully.

There was widespread support for pet limits in engagement and the proposed bylaw includes exceptions for breeders and those with foster animals. Placing limits to the number of dogs one person is allowed to take to an off-leash area is meant to mitigate safety concerns of bringing more dogs to an off-leash park than can be reasonably monitored and helps to address Calgarians' concerns about inappropriate behaviour in off-leash areas.

With Council's approval changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw will come into effect January 1, 2022, and the livestock program will be implemented by the end of Q2 2022.

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### **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)**

- ☒ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☐ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☐ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☐ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

Administration consulted with internal stakeholders and Councillor offices to confirm the scope of this bylaw review. In order for Administration to understand public awareness and opinions of responsible pet ownership in Calgary, Leger was contracted to conduct city-wide phone surveys and focus group research with citizens (see Attachment 3).

Administration then conducted the first phase of engagement to understand what Calgarians thought was and was not working with the current Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and to identify what else should be included in the bylaw (see Attachment 4). Phase two engagement sought input on potential amendments on the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (see Attachment 5). Opportunities to provide input via engagement in both phases were widely communicated to the public (whether they were pet owners or not), stakeholders in the pet industry and City staff. Opportunities for engagement included online surveys, pop-up events across the city, in-person and online workshops and live presentations. To ensure Administration understood the needs of all Calgarians, communications circulations were inclusive of varying news mediums including multicultural outlets and in varying languages. Engagement participants were informed of how to access free translation services if needed so that they had an opportunity to contribute.

### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Social**

The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw is enforced using an education first approach to encourage adherence, using ticketing as a last resort in most cases. The Chief Bylaw Officer has discretion to reduce or waive livestock permit fees for compassionate reasons.

#### **Environmental**

Dog waste fines were increased to \$500 to match other City littering fines. Dog waste attracts predators and poses environmental risks including water contamination and the spread of parasites.

#### **Economic**

Not Applicable.

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### **Service and Financial Implications**

#### *No anticipated financial impact*

There are no operating budget requests associated with this report. If Council approves the proposed bylaw, all costs associated with bylaw training and enforcement would be absorbed into the existing operating budget.

### **RISK**

The recommended changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw align with the expectations of Calgarians which encourages bylaw compliance. Administration worked with industry experts to ensure that best practices are followed when designing proposed changes so that regulations work as intended. A communications campaign will ensure Calgarians are aware of changes.

Proposed changes to nuisance and vicious animal designations allow Administration to intervene before aggressive behaviour escalates and pose further safety concerns in the community.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Wording for a Bylaw to replace Bylaw 23M3006
2. Summary of Key Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Changes
3. Summary of Market Research Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review March 2020
4. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review - Summary of Phase One Engagement
5. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review - Summary of Phase Two Engagement
6. Public Submissions
7. Additional Public Submissions
8. Confidential Opinion Poll

#### Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Jill Floen	Law	Consult
Katarzyna Martin	City Clerk's Office	Consult

**Proposed Wording for a Bylaw respecting the  
Regulation, Licensing and Control of Animals in The City of Calgary**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw”.

**PART 1 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

2. (1) In this Bylaw, unless context otherwise requires:
  - (a) “*Animal*” means any bird, reptile, amphibian, or mammal excluding humans and *Wildlife*;
  - (b) “*Animal Services Centre*” means the *City* facility established for the holding of impounded *Animals* as set out in this Bylaw and where authority is provided to that facility in this Bylaw that authority may be exercised by the Superintendent of that facility or that person’s designate;
  - (c) “*Attack*” means force applied by an *Animal* to a *Person* or other *Animal* consisting of more than one *Bite*, or more than one puncture, or more than one laceration, resulting in bleeding, sprains, serious bruising, or multiple injuries;
  - (d) “*Bite*” means force applied by an *Animal* by means of its mouth and teeth upon a *Person* or other *Animal*;
  - (e) “*Cemetery*” means land within the *City* and managed and controlled by The *City* that is set apart or used as a place for the burial of dead human bodies or other human remains or in which dead human bodies or other human remains are buried;
  - (f) “*Certified Professional Dog Trainer*” means a person specializing in training dogs who is certified by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers;
  - (g) “*Chief Bylaw Officer*” means the person appointed as the Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to Bylaw 60M86, the Bylaw Enforcement Officers Appointment Bylaw, or any person receiving delegated powers from the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
  - (h) “*City*” means the municipal corporation of The City of Calgary or the area contained within the boundary thereof as the context requires;
  - (i) “*Court*” means The Provincial Court of Alberta;
  - (j) “*Former Owner*” means the *Person* who at the time of impoundment was the *Owner* of an *Animal* which has subsequently been sold or destroyed;

- (k) “*Golf Course*” means land which is set aside for the playing of the game of golf and upon which the game of golf is played;
- (l) “*Housing*” includes all coops, enclosures, henhouses, runs, roosts, apiary, nucleus hives, man-made hives and any other accessory building or structure used for the purpose of housing *Livestock*;
- (m) “*Justice*” has the meaning as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c P.-34, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (n) “*Leash*” means material capable of leading or restraining the *Animal* on which it is being used;
- (o) “*Livestock*” includes, but is not limited to:
- i. a horse, mule, donkey, swine, camel, llama, alpaca, sheep or goat,
  - ii. domestically reared or kept deer, reindeer, moose, elk, or bison,
  - iii. farm bred fur bearing animals including foxes or mink,
  - iv. animals of the bovine species,
  - v. emus, ostriches, chickens, roosters, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, peahens, or pheasants, and
  - vi. all other animals that are kept for agricultural purposes including bee colonies,
- but does not include cats, dogs, or other domesticated household pets;
- (p) “*Livestock Emotional Support Animal*” means a companion *Animal* that a mental health professional has determined provides a benefit for an individual with a disability;
- (q) “*Muzzle*” means a humane device of sufficient strength placed over an *Animal’s* mouth to prevent it from *Biting*;
- (r) “*Nuisance Animal*” means an *Animal* declared to be a *Nuisance Animal* by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* under Part 5 of this Bylaw;
- (s) “*Officer*” means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to Bylaw 60M86, a peace officer appointed pursuant to the *Peace Officer Act*, S.A. 2006, c P-3.5, or a police officer under the *Police Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. P-17;



- (t) “*Off Leash Area*” means a *Park* or a portion of a *Park* which has been designated as an off-leash area by the Director, Calgary Parks pursuant to section 15(2) of the *Parks and Pathways Bylaw 11M2019*;
- (u) “*Owner*” means any *Person* or body corporate:
- i. who is the licensed owner of the *Animal*;
  - ii. who has legal title to the *Animal*;
  - iii. who has possession, care and control, or custody of the *Animal*, either temporarily or permanently; or
  - iv. who harbours the *Animal*, or allows the *Animal* to remain on that *Person*’s premises;
- (v) “*Park*” means a public space controlled by the *City* and set aside as a park to be used by the public for rest, recreation, exercise, pleasure, amusement, cultural heritage, education, appreciation of nature, and enjoyment and includes:
- i. *Playgrounds*;
  - ii. *Cemeteries*;
  - iii. natural areas;
  - iv. *Sports Field*;
  - v. *Pathways*;
  - vi. trails; and
  - vii. park roadways;
- but does not include *Golf Courses*;
- (w) “*Pathway*” means a multi-purpose thoroughfare controlled by The *City* and set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists and *Persons* using wheeled conveyances, which is improved by asphalt, concrete, brick or any other surface, whether or not it is located in a *Park*, and includes any bridge or structure with which it is contiguous;
- (x) “*Person*” means an individual or a business entity including a firm, partnership, association, corporation or society;
- (y) “*Playground*” means land within the *City* and controlled by The *City* upon which apparatus such as swings and slides are placed;
- (z) “*Running at Large*” means:

- i. an *Animal* or *Animals* which are not under the control of a *Person* responsible by means of a *Leash* and is or are actually upon property other than the property in respect of which the *Owner* of the *Animal* or *Animals* has the right of occupation, or upon any highway, thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway, sidewalk (including the boulevard portion of the sidewalk), *Park* or other public place which has not been designated as an *Off Leash Area*, or
  - ii. an *Animal* or *Animals* which are under the control of a *Person* responsible by means of a *Leash* and which cause damage to *Persons*, property or other *Animals*;
- (aa) “*School Ground*” means that area of land adjacent to a school and that is property owned or occupied by the Calgary Board of Education or the Calgary Catholic Board of Education and includes property owned or occupied with another party or The *City*;
  - (bb) “*Service Dog*” has the same definition as set out in the *Service Dog Act*, S.A. 2007 c.S-7.5 and includes a dog that is in training to become a service dog but does not include dogs that are no longer actively being used as a service dog;
  - (cc) “*Severe Injury*” includes any injury to a *Person* or *Animal* that requires medical attention such as wounds requiring sutures, or other wound repair and closing, or surgery, disfiguring or scarring lacerations, broken bones, severe sprains, or any other similar serious injury, and any other injury as determined to be severe by a *Court*, board, or *Chief Bylaw Officer*, upon hearing the evidence;
  - (dd) “*Sports Field*” means land within the *City* and controlled by The *City* which is set apart and used for the playing of a sport including baseball diamonds, field hockey or cricket pitches, and rugby, soccer or football fields;
  - (ee) “*Tag*” means a permanent identification tag issued by the *City* showing the licence number for a specific dog or cat and that is intended to be worn on a collar or on a harness attached to the dog or cat at all times when the dog or cat is off the *Owner’s* property;
  - (ff) “*Urban Livestock*” means the keeping of bee colonies, pigeons, or hens within the *City*;
  - (gg) “*Vicious Animal*” means an *Animal* declared to be a Vicious Animal by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* under Part 6 of this Bylaw or by the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board or an *Animal* that has been previously determined to be a Vicious Animal under Bylaw 23M89 or Bylaw 23M2006;
  - (hh) “*Wading or Swimming Area*” means any area designated as an outdoor wading or swimming area. This must include any decks surrounding such

facility and must include that area within twenty (20) metres in all directions of the outside dimensions of such facility unless the *Park* boundary is a lesser distance;

- (ii) “*Wildlife*” has the same meaning as that term is used in the *Wildlife Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. W-10 and includes but is not limited to coyotes, cougars, bobcats, deers, moose, elk, wild rabbits, porcupines, beavers and skunks.
- (2) Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid for any reason by a *Court* of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw remain valid and enforceable.
- (3) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a *Person* from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or licence.
- (4) Any heading, sub-headings, or tables of contents in this Bylaw are included for guidance purposes and convenience only, and shall not form part of this Bylaw.
- (5) Where this Bylaw refers to another Act, Bylaw, regulation or agency, it includes reference to any Act, bylaw, regulation or agency that may be substituted therefor.
- (6) All the schedules attached to this Bylaw shall form a part of this Bylaw.
- (7) This Bylaw does not apply to the *City* in respect of *Animals* used by or on behalf of the *City* for the purpose of land management, including weed control, on *City*-owned lands.

## **PART 2 – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

### **Licences Required**

- 3. (1) A *Person* must not own or keep any dog within the *City* without a valid and subsisting dog licence for that dog.
- (2) A *Person* must not own or keep any cat within the *City* without a valid and subsisting cat licence for that cat.
- 4. It is a defence to a charge under section 3 that the dog or cat is a puppy or kitten under 3 months old, has not been found *Running at Large*, and has not been declared a *Nuisance Animal* or a *Vicious Animal*.

### **Administration of Licences**

- 5. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* is authorized to issue, renew, or revoke:
  - (a) Altered and unaltered dog licences;

- (b) Altered and unaltered cat licences;
- (c) *Nuisance Animal* licences; and
- (d) *Vicious Animal* licences;

and corresponding *Tags*, to *Persons* who apply for one or more of these licences in accordance with the requirements of this Bylaw.

6. *Persons* applying for one or more of the licences referred to in section 5 must:
- (a) demonstrate that they are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - (b) provide an accurate description of the cat, dog, *Nuisance Animal*, or *Vicious Animal* including breed, name, gender and age;
  - (c) provide the name, address, and telephone number of the *Owner* and where the *Owner* is a body corporate, provide the name, address and telephone number of the natural person responsible for the cat, dog, *Nuisance Animal*, or *Vicious Animal*;
  - (d) establish to the satisfaction of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*, when applying for an altered *Animal* licence, that the cat, dog, *Nuisance Animal*, or *Vicious Animal*, is neutered or spayed;
  - (e) provide any other information required by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
  - (f) make payment in full of the licence fee for each altered or unaltered cat, dog, *Vicious Animal*, or *Nuisance Animal*, as set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.
7. (1) A *Person* must not give false information when applying for a licence under this Part.
- (2) An *Owner* must notify the *Chief Bylaw Officer* forthwith of any change with respect to any information provided in an application for a licence under this Bylaw.
- (3) Licences are not transferable.
- (4) *Service Dogs* must make an application for a licence but are exempt from the payment of fees for such licence.
- (5) Upon losing a *Tag*, an *Owner* of a licensed *Animal* must contact the *Animal Services Centre* in order to obtain a new *Tag* and must pay the fee set out in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw for that replacement *Tag*.
- (6) No *Person* is entitled to a licence rebate under this Bylaw except that the *Chief Bylaw Officer* may issue two-year termed licences at double the annual fee specified in Schedule "A" for the year within which the purchase is made.

- (7) Subsection (6) does not apply to *Nuisance Animal* licences or *Vicious Animal* licences.
- (8) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may prescribe the form of applications for licences and the manner of the payment of licence fees and may refuse to renew a licence for an *Animal* if there are outstanding fees owed by the *Owner*.

### Responsibility of Owners to Ensure Proper Licensing

- 8. (1) For clarity, in subsection (2) below, the term “licensed *Animal*” refers to an *Owner’s* licensed altered or unaltered cat, dog, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal*.
- (2) An *Owner* of a licensed *Animal* must:
  - (a) ensure that such *Animal* wears a *Tag* whenever the *Animal* is taken by the *Owner* off the property of the *Owner* as evidence of the valid and subsisting licence purchased for that *Animal*;
  - (b) ensure that such *Animal* has a valid and subsisting licence at all times by applying for and renewing the licence in accordance with this Bylaw;
  - (c) obtain a licence on the first day on which the *Animal Services Centre* is open for business after becoming the *Owner* of the *Animal*;
  - (d) obtain a licence for the *Animal* notwithstanding it is under the age of three months where the *Animal* is found *Running at Large*; and
  - (e) obtain a licence on or before the day specified by the *Animal Services Centre* as the expiry date of the licence that corresponds to that *Animal*.
- (3) An *Owner* of an *Animal* may, in place of the ensuring the *Animal* wears a *Tag* pursuant to subsection 2(a) above, ensure that the *Animal* bears a visible tattoo or microchip that identifies the *Animal* and *Owner*.
- (4) An *Owner* of a licensed *Animal* must notify the *Animal Services Centre* forthwith of any changes to the *Owner’s* mailing address and phone number so that this contact information is kept current at all times.

### Limits on Cats and Dogs

- 9. (1) A *Person* must not own more than six (6) dogs and six (6) cats that are more than three months of age.
- (2) A *Person* must not permit more than six (6) dogs and six (6) cats that are more than three months of age to reside in one dwelling unit.
- (3) A valid and subsisting Excess Animal Permit issued by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is a defence to a charge under subsections (1) and (2).

- (4) It is also a defence to a charge under subsections (1) and (2) that the *Owner* owned the *Animal* and had them licensed prior to this Bylaw coming into force and provided that the *Owner* does not foster, adopt, breed, or purchase more *Animals*.
  - (5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to veterinarian clinics and not-for-profit animal rescue organizations incorporated under the laws of Alberta.
10. (1) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may issue Excess Animal Permits to:
- (a) breeders;
  - (b) a *Person* fostering an *Animal* under the supervision of a not-for-profit organization that rescues and adopts out *Animals*; or
  - (c) any other *Persons* who, in the opinion of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*, reasonably requires a permit.
- (2) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may revoke an Excess Animal Permit at any time.

### **PART 3 – OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR BEHAVIOUR OF ANIMAL**

#### **Keeping Animals under Control**

11. (1) The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that the *Owner's Animal* is not *Running at Large*.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an *Owner* of a dog that is not a *Vicious Animal* is not required to have the dog on a *Leash* in a *Park* or a portion of a *Park* which has been designated as an *Off Leash Area*.
- (3) Unless a visible sign indicates that the area has been designated as an *Off Leash Area* an *Owner* must keep the *Owner's* dog on a *Leash*.
- (4) An *Owner* must not allow an *Animal* other than a dog to enter into or remain in an *Off Leash Area*.
- (5) The *Owner* of a dog in an *Off Leash Area* must ensure that such dog is under control at all times.
- (6) Whether a dog is under control is a question of fact to be determined by a *Court* hearing a prosecution pursuant to this Section of the Bylaw, having taken into consideration any or all of the following:
- (a) Whether the dog is at such a distance from its *Owner* so as to be incapable of responding to voice, sound or sight commands;

- (b) Whether the dog has responded to voice, sound or sight commands from the *Owner*;
  - (c) Whether the dog has *Bitten*, *Attacked*, or done any act that injures a *Person* or another *Animal*;
  - (d) Whether the dog chased or otherwise threatened a *Person*;
  - (e) Whether the dog caused damage to property.
- (7) An *Owner* must not have more than 6 dogs off *Leash* in an *Off Leash Area* at one time.
- (8) An *Owner* who fails to immediately restrain and remove a dog upon it engaging in any of the activities listed in Section 22 (threatening behaviour), by restraining the dog on a *Leash* not exceeding two (2) metres in length and removing the dog from the *Off Leash Area*, is guilty of an offence.
- (9) Nothing in this Section relieves an *Owner* from complying with any other provisions of this Bylaw.

#### **Dogs Not Permitted**

12. An *Owner* of *Vicious Animal* must not permit such *Animal* to be in an *Off Leash Area* at any time whether *Leashed* or not.
13. (1) The *Owner* of a dog must ensure that such dog does not enter or remain in or on:
- (a) a *School Ground*, *Playground*, *Sports Field*, *Golf Course*, *Cemetery*, *Wading or Swimming Area*; or
  - (b) any other area where dogs are prohibited by posted signs.
- (2) The *Owner* of a dog must ensure that such dog does not enter or remain in a *Park*, or any part thereof, where the dog is within five (5) meters of a *Play Structure*, a *Wading or Swimming Area*, a *Sports Field*, a *Golf Course* or a *Cemetery*.
- (3) The *Owner* of a dog must ensure that such dog does not leave a *Pathway* or trail while in the following *Parks*:
- (a) Griffith Woods;
  - (b) the Weaselhead Park;
  - (c) the area of Nose Hill Park as designated by the Director, Calgary Parks; or
  - (d) any other *Park* or portion of *Park* as designated by the Director, Calgary Parks as a *Park* where a *Person* must not leave a *Pathway* or trail pursuant to Bylaw 11M2019.

- (4) The *Owner* of a dog may allow such dog to pass along or across a *Pathway*, including a *Pathway* that runs through an area designated as an *Off Leash Area*, only if such dog:
    - (a) is secured by a *Leash* of no greater length than two (2) metres; and
    - (b) remains under the *Owner's* control at all times ensuring that the dog does not interfere with or obstruct any other *Pathway* user.
  - (5) Whether or not a dog is interfering or obstructing another *Pathway* user pursuant to subsection (4) is a question of fact to be determined by a *Court* hearing a prosecution pursuant to this section of the Bylaw, having taken into consideration one or more of:
    - (a) whether the *Owner* kept such dog on the right-hand side of the *Pathway* to avoid oncoming traffic of other users of the *Pathway*; and
    - (b) whether the *Owner* ensured that the dog did not sit or stand still on the *Pathway*, whether in an *Off Leash Area* or not.
  - (6) The *Owner* of a dog or any other *Animal* must ensure that such dog or other *Animal* does not enter or remain in the *Park* known as Prince's Island Park, or on the pedestrian bridges to the *Park* whether on or off *Leash* at any time on the following two (2) designated days of each year:
    - (a) July 01 – Canada Day; and
    - (b) the first Monday of August – Heritage Day.
14. The *Owner* of any *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not enter or remain in the water or upon the ice of the Glenmore Reservoir at any time.

#### **Cycling, skateboarding, e-scooter etc. with Animals**

15. (1) An *Owner* must not operate a wheeled conveyance such as a bicycle, e-bicycle, skateboard, roller-skates, scooter, e-scooter, Segway, or other similar vehicle on a *Pathway*, with any *Animal* on a *Leash*.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to *Owners* operating a device designed for *Persons* with disabilities.

#### **Unattended Animals**

16. (1) The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* is not left unattended while tethered or tied on premises where the public has access, whether the right of access is express or implied.
- (2) The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* is not left tethered or tied up in a residential yard unless the *Owner* is outside with the dog at all times or the *Owner* is able to maintain visual view of the dog at all times.



- (3) The *Owner* of an *Animal* must not allow the *Animal* when tethered or tied up in a residential yard to get closer than 1.5 metres to the property line.
- (4) The *Owner* of an *Animal* left unattended in a motor vehicle must ensure:
  - (a) the *Animal* is restrained in a manner that prevents contact between the *Animal* and any member of the public; and
  - (b) the *Animal* has suitable ventilation.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection 4(b), the *Owner* of an *Animal* must not leave an *Animal* unattended in a motor vehicle when the temperature outdoors is below minus 15 (fifteen) Celsius or above plus 15 (fifteen) degrees Celsius.

### **Securing Animals in Vehicles**

- 17. (1) For the purpose of this section, “roadway” means any street or highway, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles.
- (2) An *Owner* must not allow an *Animal* to be outside of the passenger cab of a motor vehicle on a roadway, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is moving or parked.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), an *Owner* may allow an *Animal* to be outside the passenger cab of a motor vehicle, including riding in the back of a pick up truck or flat bed truck if the *Animal* is:
  - (a) in a fully enclosed trailer;
  - (b) in a topper enclosing the bed area of a truck; or
  - (c) contained in a ventilated kennel or similar device securely fastened to the bed of the truck.
- (4) The owner of a vehicle involved in an offence referred to in this section is guilty of the offence, unless that vehicle owner satisfies the *Court* that the vehicle was:
  - (a) not being driven or was not parked by the vehicle’s owner; and
  - (b) that the *Person* driving or parking the vehicle at the time of the offence did so without the vehicle owner’s express or implied consent.

### **Animals Suspected of Having Rabies**

- 18. (1) An *Owner* of an *Animal* suspected of having rabies must immediately report the matter to The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Alberta’s Medical Officer of Health, or to the *Chief Bylaw Officer*.

- (2) An *Owner* of an *Animal* suspected of having rabies must confine or isolate the *Animal*, in such a manner as prescribed so as to prevent further spread of the disease.
- (3) An *Owner* of an *Animal* suspected of having rabies must keep the *Animal* humanely confined for not less than ten (10) days at the cost of the *Owner*.

## **NUISANCES**

### **Removing Excrement**

19. If an *Animal* defecates on any public or private property other than the property of its *Owner*, the *Owner* must remove such feces immediately.

### **Noise**

20. (1) The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause a noise which disturbs any *Person*.
- (2) Whether any sound annoys or disturbs a *Person*, or otherwise constitutes objectionable noise, is a question of fact to be determined by a *Court* hearing a prosecution pursuant to this section of the Bylaw.

### **Scattering Garbage**

21. The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not upset any waste receptacles or scatter the contents thereof either in or about a street, lane, or other public property or in or about premises not belonging to or in the possession of the *Owner* of the *Animal*.

### **Threatening Behaviours**

22. The *Owner* of an *Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not:
  - (1) *Bite*, bark at, or chase stock, *Animals*, bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles;
  - (2) chase or otherwise threaten a *Person* or *Persons*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;
  - (3) cause damage to property or other *Animals*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;
  - (4) do any act that injures a *Person* or *Persons*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;
  - (5) *Bite* a *Person* or *Persons*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;
  - (6) *Attack* a *Person* or *Persons*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;
  - (7) *Attack* another *Animal* causing *Severe Injury*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not;

- (8) cause death to another *Animal*; or
  - (9) *Attack a Person or Persons*, whether on the property of the *Owner* or not, causing *Severe Injury*.
23. No *Owner* must use or direct an *Animal* to *Attack*, chase, harass or threaten a *Person* or *Animal*.

#### **Duty to Report Bite**

24. An *Owner* must make a report within twenty-four (24) hours if the *Owner's Animal Bites* a *Person* or another *Animal* by:
- (a) providing the *Owner's* name and the *Animal's* licence number to the *Person* who was *Bit* or whose *Animal* was *Bit* or providing that information to an *Officer*; or
  - (b) using *The City's* 311 service by phone or online to provide the information requested by that service in response to a *Bite* report.

### **PART 4 – URBAN LIVESTOCK**

#### **Keeping of Livestock Prohibited**

25. (1) A *Person* must not keep *Livestock* in any area of the *City*.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:
- (a) a *Person* keeping *Livestock* in an area where the keeping of *Livestock* is allowed under *The City of Calgary Land Use Bylaw*;
  - (b) a *Person* who has a valid and subsisting *Livestock* licence or permit issued by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* for that *Livestock*; or
  - (c) horses ridden in a *Park* which has been designated for horseback riding by the Director, *Calgary Parks*; or
  - (d) the *Calgary Humane Society* or the *Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*.
- (3) A *Person* must not keep pigeons, bee colonies, or hens within the *City* without a valid and subsisting *Urban Livestock* licence.
- (4) A *Person* must not keep roosters in the *City*.
- (5) A *Person* must not feed or lure *Wildlife* in the *City*.

- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply to the feeding of birdseed to songbirds.

### Horses in Prohibited Area

26. (1) Except in a *Park* or parts of a *Park* which have been designated for horseback riding by the Director, Calgary Parks, a *Person* must not allow a horse owned or controlled by him to be in a *Park*;
- (2) Sections 25(1) and 26(1) does not apply to horses owned and ridden by the Calgary Police Service.

### Applicants for Licences and Permits

27. (1) A *Person* may apply to the *Chief Bylaw Officer* for the following *Livestock* licences and permits:
- (a) an *Urban Livestock* licence that permits that *Person* to own bee colonies, hens, and pigeons;
  - (b) a *Livestock Emotional Support Animal* Permit; or
  - (c) a Temporary Livestock Permit.
- (2) An applicant for a *Livestock* licence or permit must provide the following information in the form required by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*.
- (a) A site plan for where the *Livestock* will be kept;
  - (b) Details of any *Housing* that will be placed and maintained for *Livestock* to demonstrate the ability to maintain their physical well-being including details of the positioning of the entrance of any hives;
  - (c) Proof of ownership of the property where the *Livestock* is kept or proof of consent of the property's owner;
  - (d) Proof of completion of any training or mentoring required by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*; and
  - (e) A signed declaration that the applicant will adhere to generally accepted good husbandry or beekeeping practices and complete any necessary provincial registration.
- (3) In addition to the information in subsection (2), an applicant for a *Livestock Emotional Support Animal* Permit must provide information demonstrating that a mental health professional has determined that the companion *Animal* provides a benefit for that applicant's disability.

### Conditions on Licences and Permits

28. The following are conditions on all *Livestock* licences and permits:

- (a) A licence or permit holder must not keep *Livestock* in a manner that causes or permits a nuisance or is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of any other individual;
  - (b) A licence or permit holder must keep all *Housing* consistent with what was approved in the application for a licence and in a state of good repair;
  - (c) A licence or permit holder must not keep less than two (2) or more than four (4) hens without approval of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
  - (d) A licence or permit holder must not keep more than two (2) bee colonies without approval of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* except that the licence or permit holder may keep more than two (2) bee colonies for a one month period of time when splitting an existing colony for hive management;
  - (e) A licence or permit holder must not fly more than thirty (30) pigeons at a time and must not fly pigeons that have been fed within two (2) hours prior to flying unless exempt from this requirement by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
  - (f) A licence or permit holder keeping pigeons must maintain membership in good standing of either the Canadian Pigeon Fanciers' Association Inc./Association Canadienne du Pigeon de Fantaisie Inc. or the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated, and must band all pigeons kept under the licence or permit with a seamless Club or Association band on their legs;
  - (g) A licence or permit holder must not slaughter a hen or a pigeon within the *City*;
  - (h) A licence or permit holder must not sell or give away the licensed or permitted *Livestock* to another *Person* within the *City* without the approval of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*; and
  - (i) A licence or permit holder must notify the *City* if the *Livestock* is being relocated or moved within the *City* and must agree to an inspection of any new location.
29. Despite subsection 28(g) a licence or permit holder may take hens or pigeons to be euthanized by a licenced veterinarian or slaughtered at a licensed slaughterhouse in the *City*.
30. Nothing in this Part exempts or relieves from requirements arising under any land use bylaw and building regulations requirement that may apply to *Livestock* or their *Housing*.

#### **Authority of Chief Bylaw Officer**

31. (1) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* is authorized to issue, renew, and revoke *Livestock* licences and permits in accordance with this Part.
- (2) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* must charge a fee, as set out in Schedule "A", when granting *Livestock* licences and permits pursuant to this Part unless, in the *Chief Bylaw Officer's* opinion, there are compassionate reasons to waive or reduce the fee.

32. Without limiting section 31, the *Chief Bylaw Officer* may refuse to issue a *Livestock* licence or permit where:
- (a) the application is incomplete;
  - (b) the site plan does not provide for sufficient setbacks, or proper sitting of a hive, in relation to neighbouring properties or otherwise would not conform to any other requirements under the Land Use Bylaw;
  - (c) the proposed site plan places the *Housing* in the front yard or front setback of the lot; or
  - (d) the applicant has previously committed offences under this Bylaw, the Community Standards Bylaw, or provincial *Animal* welfare or husbandry legislation.
33. In approving or renewing a *Livestock* licence or permit the *Chief Bylaw Officer* may:
- (a) limit or increase the number of bee colonies, pigeons or hens a licence or permit holder is permitted to keep to an amount different than provided for in section 28 above based on the size or shape of the property and/or houses in relation to neighbouring lots and houses; and
  - (b) exempt licence and permit holders from the condition in subsection 28(e) where that requirement it is not reasonable due to the type of species of pigeon being kept under the licence or permit.
34. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may revoke, or refuse to renew any *Livestock* licence or permit where:
- (a) the licence or permit holder has failed to abide by a condition of the licence;
  - (b) the licence or permit holder has filed a false or misleading application;
  - (c) the licence or permit holder has failed to complete a program of training or mentoring required by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*; or
  - (d) the licence or permit holder has kept *Livestock* in a manner that causes a nuisance or is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of any other *Person*.
35. In determining if *Livestock* is a nuisance or is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of any other individual the *Chief Bylaw Officer* may consider one or more of:
- (a) a demonstrated impact on the health or well-being of others;
  - (b) repeated incidents of unruly behaviour such as swarming in bees;
  - (c) repeated complaints of offensive odours, or messy, untidy or unkempt *Housing*;

- (d) repeated complaints of the *Livestock* defecating while off property of the licence or permit holder;
  - (e) repeated complaints of the *Livestock Running at Large*;
  - (f) demonstrated damage to neighbouring properties; and
  - (g) whether the *Livestock* is being kept in a manner that is contrary to a condition of the *Livestock* licence or permit or is contrary to generally accepted pigeon, hen, or beekeeping standards.
36. In administering *Livestock* licences and permits under this Bylaw the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is authorized to:
- (a) inspect *Livestock* and *Housing* kept by a licence or permit holder at any time to ensure the requirements in this Bylaw are being met;
  - (b) limit the number of *Urban Livestock* licences issued, where done in a fair and equitable manner, in the following circumstances:
    - i. To create and manage an initial pilot program for urban hens; and
    - ii. To ensure the density of bee colonies in any part of the *City* does not exceed available resources for the health of existing colonies;
  - (c) require licence and permit holders to complete a program of training or mentoring related to the type of *Livestock* being kept;
  - (d) consider the standards set out in guidelines and publications of beekeeping, pigeon, and hen associations; and
  - (e) consult with *The City's* planning and development offices.
37. Where a *Person* has contravened a condition of a *Livestock* licence or permit the *Chief Bylaw Officer* may issue a remedial order pursuant to Part 9 of this Bylaw that directs that *Person* to:
- (1) change how that *Person* keeps the *Livestock*;
  - (2) restricts how that *Person* may keep *Livestock* on land the *Person* owns or occupies in a manner directed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
  - (3) limit the number of bee colonies, hens or pigeons kept by the *Person* to a number below what is permitted by this Bylaw;
  - (4) modify, repair, or relocate any *Housing* including any property fences used to keep the *Livestock* contained on the property;
  - (5) change practices in caring for the *Livestock* to conform with generally accepted beekeeping or husbandry standards; or

- (6) any other action similar to the above that is in the opinion of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is reasonably necessary to ensure the *Livestock* is not a nuisance or not reasonably likely to disturb the peace of others.
38. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may issue a remedial order prior to, or in place of, revoking or refusing to renew a licence or permit.

### **Temporary Livestock Permit**

39. (1) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may grant a permit allowing an *Owner* to keep *Livestock* in the *City* on a temporary basis where, in the opinion of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*, it would be in the public interest to do so.
- (2) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may place conditions on permits issued pursuant to subsection (1) including limiting the place and time the *Livestock* may be kept and the duration the permit is valid.

### **Transitional**

40. A *Person* who owned bee colonies or pigeons prior to the date this Bylaw is passed will be granted a Temporary Livestock Permit at the time this Bylaw is passed and such permit will expire after a duration of twelve (12) months at which time the *Person* must apply for an *Urban Livestock* licence under this Bylaw to continue keeping the bee colonies or pigeons.
41. A *Person* who owns hens and had a valid and subsisting *Livestock Emotional Support Animal* Permit for such hens prior to the date this Bylaw is passed may be granted an *Urban Livestock* licence under this Bylaw by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* without making an application for one at the time this Bylaw comes into force.

### **Appeals**

42. A *Person* can appeal to the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board, within the timeframe stated in that bylaw, a decision of the *Chief Bylaw Officer*.
- (a) to refuse to issue a *Livestock* licence or permit;
  - (b) made pursuant to section 33; or
  - (c) to revoke a *Livestock* licence or permit.

## **PART 5 – NUISANCE ANIMALS**

### **Prohibition**

43. A *Person* must not own or keep a *Nuisance Animal* in the *City* without a valid and subsisting *Nuisance Animal* licence.

### **Designating an *Animal* a *Nuisance Animal***



44. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may designate an *Animal* to be a *Nuisance Animal*, and require an *Owner* to obtain a *Nuisance Animal* licence for such an *Animal* where:
- (a) the *Animal* has engaged in repeated threatening or aggressive behaviour;
  - (b) the *Animal* has been found *Running at Large* more than once;
  - (c) the *Animal* is a dog that repeatedly barks, howls, or otherwise makes or causes noise which disturbs any *Person*; or
  - (d) the *Owner* has demonstrated an inability to control the *Animal* in an *Off Leash Area* or any other public area on more than one occasion.

#### **Notice and Submissions**

45. Where the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is considering designating an *Animal* as a *Nuisance Animal*, the *Chief Bylaw Officer* must:
- (a) send written notice to the *Owner* of the reason why the designation is being considered;
  - (b) provide an opportunity to the *Owner* to make written submissions within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice on whether such *Animal* should be designated as a *Nuisance Animal*; and
  - (c) consider any written submissions made by the *Owner* and any information provided from an *Officer* obtained from any investigation conducted pursuant to this Bylaw involving such *Animal*, whether for the incident precipitating the consideration of the designation or an earlier incident involving such *Animal*.

#### **Designation Decision and Conditions on Nuisance Animals**

46. (1) Where the *Chief Bylaw Officer* has decided to designate an *Animal* as a *Nuisance Animal* the designation decision must be sent to the *Owner*, with the reasons for that decision, along with notice of any conditions imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to subsection 47(1).
- (2) A *Nuisance Animal* designation continues to apply if the *Animal* is sold, given away or transferred to a new *Owner*.
  - (3) An *Owner* must disclose that an *Animal* has been designated a *Nuisance Animal* when selling, giving away, or transferring that *Animal* to a new *Owner*.
  - (4) An *Owner* must disclose a *Nuisance Animal* designation to any *Person* the *Owner* asks to take temporary care and control of the *Nuisance Animal*, such as dogwalkers, groomers, kennel operators, and veterinarians.

#### **Nuisance Animal Conditions**

47. (1) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may impose one or more of the following conditions on an *Owner* of a *Nuisance Animal*:
- (a) Require the *Owner* to keep the *Nuisance Animal* indoors between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am;
  - (b) Require the *Owner* to keep the *Nuisance Animal*, when outdoors on the *Owner's* property, in a *secure pen* or *secure fence*;
  - (c) Require the *Owner* to ensure the *Nuisance Animal* is *Muzzled* while outdoors, either on the *Owner's* property or off the *Owner's* property, and in plain view of the *Owner* at all times while *Muzzled*;
  - (d) Require that the *Owner* undertake repairs to the property where the *Nuisance Animal* resides to ensure compliance with this Bylaw;
  - (e) Require the *Owner* to retain the services of a *Certified Professional Dog Trainer* to provide the *Owner* with a specific type of education and training, for a specified number of hours, and require that the *Owner* provide proof of completion of such education and training hours;
  - (f) Prohibit the *Nuisance Animal* from entering or remaining in an *Off Leash Area*; and
  - (g) Any other additional condition that is similar to the above, and in the opinion of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is reasonably necessary to reduce the nuisance posed by such *Nuisance Animal*.
- (2) The *Owner* of a *Nuisance Animal* must comply with any conditions imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to this section.
- (3) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* can add or remove any conditions at any time after designating an *Animal* as a *Nuisance Animal* on written notice to an *Owner*.
- (4) An *Owner* may apply to have the *Nuisance Animal* designation lifted no more than once per year by written appeal to the *Chief Bylaw Officer*.

#### **Appeal**

48. (1) An *Owner* who disagrees with:
- (a) a decision of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* to designate the *Owner's Animal* a *Nuisance Animal*;
  - (b) a decision of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* to confirm the designation of an *Animal* as a *Nuisance Animal* following an annual written appeal; or
  - (c) a condition imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* under section 47(1);

may appeal that decision to the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board in accordance with the timelines set out in Bylaw 50M2011.

- (2) The *Owner of a Nuisance Animal* must comply with the responsibilities imposed by this Bylaw despite any pending appeal before the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board except that the *Owner* is not required, pending a final decision of that Board, to comply with a condition imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to subsection 47(1).

## **PART 6 – VICIOUS ANIMALS**

### **Definitions**

49. In this Part (Vicious Animals), Part 5 (Nuisance Animals) and Part 7 (Animal Control Operations):
- (a) “*secure pen*” means a pen or other structure meeting the following specifications:
- i. has secure sides and a secure top, and if it has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground to a minimum depth of thirty (30) centimeters;
  - ii. provides the *Vicious Animal* with shelter from the elements;
  - iii. is of the minimum dimensions of one and one-half (1.5) metres by three (3) metres and be a minimum one and one-half (1.5) metres in height; and
  - iv. is not within one (1) metre of the property line or within five (5) metres of a neighbouring dwelling unit;
- (b) “*secure fence*” means a secured fenced enclosure meeting the following specifications:
- i. is at least six (6) foot high, reaching to the ground;
  - ii. has a self-closing mechanism on all gates; and
  - iii. must have the ability to lock in a way to prevent any *Persons* from outside the *Owner’s* household gaining access to the *Animal*.

### **Prohibition**

50. A *Person* must not own or keep a *Vicious Animal* in the *City* without a valid and subsisting *Vicious Animal* licence.

### **Designating an Animal a *Vicious Animal***

51. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may designate an *Animal* to be a *Vicious Animal*, and require an *Owner* to obtain a *Vicious Animal* licence for such an *Animal* where:
- (a) the *Animal* has caused a *Severe Injury* to a *Person*, whether on public or private property;
  - (b) the *Animal* has, while off its *Owner's* property, caused *Severe Injury* to another *Animal* or the death of another *Animal*; or
  - (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe the *Animal* poses a risk to the health and safety of *Persons* in the *City*.

### Notice and Submissions

52. Where the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is considering designating an *Animal* as a *Vicious Animal*, the *Chief Bylaw Officer* must:
- (a) send written notice to the *Owner* of the reason why the designation is being considered;
  - (b) provide an opportunity to the *Owner* to make written submissions within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice on whether such *Animal* should be designated as a *Vicious Animal*; and
  - (c) consider any written submissions made by the *Owner* and any information provided from an *Officer* obtained from any investigation conducted pursuant to this Bylaw involving such *Animal*, whether for the incident precipitating the consideration of the designation or an earlier incident involving such *Animal*.

### Seizure Pending a Decision

53. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may order the *Owner* of an *Animal* alleged to be a *Vicious Animal* to surrender the *Animal* to an *Officer* to be impounded at the *Animal Services Centre* pending the outcome of the *Chief Bylaw Officer's* decision on whether the *Animal* should be designated a *Vicious Animal* and any related appeal.

### Designation Decision

54. (1) Where the *Chief Bylaw Officer* has decided to designate an *Animal* as a *Vicious Animal* the designation decision must be sent to the *Owner*, with the reasons for making that decision, along with notice of any additional conditions imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to section 57(1).
- (2) A *Vicious Animal* designation continues to apply if the *Animal* is sold, given away or transferred to a new *Owner*.
- (3) An *Owner* must disclose that an *Animal* has been designated a *Vicious Animal* when selling, giving away, or transferring that *Animal* to a new *Owner*.

- (4) An *Owner* must disclose a *Vicious Animal* designation to any *Person* the *Owner* asks to take temporary care and control of the *Animal*, such as dogwalkers, groomers, kennel operators, and veterinarians.

### Transitional

55. (1) An *Owner* of an *Animal* that was declared a *Vicious Animal* pursuant to Bylaw 23M2006 continues as a *Vicious Animal* under this Bylaw and the *Owner* must continue to comply with all conditions, orders, and restrictions imposed on such a *Vicious Animal* pursuant to Bylaw 23M2006.
- (2) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may impose conditions pursuant to section 57(1) of this Bylaw on a *Vicious Animal* designated as such pursuant to Bylaw 23M2006 and the *Owner* must comply with all responsibilities set out in this Bylaw on *Owners* of *Vicious Animals*.

### Conditions on Vicious Animals

56. (1) Where the *Chief Bylaw Officer* has designated an *Animal* a *Vicious Animal* the *Owner* must:
- (a) within ten (10) days of receiving the notice of the designation:
- (i) ensure that a licenced veterinarian tattoo the *Vicious Animal* with a visible tattoo; or
- (ii) implant an identifiable microchip in the *Vicious Animal*;
- and provide the information contained on the tattoo or microchip to the *Chief Bylaw Officer*;
- (b) if the *Animal* is in an unaltered state, within 10 (ten) days of receiving the notice of the designation, have the *Vicious Animal* neutered or spayed at the *Owner's* expense;
- (c) ensure the *Vicious Animal* is kept under control at all times by;
- (i) keeping the *Vicious Animal* indoors when on the *Owner's* property and under the control of a *Person* over the age of eighteen (18);
- (ii) keeping the *Vicious Animal* in a *secure pen* or contained by a *secure fence* when outdoors on the *Owner's* property; or
- (iii) keeping the *Vicious Animal* under the control of a *Person* over the age of eighteen (18) years when outdoors, whether on the *Owner's* property or not, and securely *Muzzled* and harnessed or *Leashed* on a lead which length must not exceed one (1) metre, in a manner that prevents such *Vicious Animal* from chasing, injuring or *Biting* other *Animals* or people as well as prevent damage to public or private property;

- (d) not permit the *Vicious Animal* to enter in or remain in an *Off Leash Area*; and
  - (e) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must, within ten (10) days of the date of the notice designating the *Animal* to be a *Vicious Animal*, display a sign on the *Owner's* premises warning of the presence of the *Animal* in the form illustrated in Schedule "E" and must ensure that:
    - (i) the sign is placed at each entrance to the premises where the *Vicious Animal* is kept and on the pen or other structure in which the *Vicious Animal* is confined; and
    - (ii) the sign is posted to be clearly visible and capable of being seen by any *Person* accessing the premises;
  - (f) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* wears a *Tag* at all times.
- (2) An *Owner* must permit an *Officer* to inspect a *secure fence*, *secure pen* or any outdoor portion of that *Owner's* property where a *Vicious Animal* may be contained.

#### **Additional Conditions on Owners of Vicious Animals**

57. (1) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may impose one or more of the following conditions on the *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal*:
- (a) Require the *Owner* to modify the *Owner's* property in some manner in order to reduce the risk of the *Vicious Animal* leaving the property and *Running at Large*;
  - (b) Require the *Owner* to retain the services of a *Certified Professional Dog Trainer* to provide the *Owner* with a specific type of education and training, for a specified number of hours, and require that the *Owner* provide proof of completion of such education and training hours;
  - (c) Require that the *Owner* obtain liability insurance in a specified amount for the *Vicious Animal*; and
  - (d) Any other additional condition that is similar to the above, and in the opinion of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* is reasonably necessary to ensure the health and safety of *Persons* in the *City*.
- (2) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must comply with any conditions imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to this section.
- (3) The *Chief Bylaw Officer* can add or remove any conditions at any time after designating an *Animal* as a *Vicious Animal* on written notice to an *Owner*.

### **Selling, Transferring, or Gifting *Vicious Animals***

58. The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must:

- (a) notify the *Chief Bylaw Officer* should the *Animal* be sold, gifted, or transferred to another *Person* or is deceased; and
- (b) remain liable for the actions of the *Animal* until formal notification of sale, gift or transfer is given to the *Chief Bylaw Officer*.

### **Offences involving *Vicious Animals***

59. (1) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not:

- (a) chase a *Person* or other *Animals*;
  - (b) injure a *Person* or other *Animals*;
  - (c) *Bite* a *Person* or other *Animals*; or
  - (d) *Attack* a *Person* or other *Animals*.
- (2) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* does not damage or destroy public or private property.
- (3) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must ensure that such *Animal* is not *Running at Large*.
- (4) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must notify the *Animal Services Centre* if the *Animal* is *Running at Large*.

### **Appeal**

60. (1) An *Owner* who disagrees with a decision of the *Chief Bylaw Officer* to designate the *Owner's Animal* a *Vicious Animal* or who disagrees with any condition imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to section 57(1) may appeal that decision to the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board in accordance with the timelines set out in Bylaw 50M2011.
- (2) The *Owner* of a *Vicious Animal* must comply with the responsibilities imposed by this Bylaw despite any pending appeal before the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board except that the *Owner* is not required, pending a final decision of that Board, to comply with the requirement to spay or neuter the *Animal* pursuant to section 56(1)(b) or any condition imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* pursuant to section 57(1).
- (3) Nothing in this Bylaw precludes the *Chief Bylaw Officer* from applying for a *Vicious Animal* to be destroyed pursuant to the *Dangerous Dogs Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. D-3.

## **PART 7 – ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONS**

### **Authority of Animal Services Centre**

61. (1) The *Animal Services Centre* may impound and hold any *Animals* that have been surrendered or seized pursuant to this Bylaw until such time as they are reclaimed by their *Owners* in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw or are deemed by this Bylaw to be unclaimed.
- (2) The *Animal Services Centre* may receive *Animals* into protective care pursuant to fire, flood, or other reasons and retain such *Animals* temporarily and at the end of the protective care period, if no other arrangements are made between the *Owner* and the *Animal Services Centre*, treat such *Animals* as impounded *Animals*.
- (3) The *Animal Services Centre* may charge *Owners* of any *Animals* that are being held fees for costs of impoundment and may charge fees to an *Owner* for the care of that *Owner's Animal* while such *Animal* is at the *Animal Services Centre* pursuant to Schedule "B".
- (4) An *Animal* is deemed by this Bylaw to be unclaimed when:
- (a) It has been retained in the *Animal Services Centre* for seventy-two (72) hours after the *Owner* has acknowledged receiving the notice of impoundment, or is deemed to have received such notice, and the *Owner* has failed to reclaim the *Animal* in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw; or
- (b) It has been retained in the *Animal Services Centre* for seventy-two (72) hours, if the name and address of the *Owner* is not known.
- (5) The *Animal Services Centre* may retain an *Animal* for a longer period if in its opinion the circumstances warrant the expense or there are reasonable grounds to believe that the *Animal* is a continued danger to *Persons*, *Animals*, or property.
- (6) The *Animal Services Centre* may implant a microchip in any *Animal* found *Running at Large* more than once in the *City* or any *Animal* that has become the property of *The City* under this Bylaw.
- (7) The *Animal Services Centre* may offer for sale, euthanize, or adopt out all unclaimed *Animals* which have been received at the Centre.
- (8) The *Animal Services Centre* must not sell, euthanize, or adopt out an impounded *Animal*, including any *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal*, until such *Animal* is deemed unclaimed.

### **Seizure and Impoundment**



62. (1) An *Officer* may capture and impound any *Animal* including any *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal*:
- (a) found *Running at Large*;
  - (b) which has *Attacked* or *Bit* or an *Officer* believes on reasonable and probable grounds has *Attacked* or *Bit* a *Person* or *Animal* pending either:
    - i. the outcome of the *Chief Bylaw Officer's* determination on whether the *Animal* should be designated as a *Vicious Animal* and pending any related appeal to the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board; or
    - ii. pending a *Court's* determination as to whether the dog should be destroyed pursuant to the *Dangerous Dogs Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c D-3;
  - (c) where the *Animal* has been previously designated a *Vicious Animal* and the *Owner* has failed to abide by one or more condition(s) imposed on such *Vicious Animal* which creates, in the *Officer's* opinion, a threat to public safety; or
  - (d) which is required to be impounded pursuant to the provisions of any statute of Canada or of the Province of Alberta, or any Regulation made thereunder.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b)(i), an *Officer* may allow an *Owner* of an *Animal* alleged to be a *Vicious Animal* to keep the *Animal* in place of seizure provided the *Owner* agrees to contain and control conditions, which in the opinion of the *Officer*, ensures the safety of the public pending that designation decision and any further appeal.
- (3) Conditions to contain and control an *Animal* under subsection (2) may include one, or more, or all of:
- (a) When outdoors, whether on the *Owner's* property or not, such *Animal* must;
    - i. be under direct control of an adult, by means of a harness, *Muzzle* and a two point of contact *Leash*; or
    - ii. contained by a *secure fence*;
  - (b) The *Owner* is prohibited from taking the *Animal* to an *Off Leash Area*;
  - (c) That the *Owner* be required to retain the services of a *Certified Professional Dog Trainer* to provide the *Owner* with education and training on how to better control the *Animal* for a minimum number of hours specified by the

*Officer* and require that the *Owner* provide proof of completion of such education and training hours; and

- (d) any other condition that is similar to the above and that in the opinion of the *Officer* will ensure the public's safety pending a designation decision and any related appeal.

63. A *Person* who takes control of any stray dog or cat, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal*, must notify the *Animal Services Centre* or the *Chief Bylaw Officer* immediately and provide any required information.

### **Notice of Impoundment**

64. If an *Officer* knows or can ascertain the name of the *Owner* of an impounded *Animal*, the *Officer* must serve the *Owner* with notice that such *Animal* is impounded, either personally or by ordinary mail and such notice must advise the *Owner* of:
- (a) a description of the *Animal* including any licensing information;
  - (b) the conditions the *Owner* must meet in order to reclaim such *Animal* including the payment of fees; and
  - (c) the consequences of failing to reclaim the *Animal* by the date set out in the notice including that such *Animal* may be adopted out or euthanized by the *Animal Services Centre*.

### **Reclaiming Animal**

65. (1) The *Owner* of any impounded *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal* may reclaim the *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal* by:
- (a) paying the costs of impoundment as set out in Schedule "B" to this Bylaw;
  - (b) where a licence is required under this Bylaw, obtaining the licence for such *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal*; and
  - (c) demonstrating compliance with any conditions on such *Animal's* licence imposed by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* or the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board.
- (2) Where an *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal* is claimed, the *Owner* must also provide proof of ownership of the *Animal*.
- (3) The *Owner* of an *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal* who has been found not guilty of committing an offence under this Bylaw may request the return of any fees paid by that *Owner* for reclaiming such *Animal*.

### **Unclaimed Animals**

66. The *Animal Services Centre* may, before selling an unclaimed *Animal*, require that the *Animal* be spayed or neutered.
67. Where the *Animal Services Centre* agrees to euthanize an *Animal* the *Owner* must pay a fee as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.
68. The purchaser of an *Animal* from the *Animal Services Centre* pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw will obtain full right and title to it and the right and title of the *Former Owner* of the *Animal* ends.

#### **Bylaw Investigations**

69. An *Officer* may at any time:
- (a) require that the *Owner* of an *Animal* provide such *Animal's* name and licence information;
  - (b) order that a dog be put on a *Leash*; or
  - (c) order that a dog be removed from an *Off Leash Area*.
70. Subject to the entry notice provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26, a designated officer of the *City*, bearing proper identification, may enter a premises to conduct an inspection in order to determine whether or not this Bylaw or an order issued pursuant to this Bylaw is being complied with.

#### **Obstructing an Officer**

71. A *Person* must not, whether or not that *Person* is the *Owner* of an *Animal*, *Nuisance Animal* or *Vicious Animal* which is being or has been pursued or captured:
- (a) interfere with or attempt to obstruct an *Officer* who is attempting to capture or who has captured an *Animal* which is subject to impoundment or seizure;
  - (b) open the vehicle in which *Animals* have been captured for impoundment or seizure;
  - (c) remove, or attempt to remove, any *Animal* from the possession of an *Officer*;
  - (d) refuse to comply with an *Officer's* order to put an *Animal* on a *Leash* or to leave an *Off Leash Area*;
  - (e) refuse to surrender an *Animal* to an *Officer* that is subject to seizure or impoundment under this Bylaw; or
  - (f) provide a false name or licence number for an *Animal* or *Owner* to an *Officer*.
72. A *Person* must not interfere with or attempt to obstruct an *Officer* who is attempting to conduct an inspection pursuant to section 70.

#### **Interfering with an Animal**

73. A *Person* must not:

- (a) untie, loosen or otherwise free an *Animal* which has been tied or otherwise restrained;
- (b) negligently or willfully open a gate, door or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which an *Animal* has been confined and thereby allow an *Animal* to *Run at Large* in the *City*;
- (c) entice an *Animal* to *Run at Large*;
- (d) tease an *Animal* caught in an enclosed space; or
- (e) throw or poke any object into an enclosed space when an *Animal* is caught or confined therein;

74. Section 73 does not apply to an *Officer* who is attempting to capture or who has captured an *Animal* which is subject to impoundment or seizure pursuant to this Bylaw.

#### **Service of documents**

75. Where this Bylaw requires the *Chief Bylaw Officer* or the *Animal Services Centre* to provide an *Owner* with a notice or a decision, that notice or decision may be served by ordinary mail to the last known address of the *Owner* and the *Owner* is deemed to have received that notice or decision seven (7) days from the date it was mailed.

#### **Trap Neuter Release Program Permits**

76. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may permit a not-for-profit entity to operate a trap, neuter and release program for cats or other *Animals* in the *City* on such terms and conditions that the *Chief Bylaw Officer* considers appropriate and such permit exempts the entity:

- (a) from the requirement to license *Animals* and pay the fees in Schedule “A”; and
- (b) from the prohibition in this Bylaw against allowing an *Animal* to *Run At Large* when releasing *Animals* pursuant to the program.

### **PART 8 – AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE FURTHER**

77. The *Chief Bylaw Officer* may delegate any of the powers granted to the *Chief Bylaw Officer* in this Bylaw at any time to any other employee of The *City*.

### **PART 9 – ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Offences and Penalties**

78. If an *Animal* is involved in a contravention of this Bylaw, the *Owner* of that *Animal* is guilty of an offence.
79. (1) Every *Owner* of an *Animal* who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw by:
- (a) doing any act or thing which the *Person* is prohibited from doing, or
  - (b) failing to do any act or thing the *Person* is required to do,
- is guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any *Person* who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000, and in default of payment of any fine imposed, to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

### **Violation Tickets and Penalties**

80. (1) Where an *Officer* believes that a *Person* has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, that *Officer* may commence proceedings by issuing a summons by means of a violation ticket in accordance with Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.P-34.
- (2) The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Bylaw is the amount shown in Schedule "C" of this Bylaw in respect of that provision.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2):
- (a) where any *Person* has been convicted of a contravention of the same provision of this Bylaw twice within one twelve (12) month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the second conviction is double the amount shown in Schedule "C" of this Bylaw in respect of that provision, and
  - (b) where any person has been convicted of a contravention of the same provision of this Bylaw three or more times within one twelve (12) month period, the specified penalty payable in respect of the third or subsequent conviction is triple the amount shown in Schedule "C" of this Bylaw in respect of that provision.

### **Nuisance and Vicious Animal Fines**

81. (1) Subsections 80(2) and (3) do not apply to *Vicious Animals*.
- (2) The specified fines on summary conviction in respect to a contravention of this Bylaw with respect to *Vicious Animals* shall be the same amounts as shown in Schedule "D" regarding *Vicious Animals*.

- (3) The specified fines on summary conviction in respect of a contravention of sections 43, 46(3), 46(4), 47(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of this Bylaw shall be the same amounts shown in Schedule "D" regarding *Nuisance Animals*.

### Increased Fines for Unaltered Animals

82. The early payment and specified fines in Schedule "C" in respect of a contravention of Sections 11(1) and 22(1)-(9) of this Bylaw are increased by one hundred dollars (\$100.00) where the *Animal* involved in the offence was unaltered.

### Continuing Offences

83. In the case of an offence that is of a continuing nature, a contravention constitutes a separate offence in respect of each day, or part of a day, on which the offence continues and any *Person* guilty of such an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established by this Bylaw for each such day.

### Mandatory Court or Information

84. Part 9 of this Bylaw does not prevent any *Officer* from issuing a violation ticket requiring the court appearance of the defendant, pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.P-34, or prevent any *Officer* from laying an information instead of issuing a violation ticket.

### Liability for Fees

85. The levying and payment of any fine or the imprisonment for any period provided in this Bylaw shall not relieve a *Person* from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs from which that *Person* is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.

### Orders by a Justice

86. A *Justice*, after convicting an *Owner* of an offence under this Bylaw may, if the *Justice* considers the offence sufficiently serious, direct, order, or declare one or more of the following:
- (a) that the *Owner* prevent the *Animal* from doing mischief or causing the disturbance or nuisance complained of; or
  - (b) that the *Owner* be prohibited from owning any *Animal* for a specified period of time.

### Onus of Proof

87. (1) The onus of proving a *Person* has a valid and subsisting licence is on the *Person* alleging the licence.
- (2) The onus of proving the age of an *Animal* is on the *Person* alleging the age.
- (3) The onus of proving that an *Animal* is altered is on the *Owner* of the *Animal*.

## Licences

88. (1) A *Person* must not contravene a condition of any licence issued under this Bylaw.
- (2) Licences are not transferable from one *Person* to another and attach to a *Person*, not the *Animal*.

## Early Payment Option

89. (1) Where an *Officer* believes that a *Person* has contravened a section of this Bylaw, the *Officer* may commence proceedings against the *Person* by issuing a Penalty Tag to the *Person*.
- (2) A Penalty Tag must set out a specified penalty for the contravention, and may provide for early payment amounts.
- (3) If a *Person* who contravened a section of this Bylaw pays the early payment amount or the specified penalty amount, within the times and in the manner set out on the Penalty Tag, that payment will be accepted in place of prosecution under the Provincial Offences Procedures Act R.S.A 2000 c. p- 34.
- (4) If payments referred to in subsection (3) are not made within the times and in the manner set out on the Penalty Tag, a Violation Ticket may be issued to the *Person* who was issued the Penalty Tag in accordance with the Provincial Offences Procedures Act R.S.A 2000 c. p-34.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall:
- (a) prevent any *Person* from exercising their right to defend any charge of committing a breach of a section of this Bylaw; or
- (b) prevent an *Officer*, in lieu of serving a Penalty Tag, from issuing a Violation Ticket to a *Person* pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act R.S.A 2000 c. p-34.
- (6) The specified penalties and early payment amounts for a contravention of a section of this Bylaw, are as set out in Schedule "C" and "D", which shall form part of this Bylaw.

## Remedial Orders

90. (1) Where a *Person* has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, a remedial order may be issued by the *Chief Bylaw Officer* requiring the *Person* to remedy the contravention pursuant to section 545 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000 c. M-26.
- (2) A remedial order issued pursuant to section 545 of the Municipal Government Act R.S.A. 2000 c. M-26 must include the following:

- (a) indicate the *Person* to whom it is directed;
  - (b) identify the property to which the remedial order relates by municipal address or legal description;
  - (c) identify the date that it is issued;
  - (d) identify how the *Person* fails to comply with this or another bylaw;
  - (e) identify the specific provisions of the Bylaw that is being contravened;
  - (f) identify the nature of the remedial action required to be taken to bring the property into compliance;
  - (g) identify the time within which the remedial action must be completed;
  - (h) indicate that if the required remedial action is not completed within the time specified, the *City* may take whatever action or measures are necessary to remedy the contravention;
  - (i) indicate that the expenses and costs of any action or measures taken by the *City* under this section are an amount owing to the *City* by the *Person* to whom the order is directed pursuant to section 549(3) of the *Act*;
  - (j) indicate that the expenses and costs referred to in this section may be attached to the tax roll of the owner's property if such costs are not paid by a specified time;
  - (k) indicate that the remedial order may be appealed to the License and Community Standards Appeal Board, if a notice of appeal is filed in writing with the City Clerk within fourteen days of the receipt of the remedial order.
- (3) A remedial order issued pursuant to this Bylaw may be served:
- (a) in the case of an individual:
    - i. by delivering it personally to the individual;
    - ii. by leaving it for the individual at their apparent place of residence with someone who appears to be at least 18 years of age;
    - iii. by delivering it by ordinary mail to the individual at their apparent place of residence; or
    - iv. by delivering it by ordinary mail to the last address of the individual who is to be served as shown on the records of the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services in Alberta;
  - (b) in the case of a corporation:



- i. by delivering it personally to a director or officer of the corporation;
  - ii. by delivering it personally to any *Person* apparently in charge of an office of the corporation at the address held out by the corporation to be its address; or
  - iii. by delivering it by ordinary mail addressed to the registered office of the corporation.
- (4) If, in the opinion of a *Person* serving a remedial order, service of the remedial order cannot be reasonably effected, or if the *Person* serving the remedial order believes that the owner of the property is evading service, the *Person* serving the remedial order may post the remedial order:
- (a) at a conspicuous place on the property to which the remedial order relates;
  - (b) at the private dwelling place of the owner of the property to which the remedial order relates, as shown on a certificate of title pursuant to the *Land Titles Act* R.S.A. 2000, c. L-4 or on the municipal tax roll; or
  - (c) at any other property owned by the owner of the property to which the remedial order relates, as shown on a certificate of title pursuant to the *Land Titles Act* R.S.A. 2000, c L-4 or shown on the municipal tax roll;
- and the remedial order shall be deemed to be served upon the expiry of 3 days after the remedial order is posted.
- (5) A *Person* who fails to comply with a remedial order within the time set out in the remedial order commits an offence.
- (6) Where the *City* effects a remedial order, *City* employees and agents may enter an owner's property upon reasonable notice to undertake the removal and restoration work.

## **PART 10 – TRANSITIONAL**

### **Validity of Existing Licences**

91. All licences issued under Bylaw 23M2006, the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, remain valid until the term of such a licence expires unless revoked earlier.

### **Repeal**

92. Bylaw 23M2006, the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, is hereby repealed on the date this Bylaw comes into force.

### **Coming into Force**

93. This Bylaw comes into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**LICENCE & PERMIT FEES**

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Male or Female Unaltered Dogs	\$ 65	\$ 66	\$ 67	\$ 68
Neutered Male or Spayed Female Dogs	\$ 40	\$ 41	\$ 42	\$ 43
All Unaltered Dogs Under the Age of 6 Months at the Time the Licence is Purchased	\$ 40	\$ 41	\$ 42	\$ 43
Vicious Animal Licence Fee	\$ 283	\$ 289	\$ 294	\$ 300
Nuisance Animal Licence Fee	\$ 112	\$ 114	\$ 116	\$ 119
Male or Female Unaltered Cats	\$ 38	\$ 39	\$ 40	\$ 41
Neutered Male or Spayed Female Cats	\$ 18	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 20
All Unaltered Cats Under the Age of 6 Months at the Time the Licence is Purchased	\$ 18	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 20
Replacement Tag	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 5
Urban Livestock Licence – Bee Colonies	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 10
Urban Livestock Licence - Hens	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 69
Urban Livestock Licence - Pigeons	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 10
Livestock Emotional Support Animal Permit	\$ 66	\$ 67	\$ 68	\$ 69
Temporary Livestock Permit	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 69

**SCHEDULE "B"**

**AMOUNT(S) TO BE PAID TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTRE BY OWNER OF ANIMAL IN ORDER TO RECLAIM OR DESTROY AN IMPOUNDED ANIMAL**

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Dog Impoundment Fees	\$ 43 plus GST	\$ 44 plus GST	\$ 45 plus GST	\$ 46 plus GST
Cat Impoundment Fees	\$ 43 plus GST	\$ 44 plus GST	\$ 45 plus GST	\$ 46 plus GST
Vicious Animal Impoundment Fees	\$ 283 plus GST	\$ 289 plus GST	\$ 294 plus GST	\$ 300 plus GST
Dogs/Vicious Animals - Care and Sustenance (per day or portion thereof. To Commence at Midnight on the Day of Impoundment)	\$ 28 plus GST	\$ 29 plus GST	\$ 30 plus GST	\$ 31 plus GST
Cats / Animals - Care and Sustenance (per day or portion thereof. To Commence at Midnight on the Day of Impoundment)	\$ 21 plus GST	\$ 22 plus GST	\$ 22 plus GST	\$ 23 plus GST
Veterinary Fees and Services (including microchips and other medical item costs)	Amount Expended			
Destruction of Dog or Cat	\$ 54 plus GST	\$ 55 plus GST	\$ 56 plus GST	\$ 57 plus GST

**SCHEDULE “C”**  
**OFFENCE PENALTIES**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Early Payment Amount 1</b> (if paid within 15 days after the date of the offence)	<b>Early Payment Amount 2</b> (if paid 16 to 45 days after the date of the offence)	<b>SPECIFIED PENALTY</b>
3(1)	Unlicensed dog	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
3(2)	Unlicensed cat	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
7(1)	Give false information when applying for licence	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
8(2)(a)	Dog or Cat not wearing <i>Tag</i> identification	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
9(1), (2)	Own more than 6 <i>Animals</i> or permit more than 6 in one dwelling unit	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00
11(1)	<i>Animal Running at Large</i>	\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 150.00
11(4)	<i>Animal</i> other than dog in <i>Off Leash Area</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
11(5)	Dog not under control at <i>Off Leash Area</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
11(7)	More than 6 dogs off <i>Leash</i> in <i>Off Leash Area</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
11(8)	Fail to restrain/remove dog from <i>Off Leash Area</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
13(1), (2), (3), or (6)	Dog in prohibited area	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
13(4)(a) and (b)	Dog interfere or obstruct <i>Pathway</i> users or in- appropriate <i>Leash</i> length on <i>Pathway</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00

14	<i>Animal</i> in or on Glenmore Reservoir	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
15(1)	Dog on <i>Leash</i> while operating conveyance on <i>Pathway</i>	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
16(1)	Leave <i>Animal</i> unattended while tethered in a public place	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
16(2)	Leave <i>Animal</i> unattended or out of sight while tethered on private property	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
16(3)	Tethered <i>Animal</i> too close to property line	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
16(4)	<i>Animal</i> left unattended in vehicle improperly	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
16(5)	<i>Animal</i> left unattended in vehicle when weather conditions not suitable	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 350.00
17(2)	<i>Animal</i> outside cab of vehicle	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
18(1)	Fail to report suspected case of rabies	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
18(2)	Fail to confine <i>Animal</i> suspected of having rabies	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
18(3)	Fail to confine <i>Animal</i> suspected of having rabies for 10 days	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
19	Fail to remove <i>Animal</i> feces	\$ 300.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00
20(1)	<i>Animal</i> disturbing the peace	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 250.00
21	<i>Animal</i> scatter garbage	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00
22(1)	<i>Bite</i> , bark at, or chase stock, <i>Animals</i> , bicycles or vehicles	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
22(2)	Chase or threaten a <i>Person</i>	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00

22(3)	Cause damage to property or other <i>Animal</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
22(4)	<i>Animal</i> injure a <i>Person</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
22(5)	<i>Animal</i> Bite a <i>Person</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
22(6)	<i>Animal</i> Attack a <i>Person</i>	\$ 750.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1000.00
22(7)	<i>Animal</i> Attack another <i>Animal</i> causing <i>Severe Injury</i>	\$ 750.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1000.00
22(8)	Cause death to <i>Animal</i>	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1300.00	\$ 1750.00
22(9)	<i>Animal</i> Attack a <i>Person</i> causing <i>Severe Injury</i>	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1400.00	\$ 2000.00
23	Direct <i>Animal</i> to Attack, chase, harass or threaten a <i>Person</i> or <i>Animal</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
24	Fail to report <i>Bite</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
25(1), (3), (4)	Keep <i>Livestock</i> in prohibited area or without a licence or permit	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
25(5)	Feed or lure <i>Wildlife</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 300.00
26(1)	Horse in prohibited area	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
28(a),(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i)	Failure to abide by condition of <i>Urban Livestock</i> licence	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
39(2)	Failure to abide by condition of Temporary Livestock Permit	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00
71(a)	Obstruct or interfere with <i>Officer</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
71(b)	Open van or vehicle	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
71(c)	Remove or attempt to remove impounded <i>Animal</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00

71(d)	Refuse to comply with <i>Officer's</i> order	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
71(e)	Refuse to surrender <i>Animal</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
71(f)	Provide false name or licence number to an <i>Officer</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
72	Interfere or obstruct <i>Officer</i> conducting inspection	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
73(a)	Unite, loosen, or free restrained <i>Animal</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
73(b)	Open gate, door or opening allowing <i>Animal</i> to Run at Large	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
73(c)	Entice an <i>Animal</i> to Run at Large	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
73(d)	Tease an <i>Animal</i> in an enclosed space	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
73(e)	Throw or poke object at <i>Animal</i> in an enclosed space	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00

**SCHEDULE "D"**

**NUISANCE & VICIOUS ANIMAL OFFENCE PENALTIES**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Early Payment Amount 1</b> (if paid within 15 days after the date of the offence)	<b>Early Payment Amount 2</b> (if paid 16 to 45 days after the date of the offence)	<b>Specified Penalty</b>
43	Unlicensed <i>Nuisance Animal</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
46(3)	Failure to disclose <i>Nuisance Animal</i> designation when selling, giving away or transferring <i>Animal</i>	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
46(4)	Failure to disclose <i>Nuisance Animal</i> designation to <i>Person</i> providing temporary care	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
47(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g)	Failure to comply with a <i>Nuisance Animal</i> condition	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
50	Unlicensed <i>Vicious Animal</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
54(3)	Failure to disclose <i>Vicious Animal</i> designation when selling, giving away or transferring <i>Animal</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
54(4)	Failure to disclose <i>Vicious Animal</i> designation to <i>Person</i> providing temporary care	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
56(1)(a)	Fail to tattoo or implant <i>Vicious Animal</i> with microchip	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
56(1)(b)	Fail to neuter/ spay <i>Vicious Animal</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
56(1)(c)	Fail to keep a <i>Vicious Animal</i> confined indoors or otherwise properly under control	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00

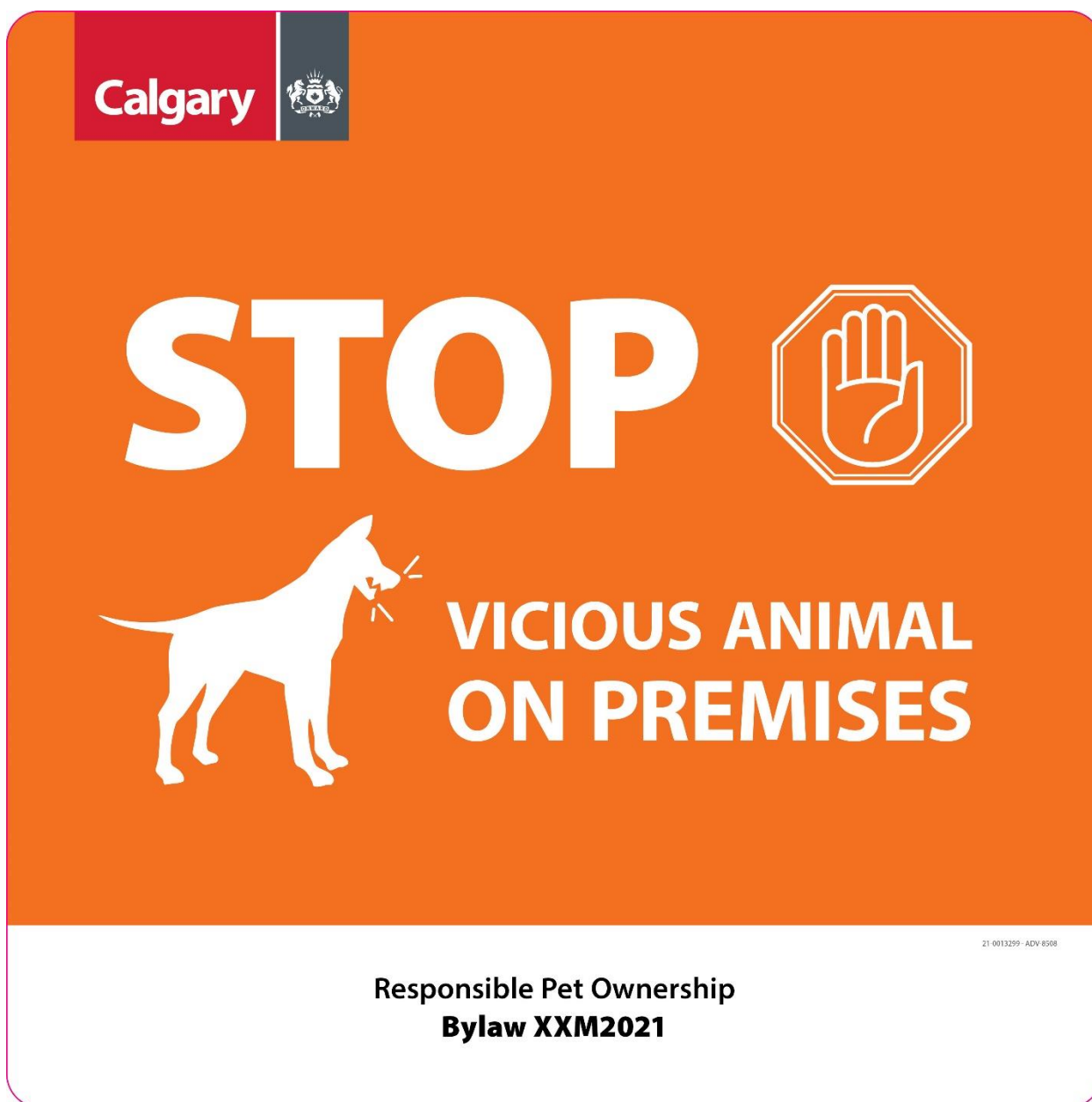


12, 56(1)(d)	<i>Vicious Animal in Off Leash Area</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
56(1)(e)	Fail to post <i>Vicious Animal</i> sign	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
56(1)(f)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> not wearing Tag	\$ 250.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 500.00
57(1)(a), (b), (c), (d)	Fail to abide by <i>Vicious Animal</i> condition	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
58	Fail to notify <i>Animal Services Centre</i> of sale, gift, transfer or death of <i>Vicious Animal</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1000.00
59(1)(a)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Chase	N/A	N/A	\$ 1500.00
59(1)(b)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Injure	N/A	N/A	\$ 2000.00
59(1)(c)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Bite	N/A	N/A	\$ 2500.00
59(1)(d)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Attack	N/A	N/A	\$ 3000.00
59(2)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Damage or destroy property	N/A	N/A	\$ 1500.00
59(3)	<i>Vicious Animal</i> – Running at Large	N/A	N/A	\$ 1500.00
59(4)	Fail to notify <i>Animal Services Centre</i> of <i>Vicious Animal Running at Large</i>	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00

**SCHEDULE "E"**

**VICIOUS ANIMAL SIGN**

Form required for a Vicious Animal sign pursuant to the Bylaw



## Summary of Key Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Changes

CPS2021-0740  
ATTACHMENT 2

Scope Item	Key Changes	Rationale
Vicious Dogs and Dog Aggression	Part 5: Chief Bylaw Officer can designate an animal as a Nuisance and can place conditions on how the owner must keep that animal	Conditions can be placed on the animal designed to support the rehabilitation of the animal and curb escalation of aggression, animal owner still retains rights to appeal designation and/or conditions. Nuisance designations can also be put in place for animal behavior that is not aggressive but poses other nuisances such as animals not in control in an off-leash area or repeated complaints of barking. Engagement results stated that there was a desire to ensure public safety for dogs and to retrain these animals where possible.
	Part 6: Chief Bylaw Officer can designate an animal as Vicious and place conditions on how to keep that animal	Conditions to ensure public safety can be placed quicker than a designation through Provincial Courts, while the animal owner still retains right to appeal designation and/or conditions. Engagement results stated that there was a desire to ensure public safety for Vicious dogs and to retrain these animals where possible.
	Section 48 & 60: Appeals to Vicious and Nuisance Designations can be heard by the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board	Through CPS2021-0739 Administration is proposing that the scope and membership of the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board be expanded to hear appeals to Vicious and Nuisance animal designations. Expanded membership will include one veterinarian and one certified professional dog trainer. Engagement results state that there was general support of a tribunal system, provided there were representatives in the tribunal with animal behaviour and behaviour rehabilitation expertise.
	Schedule C & D: Increase fines for aggressive behaviours	A municipal scan showed that our aggressive behaviour fines were lower than many comparable municipalities. Increased fines may further incentivize animal owners to ensure their animal is interacting with the community safely. There was public support for an increase of fines in instances of dog aggression. Details on the new fine amounts can be found on page 4 of this document.
	Section 82: Fines can be raised by \$100 if the animal is unaltered for charges such as being at large or showing aggression	Aggression is linked to unaltered animals, and unaltered animals have a higher potential to reproduce while at large unsupervised or otherwise not under control.

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Scope Item	Key Changes	Rationale
Cats at Large	Section 76: Formally acknowledge trap, neuter, release programs in Calgary that control the cat population	Allows these programs to operate lawfully in Calgary. Engagement respondents communicated support for trap, spay/neuter, release programs for cats. Best practice information shows this is the best way to manage feral cat populations.
	Communicate benefits of keeping cats indoors and keeping a current licence	Increased public awareness should influence cat owners to not let cats outdoors off their property, and current licensing information enables animal reunification. Research and engagement showed a lack of awareness in this area.
Urban Agriculture	Part 4: Licensing program for beekeeping	Beekeeping is a growing hobby in Alberta, establishing a licensing system in Calgary allows beekeeping to continue with increased ability to address community nuisance or safety issues. Calgarians generally support beekeeping but want to ensure that hives are properly set up and beekeepers receive appropriate training to maintain public safety.
	Part 4: Licensing program for pigeon keeping	Licensing pigeon keeping allows formal expectations to be set to eliminate community nuisance, which aligns with public expectations expressed in engagement findings.
	Part 4: Licensing program for urban hens and temporary livestock	A licensing program allows people to lawfully keep urban hens while setting expectations that ensure neighbours are not disturbed and that hens do not attract predators, similar to the requirements already established by the Livestock Emotional Support Animal program. Temporary livestock licences can allow short term stays of certain livestock when in the public interest. There was general support for an urban hen program and a licence to allow other livestock on a temporary basis in Calgary in both engagement and research as long as provisions are included to ensure that community nuisance is avoided and owners follow generally accepted keeping practices.
Licensing	Work collaboratively with rescue organizations to create a governance model	A common governance model can support community safety when adopting out rescue pets. A collaborative approach to determining governance ensures all parties' concerns are heard and parties are endorsing proposed terms.

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Scope Item	Key Changes	Rationale
	Mitigating risk of imported animals to Calgary	While Administration would not be able to reasonably enforce Calgary-specific importation restrictions, Administration can work with rescue agencies to support safe importation practices and educate the public.
Wildlife	Section 25(5): Prohibit feeding wildlife except for songbirds.	Feeding wildlife can attract further wildlife, including predators into residential areas which can increase conflicts between humans and wildlife. The Parks and Pathways Bylaw 11M2019 currently prohibits feeding all wildlife in parks spaces.
Administration/Regulatory Effectiveness	Improve process for addressing dog barking complaints	While no bylaw changes are contemplated, the process for reporting dog barking complaints will be improved to make it easier to enforce barking complaints as well as address root causes of excessive barking.
	Section 11(7): Limit the number of dogs a person can have off-leash in an off-leash park to six	Meant to mitigate safety concerns of bringing more dogs to an off-leash park than can reasonably be monitored by one person. Engagement results tell us Calgarians are concerned about inappropriate behaviours in off-leash parks.
	Section 9: Limiting the number of cats and dogs per household to six dogs and six cats	With a high number of animals in a household it can be increasingly challenging to control noise and smell concerns. While there was widespread support for this pet limit in engagement, there were some concerns for breeders and animal foster homes. This was mitigated by creating an excess animal permit program. Households that exceed the animal limit at time of Council bylaw approval will be allowed to keep existing animals for the lifetime of the animals.

## Changes to Fines Related to Animal Aggression

## Summary of Key Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Changes

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Section	Offence	Current Specified Penalty	Proposed Specified Penalty
22(2)	Chase or threaten a Person	\$200.00	\$250.00
22(3)	Cause damage to property or other Animal	\$250.00	\$300.00
22(5)	Animal Bite a Person	\$350.00	\$500.00
22(6)	Animal Attack a Person	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
22(7)	Animal Attack another Animal causing Severe Injury	n/a	\$1,000.00
22(8)	Cause death to Animal	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
22(9)	Animal Attack a Person causing Severe Injury	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
54(3)	Failure to disclose Vicious Animal designation when selling, giving away or transferring Animal	n/a	\$1,000.00
54(4)	Failure to disclose Vicious Animal designation to Person providing temporary care	n/a	\$1,000.00
57(1)(a), (b), (c), (d)	Fail to abide by Vicious Animal condition	n/a	\$1,000.00
59(1)(a)	Vicious Animal – Chase	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
59(1)(b)	Vicious Animal – Injure	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
59(1)(c)	Vicious Animal – Bite	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
59(1)(d)	Vicious Animal – Attack	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00

A wide-angle photograph of the Calgary skyline at dusk. Numerous skyscrapers are illuminated with warm yellow and orange lights, contrasting with the deep blue twilight sky. The buildings vary in height and architectural style, with some featuring glass facades that reflect the sky.

# Summary of Market Research

## Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review

March 2020

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# Executive Summary

## Context and Method

- In Fall 2019, The City of Calgary contracted Leger to conduct a city-wide phone survey and focus group research with citizens.
- The research was designed to uncover public awareness and opinions about responsible pet ownership, including perspectives on:
  - Responsible pet ownership
  - Pet licensing and microchipping
  - Satisfaction with the RPO Bylaw overall, and with specific provisions for dogs and cats
  - Suggested changes to the RPO Bylaw
- Leger completed n=800 telephone interviews and four in-person focus groups with Calgary residents in early 2020.

## Pet Ownership

- Just over half of Calgarian households own a pet. Including 27% who own dogs, 15% who own cats, and 11% who own both.
- Many non-owners have owned pets in the past (56%) and/or are likely to own pets in the future (38%).

## Pet Activity

- The large majority of dog owners let their dog run free in the back yard (91%) or walk their dog in the neighbourhood (95%).
- Many also take their dogs to City facilities, including City parks (74%) and off-leash dog parks (67%).
- Most cats are indoor-only (71%), while others go outside at least sometimes (29%).



# Executive Summary

## Pet Licensing

- Generally, pet licensing is considered important, more so for dogs than for cats. Dogs have more interactions outside the home and thus have higher potential to become a nuisance or threat to the public. In contrast, most cats stay indoors and do not interact with other animals, pets, or the public.
- There is opportunity for The City of Calgary to communicate the benefits of pet licensing to owners, as many (particularly cat owners) fail to see the value in licensing their pet. Some see licensing as an “unnecessary tax” and are unclear on how licensing revenues are used.
- Some of the benefits that may resonate with Calgary pet owners include locating lost pets faster (compared to tattoos or microchips alone); avoiding fines; and supporting City planning and animal services.
- The City can encourage some owners to license their pets by offering incentives and perks to do so, such as discounts on vet services or pet supplies. There is also interest in multi-year licensing, suggesting that there may be some element of hassle that could be removed from the annual renewal process.

- Some believe that not all licenses should cost the same and that not all pets need a license. On this point, The City may consider having different license requirements for different types of pets. For example, more stringent licensing for outdoor cats and large dogs while relaxing the requirement or fee to license indoor-only pets.

## Responsible Pet Ownership

- When asked what “responsible pet ownership” means, citizens tend to think about animal welfare just as much as they do about bylaw matters.
- Two issues that appear to be both important to citizens and easy to address (in their view) are (1) picking up after pets, including both dogs and cats; and (2) keeping dogs on leash. More enforcement on these two fronts would be appreciated, although citizens recognize the need to consider the costs of increasing enforcement. Stiffer penalties (especially for repeat offenders) may be better received than increasing the number of bylaw officers ticketing pet owners.

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## Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw

- There may be opportunity to raise awareness of Calgary's Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, as there are indications that Calgarians are not aware of it. Less than one-in-ten mention the bylaw as a source of information about the rules for pet ownership; and most Calgarians have not consulted the bylaw. In addition, some of the focus group participants were surprised to learn that cats must be licensed in Calgary.
- Given that many have not consulted the RPO Bylaw, it is not surprising that many do not have an opinion about it.
- Among those who do have an opinion, most tend to be satisfied overall with the RPO Bylaw. Satisfaction increases with pet ownership.
- Calgarians also tend to be satisfied rather than dissatisfied with enforcement of the RPO Bylaw, although there is opportunity to increase satisfaction with enforcement regarding free-roaming cats.

## Responsible Dog Ownership

- For the most part, public encounters with dog attacks, free-roaming dogs, and barking dogs appear to be low.
- Citizens appear to be satisfied with how The City regulates dogs, including: regulations for off-leash parks; holding times for stray dogs; and a potential \$100 fine for free-roaming dogs.
- Calgarians are less satisfied with how aggressive dogs are dealt with under the current bylaw, and would like to see more education, training, and stiffer penalties.
- Other suggested changes to the bylaws related to dogs include: regulating dog walkers; mandatory vaccinations; stricter penalties; and more clarity around how "excessive barking" is defined.

## Responsible Cat Ownership

- Calgarians tend to agree with a mandatory spay / neuter protocol for cats.
- For the most part, free-roaming cats are not a problem for Calgarians. Citizens are divided on whether cats should be able to roam freely outdoors and whether a \$100 fine is fair.
- Other suggested changes to the bylaws related to cats include: additional licensing requirements for breeders; mandatory clean up after cats; and different rules for outdoor cats.

## Other Bylaw Suggestions

- Citizens believe that the number of pets should be limited; with most suggesting two to three pets per household. This range is the same for dogs and cats.
- Citizens also believe there should be limits on the number of dogs being walked by professional dog walkers at any given time, particularly in off-leash areas.
- Calgarians tend to support urban beekeeping and would like to see provisions for: licensing and regular inspections; notifying and warning the community; limiting the number of hives based on the type of property; having proper housing for bees; and keeping bees a specified distance away from schools.
- Calgarians would also like to see strict guidelines for urban hen keeping, including provisions for: licensing and regular inspections; limiting the number of hens based on the type of property; and having proper housing structures.
- Citizens tend to support the addition of bylaw provisions for keeping pigeons and feeding wildlife.



## Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review - Summary of Phase One Engagement

### Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard Phase 1 Engagement – Executive Summary

June 29, 2020

The purpose of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw is to create a positive relationship between pets and people and help create a safe environment for Calgary. Calgarians' needs have changed since the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw was updated 12 years ago and The City of Calgary is reviewing this bylaw to better understand how it reflects community values and meets the needs of all Calgarians.

Engagement was conducted in-person and online between February 26 and May 27, 2020. A wide range of techniques were used to reach people 'where they spend time'. This allowed people to provide independent input and have collaborative conversations. Using different techniques also takes people's interest, abilities and investment in project outcomes into consideration. Engagement focused on reaching different stakeholders, including pet owners, people who do not own pets, City staff and pet industry representatives (e.g. veterinary clinics, businesses, pet daycares, pet sitters, dog walkers, animal rescue organizations, academics, breeders, kennels, other nearby municipalities, etc.).

Stakeholders provided a wide range of input into the following topics, including:

- Wildlife in Calgary – mindful urban planning, more information is needed about wildlife and we all have a role to ensure our safety and theirs
- Feral, Stray and Roaming Cats – minimize impact to other people and animals, deal with overpopulation, and take care of cats' wellbeing
- Urban Agriculture – proper set up, training and ensure no negative impact to neighbours
- Vicious dogs – be in control, reduce the dog's contact with others, assess and strive to re-train when possible, improve pre-court care, and try to understand why an incident occurred
- Licensing – outdoor versus indoor, reduce fees, improve value, consider licensing or registering other kinds of pets, review expectations for dog walkers and dog-walking businesses, review retail sale of pets and expectations and liability regarding imported animals, guidelines for framework for pet rescue organizations
- Administration – avoid overregulating, improve customer service, be in control of pets, follow rules, enhanced communication and mutual respect between people, and review multi-use spaces
- Responsible pet ownership – caring for pets, minimize impact to others and following the rules

For more input provided by the public, City staff and targeted stakeholders, please see the [What we Heard report](#).





## **Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review - Summary of Phase Two Engagement**

### **Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard in Phase 2 Engagement – Executive Summary**

**November 29, 2020**

The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw aims to foster a positive relationship between pets and people and helps create a safe environment for Calgary. The City of Calgary is reviewing this bylaw to better understand how it reflects community values and meets the needs of all Calgarians.

Engagement activities for phase two included:

- 1 website
- 2 presentations
- 4 targeted workshops
- 6 internal workshops

Engagement focused on reaching different stakeholders, including pet owners, people who do not own pets, City staff and pet industry representatives. For the topics listed below, we heard from the public:

- Cats – investing in spay-neuter programs for feral cats is largely supported
- Wildlife – a proposed bylaw section prohibiting feeding and teasing wildlife on private property is supported with some suggested exceptions
- Dogs – measures to reduce bite incidents focused on addressing problems with nuisance behaviour are largely supported and breed specific legislation is discouraged
- Tribunal – there is general support for the proposed tribunal system
- Bite and Run – a proposed bylaw section that would require a dog owner to remain at the scene of a dog bite incident is widely accepted
- Livestock – listed criteria for potential approval of other livestock in Calgary is largely supported
- Pigeons – majority support 1-10 pigeons on a residential property and there is mostly equal support for proposed new rules around enforcement of properties that own pigeons
- Dog Early Warning System (DEWS) – large public support for a voluntary dog early warning system with some concerns raised by internal and targeted stakeholders
- Fine amounts –increasing fines for ‘dog causing death to animal’ and ‘animal damages another animal or property’ has the most public support. All stakeholder groups supported fines for children and adults being the same amount
- Fees (Livestock as Emotional Support Animal (LESA) and low-income) – general support for waiving LESA fees in special circumstances and offering a lower fee for people with low and reduced incomes
- Pet limit – general public support for introducing a limit on the number of pets per household
- Vendors – general support for licence sales from local vendors

A large range of ideas, suggestions and considerations from targeted and internal stakeholders is located in the [What we Heard report](#).







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First name (required)	John
Last name (required)	Dwight
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeepin
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please continue to support beekeeping by allowing it's continued practice as it is today through the city.

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First name (required) Jillian

Last name (required) Logee

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeepin

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I wish to express my support for urban beekeeping in Calgary. With the population of bees dwindling, it's important that we do our part to keep pollinators alive and well within the city borders. Beyond that, beekeeping is a great way to contribute to our communities. Many beekeepers in Calgary offer educational support to classrooms, helping our children learn about the important lifecycle of plants and the role pollinators have in keeping agriculture alive. For beekeepers themselves, the hobby is an extremely healthy activity, involving lots of exercise, fresh air, and an opportunity to destress in nature. The benefits of beekeeping to our community are far reaching and continuing to allow for backyard beekeeping is to continue to support nature within our city's boundaries.

Thank you,

Jillian

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First name (required)	Ryan
Last name (required)	Morgan
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Ryan Morgan and I am a new urban beekeeper in the City of Calgary. I am very passionate about maintaining this form of recreation and sustainable urban farming in the City. I have taken the education program and continue to share my knowledge with the community regarding responsible beekeeping in urban environments. Beekeeping is a wonderful activity that provides exciting opportunities for my children and family to get outside and learn about nature. Beekeeping has produced food for my family while bringing friends, family and the community together as a hobby that almost everyone can participate in. In addition, beekeeping has enabled my family to better cope with stress and anxiety, especially during these difficult times. From an economic standpoint, urban beekeeping helps to support local suppliers and encourages the diversification of Alberta's economy.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my concerns and supporting urban beekeeping in the city of Calgary.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ryan Morgan</p>

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First name (required)	Kat
Last name (required)	Svikhnushin
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Hello, My family keeps bees in NW Calgary. Bees are an important part of our ecosystem and bees can easily be kept responsibly within the city. I believe that the by-law should be amended to exclude bees; or if bees are to be included then to remove the fees &amp; have the default limit of bee colonies be placed at 4.</p> <p>Thank you for your time &amp; consideration, Kat Svikhnushin</p>



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First name (required)	Michael
Last name (required)	Svikhnushin
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regula
Date of meeting	May 7, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Hello, I don't believe beekeeping needs to be regulated in City of Calgary. If there still a requirement to regulate, I suggest to waive the registration fees and allow up to 4 bee colonies by default (as bees die over winter). As per my attached picture the beekeeping is a family activity and hobby, allowing to raise kids aware of agriculture and importance of nature.







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First name (required) Brian Angus

Last name (required) Goodkey

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) change to responsible pet ownership bylaws

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I am very concerned that the city has allowed too many freedoms for dog owners, as well as the lack of quiet greenspace for individuals wanting a peaceful experience without harassment from pets and owners. There is literally no where anymore to go to be alone. Also preservation of wildlife areas from dog use have been devastatingly impacted leaving bird habitats in danger. Bylaws are not being enforced and compliance to Bylaws are being completely ignored.



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First name (required) Sharon

Last name (required) Bonnett

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Proposed bylaw on bees and chickens

Date of meeting May 7, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I would like the city of Calgary to allow chickens and bees. I have lived in cities that have allowed chickens and bees and it had build community. Chickens and bees increase food security and help create a more environmentally conscious city.



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First name (required) Andrew

Last name (required) Boucher

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Please accept my thoughts on the upcoming responsible pet bylaw as it pertains to urban bee keeping. I have safely kept bees in my backyard for six years, and find it helps my mental health, something particularly evident over the course of the pandemic. My favourite part of keeping bees is the opportunity to chat with people traveling the alley behind my house when I'm tending to the bees – these conversations are always positive and promote the role that pollinators like honeybees serve in our city. My neighbours that grow vegetables all compliment my bees to help them with their efforts to grow vegetables in the city. The honey that we harvest is enjoyed by a network of neighbours, coworkers, and friends – all of whom enjoy that urban bees contribute to their lives too.

Please consider all the benefits to our society by continuing to allow urban bee keeping in Calgary.



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First name (required) Joseph

Last name (required) Rypien

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am in favor of Urban Beekeeping in Calgary. Having successfully managed honey bees in Calgary for 6 years I have found they can be raised without negatively impacting neighbors or the environment and in fact can be beneficial to the community at large. I am attaching a one page PDF with observations and facts to more fully explain the impact of Urban Beekeeping.

## COMMENTING IN FAVOR OF URBAN BEE KEEPING IN CALGARY

I am submitting comments in favor of continuing to allow keeping honey bees within the City of Calgary. As an urban beekeeper in the City of Calgary for the last 6 years and following the current “Guidelines” that have been in place for a number of years, I have received nothing but positive feedback from neighbors and other community members with respect to keeping honey bees. I have used this opportunity to promote both honey bees and native bees within an urban environment to individuals who are interested, provided information on beekeeping to visitors at the Calgary Stampede and lectured to community groups and to school children. People appreciate and respond positively when presented with the “facts” about both native and honey bees. Many fallacies are circulated by special interest groups on social media. The Calgary and District Beekeepers Association (CDBA) has worked tirelessly with the City to promote responsible urban beekeeping within existing guidelines with education and responding to any concerns that may arise. As a member of the CDBA Swarm Catching Group I have responded to and recovered swarms which can happen from time to time. This is how honey bees reproduce in nature and there is little risk when handled correctly. This relationship between the CDBA and the City of Calgary has worked well over the years. Once again, explaining to the public what is happening in these situations leads to positive reactions in most cases.

A common argument against keeping honey bees concerns safety. Some people are afraid of being stung by bees or have heard sensationalized reports of potentially dangerous “Africanized” bees. Africanized “killer bees” do not exist in Canada. Many individuals cannot distinguish between bees and wasps and are fearful of anything that flies and buzzes. I have found that discussing the differences between bees and wasps and talking about the different types of bees (solitary, annual eusocial bumble bees or perennial eusocial honey bees) generally alleviates most of their concerns. Communicating factual information is important to reducing the public’s safety concerns.

Another common argument opposing urban beekeeping is the idea that honey bees adversely compete with native bees for resources. Recent and ongoing research, some of which are being done right here at the University of Calgary, show that honey bees and native bees generally prefer different floral sources and that there is limited competition between the species. Our native bees have co-evolved with native flowering plants so prefer those sources. Honey bees, non-native to the Americas, prefer large expanses of non-native plant species. Also, native bees generally forage over a few hundred to a thousand meters whereas honey bees forage up to four or five kilometers looking for large nectar and pollen sources. Home gardens are mostly inhabited by native bees and very few honey bees show interest in the small number of flowers that a typical Calgary yard can hold. An exception is when fruit trees are blooming. At these times of short lived abundance native bees and honey bees can be observed to harmoniously co-exist and share these resources. Gardeners reap the benefit with higher fruit yields. Just like in agriculture, these short periods of prolific blooms cannot be fully pollinated by the naturally short ranging native solitary and annual eusocial bees. Additionally, during periods of “dearth” when flowering plants may be sparse, honey bees are supplementally fed or they may starve thereby alleviating competition with native bees. Far more damaging to native bees than urban beekeeping comes from the use of pesticides and the loss of habitat and yet we continue to spray for dandelions and mow roadsides thereby destroying food sources and nesting sites for native bees. A well-manicured lawn is not bee friendly.

The majority of urban beekeepers in Calgary have taken a course, are responsible and have a high regard for safety in their approach to bee keeping. They take time to help educate the public about bees and beekeeping and I encourage The City of Calgary to base any beekeeping policy on factual information and informed discussion with knowledgeable individuals. Let’s truly make Calgary a Bee Friendly City.



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Last name (required)	Verwijs
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Standing Policy Committee on Community an
Date of meeting	May 5, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please note that I support the continuation of beekeeping by the citizens of Calgary..

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First name (required)	Daniel
Last name (required)	Plenzik
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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We are in support of this bylaw because it allows our fellow bee keepers doing their part to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our garden and producing that honey everyone loves so much. With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more than ever.

We are aware that the Calgary District Beekeeper Association is also very active in educating the public about the importance of honey bees through events at the Calgary Stampede, Aggie Days and school presentations. If the proposed bylaw is turned down, there is a real risk that beekeeping will be banned in Calgary and we become a part of a global problem than a solution.

Our ask of you is to support beekeeping and hence why we are making a submission to council

## Public Submission

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First name (required) Rima

Last name (required) Tarraf

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I support this bylaw because it allows beekeepers to continue keeping their bees, pollinating their gardens and producing honey to share with their communities .

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First name (required)	Randy
Last name (required)	Beaton
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	0021-05-12

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I would like to express my support to continue beekeeping in the City of Calgary. I understand the bylaw (not publicly posted yet) will have beekeepers registered. I do not have an issue with registration.

I have been successfully keeping bees within the city for 10 years. This hobby generates active interest from my neighbours and their children. I get frequent requests for the younger one to come visit my bees and see the 'honey machine' (the extractor). Suiting up a young child and opening up the hive with them seems to fill them with such wonder and awe. In spite of the fact a few of them prefer jam to honey.

As part of my beekeeping hobby I have been able to share my interest with a wide spectrum of Calgarians and visitors to the city. The Calgary Stampede, Aggie Days, and public presentations have been a large part of this hobby. It would be a shame to not be able to continue with this in the future and in my opinion, a big loss to community building and the vitality of living in a city such as Calgary if beekeeping was not supported.







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First name (required)	Lydia
Last name (required)	Ducharme
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
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Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please keep bee keeping in the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. Thanks.



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First name (required) Raymond

Last name (required) Ducharme

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin

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First name (required) **Brendon**

Last name (required) **Jones**

What do you want to do? (required) **Submit a comment**

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) **Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin**

Date of meeting **May 12, 2021**

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) **Please find this comment as support for urban bee keeping. Urban bee keeping is a positive for the environment, provides enjoyment for homeowners and neighbours (who receive honey) and is important for personal mental and physical health for many people.**



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First name (required) Raymond

Last name (required) Ducharme

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular

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First name (required) Hayley

Last name (required) Todesco

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

I would like to submit a comment in support of Beekeeping in Calgary. This hobby connects people to nature and environmental stewardship in an often socially-distanced way that has been a huge boon to my mental health this past year. I gave free honey to all of my neighbours this past year which helped build a sense of community as I had just moved into the neighborhood that same year. At the outskirts of the city, my bees pollinate nearby canola crops due to the huge distance foraging honeybees cover, helping Alberta's farmers.

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I studied books and took courses on Beekeeping for more than three years before I started my own hive. This is the case with many beekeepers, with knowledge and safety tips being passed down in a responsible way. Aside from a few outliers who fill their backyards with hives and act irresponsible, the majority of beekeepers are careful and diligent with their hives.

Bees and the honey they produce bring communities together. In a world filled with processed sugars and corn syrups, supporting the production of the only sweetener that is naturally produced, local, probiotic, and good for the environment is definitely also something worth supporting. Having beekeepers in the city keeps all calgarians with access to fresh local honey.



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Please continue to support beekeeping in Calgary!

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First name (required)	Heather
Last name (required)	Ramshaw
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Allowing backyard chickens would give Calgarians the opportunity to connect deeply with the food system. This is an important piece of food security and the health of individuals and our communities. Chickens also reduce food waste and provide fertilizers for healthier gardens and urban ecosystems. Please vote for resilient local food systems!



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First name (required) Kimberly

Last name (required) Cichon

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Chicken By law

Date of meeting May 7, 2021

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In support of urban small farm animals:  
 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.  
 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.  
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First name (required) Cynthia

Last name (required) Bernard

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Backyard chickens

Date of meeting

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I absolutely support backyard chickens in Calgary! They are great for food production, education, companionship and are a wonderful natural option for pest control in yards and gardens. Subject to current bylaws regarding noise and smell, there's really no reason not to allow chickens. For a city who wants to be so green, why are we so behind on this?

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First name (required) Shannan

Last name (required) Winters

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bylaw-Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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I want to express my support of this new bylaw. I am a new urban beekeeper and strive to bring a positive experience and relationship with the bees to my community and neighbours, family and friends. It is amazing to see how the bees forage among the gardens and I have learned so much through courses, experience and mentoring. I hope that Calgarians can continue to take part in this activity as it brings purpose to my garden, allows me to connect with nature and learn how to improve my practice.

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First name (required)	Gunter
Last name (required)	Sammet
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standing Policy Committee on Community an
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Dear Standing Policy Committee:</p> <p>I wanted to let you know that I support beekeeping within Calgary city limits.</p> <p>I also would be in favor of other animals considered livestock given that they are similar size as dogs (chicken, goats, etc.) and don't make more noise than dogs. They also shouldn't be an odor nuisance.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Gunter Sammet</p>

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First name (required)	Gry
Last name (required)	White
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I'm commenting on the responsible pet bylaw regarding beekeeping. I want the committee and council know that beekeeping in the city is a beneficial activity for the beekeepers and the general public. I think that beekeeping should be allowed as laid out in the Calgary and District Beekeepers Association's Urban Beekeeping Guidelines.

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First name (required) Francesca

Last name (required) Christie

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Backyard livestock

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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First name (required) Melissa

Last name (required) McGuffin

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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I am in support of legalizing backyard hens for the following reasons:  
 1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. I feel we should have the right produce our own food, and that raising our own chickens would give us more control over how our food is raised and harvested.  
 2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.  
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First name (required) Michelle

Last name (required) McGuffin

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) urban livestock

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I fully support urban chickens and bees for the following reasons:

1. Hens and bees provide local, higher nutrient food sources for family, friends and community while reducing food waste.
2. Hens eat garden pests, reducing the need for pesticides or other forms of pest management.
3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids and community to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.
4. Hens create valuable compost for fertilizing local gardens and green spaces.
5. Bees increase the pollination of local flora, thereby increasing the food and seed production of local gardeners, while minimizing the need for outsourcing produce and seed stock (\$ and environmental concerns of transport supporting monoculture practices etc).

Thank you for providing food security, companionship, and environmental education/





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stewardship to my fellow Calgarians.

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First name (required) Melanie

Last name (required) Rock

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and Policy

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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Today (7 May 2021), I am writing to contribute to The City of Calgary's review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw and Policy. For more than 15 years, I have led research on people's pets and the public's health. Many of the publications that have established me and my team, internationally, as leading experts directly concern 'the Calgary model.' For reference, I have attached a diagram from a publication of mine in Health Promotion International. This publication has directly influenced policy changes as far away as Australia. Unfortunately, The City's review of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw has not consistently reflected the spirit of 'the Calgary model,' which raises doubts about the recommendations before you. Key concerns include socioeconomic disparities and democratic participation. Space constraints prevent me from elaborating on socioeconomic disparities, and I can only hint at the concerns regarding democratic decision-making.

- Apparently, The City contracted Leger to conduct "market research" in fall 2019. If there was a public tender, why did we not learn about the opportunity in a timely fashion? We had to lay off highly-qualified personnel at the time. What will happen to the data that Leger gathered, using public funds?
- Environmental scan of other municipalities. We wonder: Which municipalities? How chosen? When can we obtain a copy of this report?
- Stakeholder engagement process classified me/us as a representative of the "pet industry" along with dog breeders and so on, which seemed odd given that I work for a publicly-funded university and hence seek to serve the public interest.

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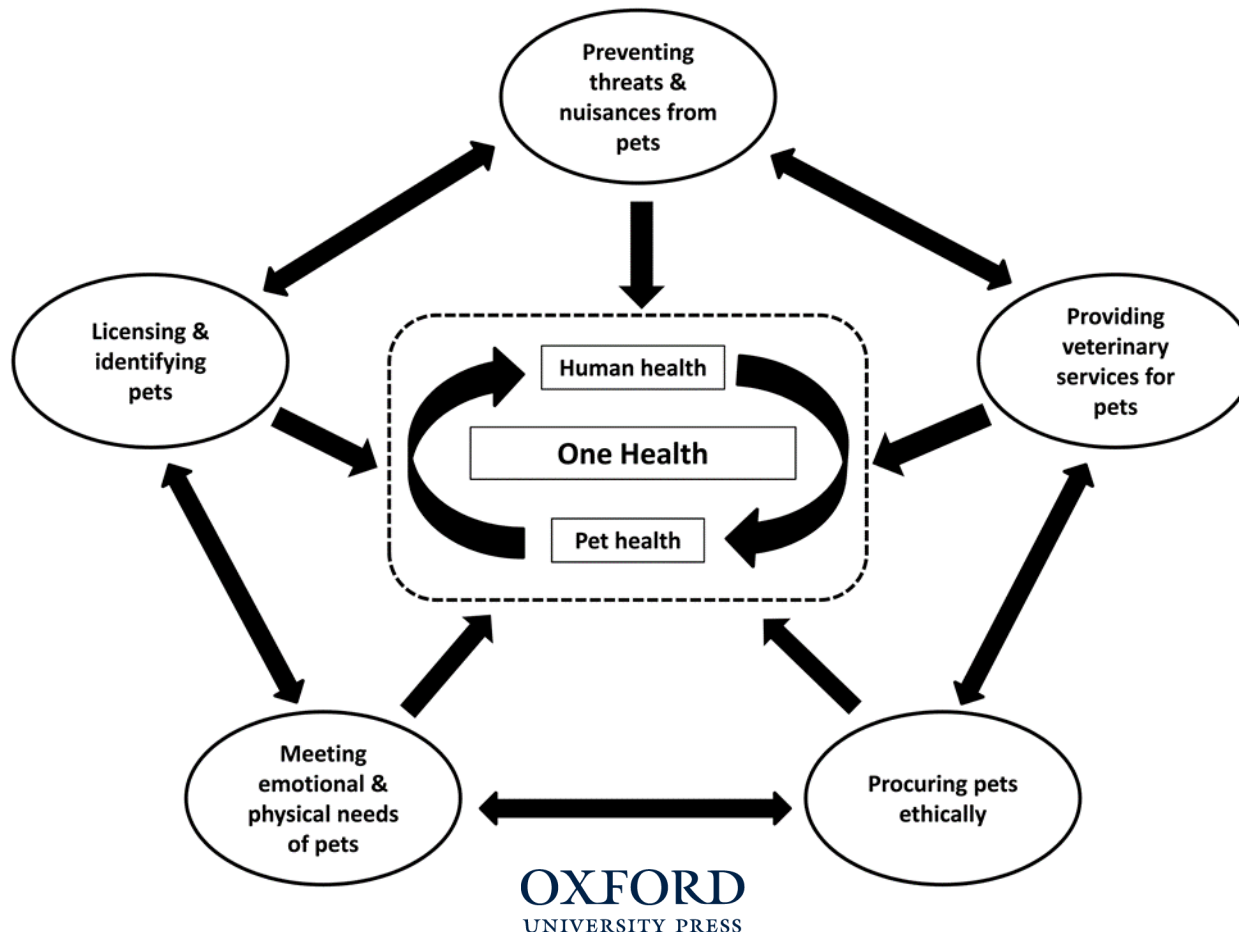
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- The recommendations regarding an expansion of the Director's powers and the creation of a tribunal raise concerns about fairness. What can we expect by way of public oversight regarding the Director's designations of 'nuisance animals' and 'vicious animals'? While inclusion of veterinarians and dog-trainers is sensible, pet-related problems are social problems. Social scientists, planners, professionals in healthcare, and citizens themselves also could make valuable contributions.
  - Public and stakeholder engagement over the past year has been challenging, to be sure, so I urge an extension to this review. Currently, most school-aged children and youth in Calgary cannot attend school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and meanwhile parents, grandparents, and so on must carry on with paid and unpaid work. Important documents did not become publicly av
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First name (required) Kenneth

Last name (required) Potma

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am a gardener and a big fan of keeping bees in the city as they are critical to pollination of fruit and vegetables and are wonderful to watch while they work. Honey bee hives are critical to the urban gardener as only honey bees pollinate most crops. Other bees prefer other plants. Urban garden plots would be a thing of the past and we would have to truck in everything.

My neighbour has a hive and I have never had an issue (other than more cherries and apples than I can eat). I have also enjoyed a few jars of honey.

I think some people confuse honey bees, which tend to be docile, with wasps, that tend to be nasty. Education is necessary. Restrictions on bees will do nothing to solve the wasp problem.

Please vote to ensure that people can still easily keep bees in the city.

In contrast I have had many concerns in the city with dogs and cats and released pet bunnies. I would love to see increased fines and bylaw patrols for dog violations, especially in Natural Environment Parks such as The Weaselhead.

Thanks!

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First name (required) Laura

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting

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I would like to register my support for urban beekeeping. It has been a wonderful personal experience getting in touch with nature. Through beekeeping, I have met my neighbours, interacted with the neighbourhood children. When they see me in my bee suit, they are excited to find out what is happening in the hive. It has become a topic of conversation and everyone wants to know how the bees are. This is my third season and have never had any issues with complaints. Bees are a part of a healthy ecosystem, and have given me a new appreciation of dandelions. Please continue to support urban beekeeping in Calgary

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bee keeping is beneficial for the residents of Calgary. For me, they pollin

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First name (required) Nadina

Last name (required) Stainsby

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible pet ownership/ beekeeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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Beekeeping is necessary in any urban environment. Having pollinators, native bumblebees, leaf cutter bees as well as non native species like the honeybee is important for our city green spaces and our own personal gardens and their success. They provide a hobby for many, therapeutic relief and animal husbandry on a unique level. I feel urban beekeeping can provide a neighborhood with a common ground and bring neighbors together in a unique experience. I for one have had all my neighbors involved in my hives. Many didn't know what a honey bee even looked like and now the whole block plants bee friendly flowers. Which of course benefit our native species as well. It is truly wonderful to be involved in animal husbandry that doesn't require as much time and attention as a dog/cat with such huge returns as a balanced and fruitful environment.

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First name (required) jan

Last name (required) spragg

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Registering my support for urban beekeeping

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First name (required)	Aidan
Last name (required)	Brown
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food

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First name (required)	Jim
Last name (required)	Rogers
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	responsible pet bylaw - honeybees
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Commenting on the urban beekeeping in the city. i have been keeping bees in the city for about 30 years and yes sometimes i refer to them as pets. Over the years our club has had an excellent relationship with the city in discussing guidelines for responsible beekeeping and following up as need bee. Our club as you know is connected with 311 and responds to numerous calls for honeybees. as well as wasps and bumblebee. Our club also stresses the importance and educates members on good practices to minimize concerns.</p> <p>The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats needs to include bees for pollination. I get many comments from people on how well their raspberries or apples etc. do. As well they are fascinated with the bees and I enjoy answering the many questions asked.</p>

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First name (required) Lyndon

Last name (required) Janiskevich

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw, that includes keeping honeybees in the City

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am in support of the Bylaw for keeping Honey bees in the city. My neighbours all know we keep bees and often stop to talk about the bees. Quite a few of my neighbours have front yard gardens and appreciate the bees visiting their yards to pollenate their flowers, trees and vegetable plants. People are spending more money and time working on their properties and having bees helps to build community. I've also taken the time to educate and show people that honey bees are fascinating creatures that are necessary for us to enjoy growing our own food in our yards. Peoples fear of bees is from a lack of education regarding bees and bee behaviour and from categorizing bees with wasps and hornets which behave much differently than honey bees. I work my bees without gloves and do not get stung often even though I am opening up the colonies and pulling frames out of the colonies that are covered with honey bees. I place the bees in a location so their flight path is not across any walking paths and place a barrier in front of them so they fly up and away. In the four years I have been a beekeeper I have not had anyone getting stung in my yard that was visiting and have not had any issues with neighbours regarding my bees. I'd very much appreciate council passing the bylaw allowing citizen to keep bees within Calgary city limits. The number of colonies can be based on yard size. You need a minimum of two colonies for effective management of bees but up to 4 should be okay on a large residential lot.

Thank you,  
I'm happy to be involved in education and outreach as a current member of the Cal-

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gary and District Beekeepers Association and our bees are registered with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

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First name (required)	Andrei
Last name (required)	Botezatu
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Supporting beekeeping in Calgary, the bees are important pollinators for the urban plants, also they are not noisy, doesn't produce any smell or any public disturbance.

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First name (required)	Kris
Last name (required)	Paul
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Keeping bees in the city
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I would like to send a message on why supporting urban beekeeping is value we need to hold on to.</p> <p>My household is in our second year of backyard beekeeping and it has been a very educational process for both adults and children. The pride we take in giving our colonies the best chance at a thriving survival is something to witness.</p> <p>It is constantly talked about how valuable bees are in nature and what they provide to humanity. To not value sustaining one of the worlds most valued insects would be very surprising to me. The role pollinators play in nature is literally one we could not live without.</p> <p>The only thing I can figure as to why some may not support beekeeping within the city limits is due to a fear of bees in general or the possibility of having households near by keeping bees within their vicinity. However, the real reason would be ignorance. There is a huge misconception about bees and the danger they pose to humans.</p> <p>When we decided that backyard beekeeping was something we were going to attempt, we had the same reservations that many have. We didn't know what the dangers were, the liabilities, or what our neighbours would think. So we got to the research. Learned a ton before even starting our first hive. We talked to our neighbours and asked about</p>



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potential allergies and so on. Luckily we have the greatest neighbours and they have been incredibly supportive. They've even been planting bee specific flowers.

We have learned so much and shared in that education with those around us and provided opportunities for many to come and see (and taste) the fruits of our labour. We feel that this is a sustainable, educational, and vital resource for individuals or families who are willing to partake in this endeavour and help save the world one hive at a time.

I am always open to being contacted by anyone with any questions or concerns they may have.

Thank you for your time and I hope many more will show their support for urban beekeeping.

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First name (required)	Walter
Last name (required)	Muilwyk
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban Beekeeping
Date of meeting	
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support urban beekeeping.

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First name (required) Doug

Last name (required) Meldrum

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bees in the urban environment are a good thing

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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Hello Council,

I am an urban beekeeper in Calgary, and I have been for 6 years. I absolutely love this hobby. Most mornings I wander out into my backyard, take a look at my 2 beehives, and make sure everything is in order. Having the opportunity to have bees in the city is fundamentally different than having them in a rural setting. I am the father of 4 young children and work at a job that requires me to be there in person (I am a chiropractor). As such, if I had beehives outside of the city I believe that I would only get to observe them every few weeks and would likely be a poor beekeeper. In addition, I love having my bees in my backyard so that I can show them to friends and family and let people help me with inspections of my hives. I also give over 100 bottles of honey each year to neighbours, friends, teachers, colleagues, people that do work on my house - plumber, etc. None of this would be possible with bees being restricted in the city. I also would like to mention how urban beekeeping is part of the city's goal to have urban food sources (Calgary Eats! - The City's Food Action Plan). Beekeepers are passionate hobbyists and will adhere to training requirements, hive limits, etc. Thank you for your time.

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First name (required)	Vic
Last name (required)	Swirsky
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.</li> <li>2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.</li> <li>3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.</li> </ol>

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First name (required)	robert
Last name (required)	groeneveld
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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We are in support of this bylaw because it allows our fellow bee keepers doing their part to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our garden and producing that honey everyone loves so much. With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more than ever.

We are aware that the Calgary District Beekeeper Association is also very active in educating the public about the importance of honey bees through events at the Calgary Stampede, Aggie Days and school presentations. If the proposed bylaw is turned down, there is a real risk that beekeeping will be banned in Calgary and we become a part of a global problem than a solution.

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First name (required) Laura

Last name (required) Grant

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) We have 2 hives in our front native landscaped yard.

Date of meeting May 10, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) We have 2 hives in our front native landscaped yard. Canada Post stands in our yard and on our front step in Brentwood every single year and doesn't deem our bee hives an issue; our bees are not aggressive and pollinate hundreds of trees in our yard and the neighbour's yards. We need more pollinators, not fewer







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First name (required) Marilyn

Last name (required) Boston

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bee keeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) In regards to urban bee keeping, I'd like to submit my support for this and hope that city councilors will consider this to be a win-win on many levels (environment, sustain bee populations and as a small business opportunity).



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First name (required)	Marla
Last name (required)	Evans
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Standin
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am in full support of urban beekeeping and of this bylaw. Urban beekeeping is important to Calgary for many reasons including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beekeeping produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together.</li> <li>- It is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system.</li> <li>- Beekeeping is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps. Honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment.</li> <li>- Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property.</li> <li>- Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food.</li> <li>- It is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.</li> <li>- It allows beekeepers to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our gardens and producing that honey everyone loves.</li> <li>- Foraging bees rarely sting as they are looking for nectar, pollen and water, and don't bother with people.</li> </ul> <p>With the world is in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed</p>
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First name (required)	Shelly
Last name (required)	Wiens
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I have no issue with urban beekeeping in my Calgary neighborhood. I appreciate the bees being able to help my flowers prosper, I support any urban beekeeper becoming a small business entrepreneur, and I am in awe of anyone who helps bees thrive. Please allow them.

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First name (required) Steven

Last name (required) Dold

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bee Keeping by-law pet owner bylaw

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I support urban beekeeping to continue being permitted. No additional rules or pet owner bylaw is required

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First name (required)	Robin
Last name (required)	Herrington
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I have been a beekeeper in the City of Calgary for the past 6 years. I fully support beekeeping in the City of Calgary.</p> <p>I have been able to spark an interest and educate my neighbors, friends and family in the honey bee. By providing this knowledge the stigma around the honeybee has disappeared and am asked constantly about the condition of the two hives. This has also provided a positive interaction especially for children who are developing their relationship with nature.</p> <p>The reward for our labour's is known in my community as summer in a jar. I receive comments all the time during the long winter as to how wonderful it is to savour the honey.</p>







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Last name (required)	Edwards
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Hello, I'm writing in support of bee keeping in Calgary and how the by law has currently been written. We've had bees on our property for the last 8 years. We've never had a neighbor complain about our bees. In fact, people are interested and stop by to talk about them and have fostered community interaction. Bee keeping in Calgary has been a long tradition and they are a necessary part of the pollinator community.

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First name (required) Deborah

Last name (required) Baker

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bee keeping

Date of meeting

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First name (required)	Lynn
Last name (required)	Grayston
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	"Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Council Meeting"
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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Last name (required)	Pfeifet
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet ownership - Continuing Beekeeping - Council Meeting
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

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First name (required)	Jesse
Last name (required)	Hovland
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	May 12 Revised Agenda for the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Pr
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

I would like to express my opposition to a beekeeping bylaw. I do not feel a bylaw is necessary, as beekeeping issues/problems are rare, the community is well-behaved and responsible, and hive details must already be reported to the Provincial Apiculturist.

When I started beekeeping 6 years ago, I knew very little; I read books, took courses, and still had failures, but practice makes perfect. It's also not a cheap activity to get into; one hive with equipment can cost \$1000, and bad beekeeping will lead to hive failure (pretty much everything will kill a bee, and fast).

There are countless benefits to urban beekeeping, which I am sure you have already heard. For myself, I find it therapeutic, a great stress reliever, higher garden yields, & educational for my friends/family (some join for hive checks & honey harvest).

Anecdotal proposals which I'd like to comment/oppose:

- Maximum number of hives: A single hive that is either naturally aggressive or improperly managed can cause more problems than a dozen hives
- Registration: Already registered with Provincial apiculturist, and registration for purposes of enforcement will drive beekeepers underground
- Approval of sites: Bees go where they want. A hive on a large lot could be no more/less of an issue than a hive in a small space.

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- Mandatory training: I've learned more from "Beekeeping for Dummies", than any seminar/webinar. Every hive is different, and there's no substitution for experience.
- Neighbour Veto: In my prior home (a narrow infill lot), my neighbours had no idea I had bees until I told them. They were uneasy, but learned the bees had little interest in them. In my current home (a wide 58ft lot), my neighbours may oppose bees due to an unrelated incident (regardless of how responsible I am). Bees also travel several miles foraging.

My biggest concern around a bylaw:

- Neighbours force me to get rid of my bees.
- Driving beekeepers underground to avoid regulation, inevitably leading to poor education and practices (requiring more regulation).
- Monitoring/enforcement by officers who are not educated in best practices.
- Evolving practices for which bylaws are obsolete.
- Fewer beekeepers due to barriers and rules (more hassle than it's worth); therefore less education on the benefits.

If a bylaw is necessary, I encourage Council to avoid black and white rules, and defer responsibility for management/monitoring to the Calgary Beekeepers Association. They are a group that is highly react



A photograph of a white garage with a grey roof and three windows. A yellow arrow points from the right side of the garage towards the back yard. The yard is green with a concrete patio area on the right. On the patio, there is a wooden table and chairs, a striped umbrella, and a large green structure. A fire pit is on the grass near the patio. The background shows a wooden fence and trees.

We built/configured our yard with beekeeping in mind;  
however, due to an incident unrelated to bees, our  
neighbours would likely oppose my bees.



Bees don't need much space; my neighbours didn't know I had bees until I told them months later (afterwards, they said they rarely see them).





Every year we have a stamped  
BBQ in our yard with up to 70  
people coming and going; nobody  
has ever been stung despite ample  
food and beverages around

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Hive check/split to manage risk of swarm; it looks dramatic, but they calmed down within 5 minutes of completing.





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I've named my hives based on the month I got them.  
My neighbours kids play on the other side of that fence  
with no issues.



A friend (left) was terrified of bees. He overcame his fears by helping me pull frames and harvest honey, and has now become a beekeeper himself!





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Last name (required) Frazer

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Council Meeting

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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Last name (required)	Wissner
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping, Standing P
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>As an urban beekeeper in Calgary for the last 5 years i wish to voice my support for continuing to allow for keeping Honeybees in the City of Calgary. In our case the community response has been 100% supportive. The interest in our bees amongst our neighbours has been very positive with many asking for more information and seeking the opportunity to expose their families to what we are doing. Calgary leverages the "livability" of our city a great deal and the contribution that a diverse ecosystem makes to this liveability is considerable. We should be proud that our city is able to support such a driving resource where many other parts to the world are seeing a dramatic decline in bee populations resulting in a compromised ecosystem.</p> <p>Thank you. Hans Wissner</p>

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Support of beekeeping
Date of meeting	
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Beekeepers in urban settings

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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First name (required) Jenny

Last name (required) Hubbard

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Beekeeping in Calgary - please keep it!!!

Date of meeting May 8, 2021

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) We are in support of beekeeping with in Calgary city limits.

Date of meeting

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Last name (required) Rusch

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet bylaw-beekeeping

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
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First name (required)	Phillip
Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, some being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• beekeeping is a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside;</li> <li>• beekeeping produces food for the family while bringing friends, family and community together as a hobby that almost everyone can participate in;</li> <li>• beekeeping is an escape from daily stresses and is relaxing;</li> <li>• beekeeping is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature with others including neighbours and their kids; and,</li> <li>• honey bee management is being used to help train incarcerated people, mentally challenged people, and people in disadvantaged segments of society.</li> </ul>

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First name (required)	Susan
Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw - backyard hens
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I support the urban chicken keeping for the following reasons, please allow us to have backyard chickens.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.</li> <li>2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.</li> <li>3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.</li> </ol>

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Last name (required)	Rusch
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw - Back yard hens.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I support the urban hen keeping for many reasons, some are below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.</li> <li>2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.</li> <li>3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.</li> </ol>



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Last name (required)	Evans
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping, Standing Policy
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping and of this bylaw. Urban beekeeping is important to Calgary for many reasons including:

- Beekeeping produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together.
- It is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system.
- Beekeeping is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps. Honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment.
- Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property.
- Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food.
- It is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.
- It allows beekeepers to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our gardens and producing honey.
- Foraging bees rarely sting as they are looking for nectar, pollen and water, and don't bother with people.

With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more

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than ever.

My ask of you is to support beekeeping and hence why I am making a submission to council.

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First name (required) Melanie

Last name (required) De Siqueira

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) I support local bee keepers in Calgary Alberta

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First name (required)	Angela
Last name (required)	Depner
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Calgary beekeepers provide a service not only for those who love honey, but for important pollinators in our ecosystem. Their work supports healthy communities in every way.

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First name (required)	Amber
Last name (required)	Yano
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	23M2006
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

To whom it may concern;

I am in support of urban beekeeping for multiple reasons.

- My business MOB Honey is centred around urban agriculture (specifically beekeeping). Without the opportunity to responsibly keep honeybees in the city, my livelihood would suffer greatly.
- I use beekeeping as an opportunity to educate children and adults about the importance of all pollinators.
- Stressors for all pollinators include, loss of habitat, pesticides and climate change. All bees, butterfly's and beetles need help to encourage their existence in our landscape.
- Honeybees have not yet been proven to harm native bees. Bigger threats include the ones listed above.
- Local honey is healthy for our community members because it includes local pollens that could help prevent allergies.
- In my 10 years keeping bees in the city, no one has ever directly or indirectly complained about my operation.
- All hives are kept responsibly, inspected weekly during the season, and managed to prevent swarms, queenlessness and disease. All hives have friendly, calm genetics.
- No one on my bee tours has ever been stung.
- I have a partnership with CMLC in the East Village where 5 hives live during the

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spring and summer. They are well fed after harvest to prevent bee drifting, honey robbing and wasp infestations. A well-fed colony is a calm colony. The apiary is located on the west lawn of the EV Experience Centre, with a semi enclosed fence to keep people out and bees flying up and away. It's a huge attraction in the east village and provides both educational and fun experiences for the public.

- I have two hives at the Telus Spark Science Centre where kids join in on accompanied bee tours and learn about pollinators.
- I keep hives in other peoples yards, they are called land hosts.
- Talking about the importance of all bees, native and introduced is part of my business model.
- I have plans to expand my business in the future - building a program for stroke victims, offering beekeeping activities to add to their experiences.

I am in support of urban beekeeping and would be keen to collect a list of signatures from my community to show the city that many people are in support.

Thank you greatly for your time,


Amber

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A photograph showing a cluttered outdoor area, possibly a construction or demolition site. In the center, there is a wooden pallet. Surrounding it are various pieces of debris, including yellow and white plastic bags, a white container, and other unidentifiable objects. The ground is covered with brown mulch or dirt. The text "Attachment 7" and "CPS2021-0740" is overlaid in the top right corner.

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First name (required)	Gregg
Last name (required)	Aamoth
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee Keeping
Date of meeting	May 11, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I strongly support the right of Calgarians to keep bees on their property. It is essential to the healthy growth of flora and provides an exceptional source of healthy food products.
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First name (required)	Esther
Last name (required)	Suter
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership-Continuing Beekeeping-Standing Policy Committee
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>We have been keeping bees for more than 10 years and have shared our passion for beekeeping with family and friends. Beekeeping is a safe hobby that offers great opportunities for public education. We often invite families to come and visit. The kids are thrilled to be suited up and are in awe of the busy bees, the honey combs, and the process of honey extraction.</p> <p>Ever since we have bees in the backyard, our neighbours have attested to better vegetable and fruit crops and they all enjoy the honey from local flowers.</p> <p>The bylaws sets some important parameters around beekeeping, which will ensure that beekeepers adhere to best practice and get appropriate education. We hope that the bylaw is accepted and beekeeping in Calgary can continue. Many thanks</p>







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First name (required)	Elysia
Last name (required)	Ostrander
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Proposed Responsible Pet Bylaw changes specifically nuisances
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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The noise section of the animal bylaw being stated as "The Owner of an Animal must ensure that such Animal does not bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause a noise which disturbs any Person" is extremely unrealistic and completely unfair. Dogs will bark and howl and that may disturb my neighbours in the same way their kids yelling and screaming in their yard may disturb me. I would like to see a little more details as to what constitutes as "disturbing a person" for example leaving a dog in the yard for an hour to howl would be excessive noise, but allowing my dog to bark at the cat walking along my fence is not. Keeping a dog quiet at all times is not a realistic expectation of any dog, and having a vague bylaw such as this is not fair to dog owners. Please reconsider some of the vague wording contained in these bylaws as I can see some issues enforcing them. Please also consider if the bylaws are fair to the people who have to abide by them. Noise is a realistic part of living in a city, and to specifically target dog owners on something that is hard to control is not a realistic expectation.

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First name (required) Stephanie

Last name (required) Nicholson

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Beekeeping in Calgary

Date of meeting May 13, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I would like the council to know that I fully support beekeeping in the city of Calgary including within private residential property. Beekeeping is imperative to the health of the local flora and even helps nearby farmers. It supports a healthy ecological system in the communities that host them and helps diversify and support local bee populations. Please do not restrict keeping bees within city limits.

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First name (required)	Christa
Last name (required)	Howie
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support urban beekeeping. In a time where bees are a necessity and on the decline the city would be ignorant to do anything but support beekeeping in calgary.

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First name (required)	Ron
Last name (required)	Miksha
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Services: Regarding Beekeeping and Pet Bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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Honey bees have been kept in Calgary for over a hundred years. Beekeeping attracts good civic neighbours who are concerned about our city's environment and general welfare. I am in favour of small-scale urban beekeeping, but not large-scale or commercial honey farming in the city. The proposed bylaws provide a balanced approach that satisfies the need to assure public safety while allowing the pursuit of this important hobby.

Urban beekeepers produce genuinely local, wholesome food for their families, engage in good physical exercise while tending their bees, and experience a strong connection with our land and our neighbourhoods. Most beekeepers participate with family members, strengthening bonds through shared experiences. Beekeeping is inclusive - as a person who uses a wheelchair, I can also enjoy the hum of bees at work and the small chores required to host bees in my backyard.

I have been a beekeeper for decades and have had no incidents or problems with honey bees disturbing or injuring anyone. In fact, our neighbours look forward to seeing the bees at work each spring. I am also researching bee ecology at the University of Calgary, so I understand the need to provide a balance between the interests of the city's several hundred urban beekeepers and the needs of Calgary's native wild bees, such as bumble bees and leafcutter bees. The proposed bylaw requires registration of apiary sites, providing data about honey bee density and distribution, which can help inform a sensible level of managed honey bees.

The proposed bylaw is a good, balanced approach to managing urban beekeeping - it



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does not unduly infringe upon homeowners' use of their property, but also protects the interests of neighbours. I hope that you will support this proposed bylaw.

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First name (required) Julie

Last name (required) Hext

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bee keepers are supported by me

Date of meeting May 9, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I love bees and support local

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First name (required) Kim

Last name (required) Wildeman

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Bees should be allowed to responsible owners

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) We need more bees not less. How ridiculous. They don't hurt anyone and help pollinate.



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First name (required) Allison

Last name (required) Kwantes

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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From my perspective as a University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine student, I would like to comment on Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw which includes beekeeping. I am in full support of urban beekeeping in the city of Calgary for many reasons. One reason that maintaining urban beekeeping is extremely important for the future success of beekeeping is that it allows current veterinary students to gain knowledge and hands on practical experience with beekeeping. The importance of this has been highlighted since the 2018 CFIA mandate that use of medically important antimicrobials in beekeeping requires veterinary prescription. The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Calgary has a student-run Honey Bee Health Club that maintains hives, and from these hives we are able to deliver valuable education to students regarding bee health, the honey bee industry, and their prospective role in support of the industry as veterinarians. Urban beekeeping is important not only for the future success of the industry as it relates to training of veterinarians, but also in that it offers important opportunities to educate community members about honey bees, how they differ from wasps, and how they are integral to maintaining the natural ecosystem and food production. Beekeeping education provides valuable opportunities to teach citizens of the importance of bees, while also providing connections and building community. Beekeeping provides a relaxing activity that can be stress-relieving, while also enticing people to get outside and in nature (thereby enhancing mental wellness). The critical role that bees play in maintenance of natural systems within the environment has been well established, to say nothing about the importance of bees in agriculture.

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By supporting urban beekeeping, we indirectly not only support our agriculture sector and food production, but also support the maintenance of our ecosystems. Canadian honeybee populations and their role in pollination is critical in Alberta, and urban beekeeping can play an integral part in supporting that, as well as promoting continued community building (bees exemplify community!), and helping to ensure the future survival of our beekeeping industry.

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First name (required)	Hayden
Last name (required)	Gladstone
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary, Regu
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I support responsible ownership of backyard chickens. Backyard chickens help close the loop of small scale backyard farming/gardening (less outside input needed). They provide fertilization, dispose of specific waste items, can manage pests and aid in food security.</p> <p>I believe households should have the right to own small livestock if certain criteria are met (appropriate shelter, fencing/boundaries, no animal abuse records).</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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First name (required)	Hayley
Last name (required)	Boggs
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see attached document, it is slightly larger than the 2500 character limit.



Why beekeeping within inner city Calgary is necessary to continue:

Honey bees could certainly be called the gateway bug. Curiosity starting with these amazing domesticated creatures can breed desire for further learning, about the complex ecological world around us. Including solitary bees, bumble bees, butterflies, lady bugs, and ground beetles. A lot of people do not realize just how important every type of bug is out there. For example, there would be no tomatoes without bumblebees, or how lady bugs often keep aphid populations in check. All of nature around us is in balance and working together, and it is easy for us all living our everyday lives to forget about how wonderful these interconnections really are.

Honey bees like many other domesticated creatures can be bred for favourable traits. Therefore, honey bees with gentle genetics are a fantastic learning tool for children. They behave predictably and with some proper gear kids can be taught about the inner workings of colonies in a hands-on experience. Honey bees are an easy means to draw youths in because they can produce such useful substances, they can truly become interested with the tangible results and the sweet rewards. A woman named Giselle, teaches regular classes to children. Over the summer I am intending to bring this up with a colleague of mine who teaches special needs kids. Her school may be interested in introducing nature to her group of students via honey bees. Every opportunity to enrich the lives of our special needs children to help them integrate into our world and find new and varied interests is incredibly valuable. They may find a desire in connecting with and preserving nature in the process, while getting kids outside doing healthy activities and teaching them a constructive outlet in a busy western culture.

Where that interest often starts is in an arena that is easy to approach, that being apiary care. There is a lot to learn going into honey bee husbandry, though the basics are simple and even logical. It is very important for more people to know how delicate insects really are, and what we can do to protect them. If neighbours learn, that spraying their in-bloom dandelions kills off some of the local foraging honey bees, they may become more cognisant of their actions and can change them; for example, performing this task around dusk. This will spill over to help keep native bumble and solitary bee populations hail and whole. With the added benefit that the vegetable gardeners in the neighbourhood can enjoy their potatoes and peppers.

Honey harvesting can provide valuable supplementary income for those who may have little options available to them, with a minimal cash investment and little economical education. Interestingly enough, honey farmed within urban settings on average as compared to rural honey has less pesticides and fertilizers within it. Which will increase opportunities to sell to health markets for a markup, on top of normal direct sales at local farmers markets. These small businesses with good management have the opportunity to expand into full fledged commercial operations hiring at key times of the year, adding to our overall economy. A good example of this is Chinook Honey Co.

Currently the beekeeping I do is for work on the very edge of the city. City bylaw changes may alter our ability to continue keeping bees at the golf course. As well, there are other golf courses who keep bees in a non-commercial format, much like us due to our Audubon certification (Environmental initiative for wildlife habitat management).

In the future when I have children of my own, I would very much want to share in this experience with them and start keeping honey bees in our own backyard. It is important to me that we keep wonderful

organizations like the CDBA going and that we responsibly care for our bees, so generations to come can enjoy their buzz and sweet treats.

Sincerely Hayley Boggs

Marlborough NE Calgary.

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First name (required) Fiona

Last name (required) Boulet

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) SPC on Community and Protective Services

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Thank you for the work on the updated bylaw. I appreciate the effort to balance many perspectives and the focus on managing nuisance and aggressive / injury issues. I believe that the bylaws developed for January 2022, for the most part, are both comprehensive and reasonable.

I have been a dog owner for over 40 years including participation in rescue dog fostering, breeding 4 litters, extensive training for dog sports including agility, conformation shows, and obedience, community service visits to hospices and hospitals through over 10 years (and with five different dogs) involvement with PALS. Of course, each of my dogs have also been family pets.

I want to take a moment to highlight what I see as the greatest strengths, and one strong concern.

1. I strongly support the administrative changes that will allow for a much less cumbersome process, especially with respect to identifying vicious dogs. Extensive timelines in these processes hurt all parties involved in incidents.
2. I fully support the limit to the number of dogs (or cats) at 6. This allows people with working (eg. PALS program) and/or sporting (eg. agility, obedience) to have young dogs that are in training, several dogs at the trained and working level, as well as to keep our elder animals that age out of their working days. I also fully support the additional options for multiple dogs and hope that the process for obtaining such addi-

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tional licenses is developed through further collaboration with the parties and groups that will be applying for these licenses.

3. I note that in the Introduction of this Bylaw, and under the "Social" heading, it states: "The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw is enforced using an education first approach to encourage adherence, using ticketing as a last resort in most cases." I think this is always the best approach for both compliance and economic efficiency.

4. I have small dogs (Italian greyhounds) and LOVE that I can now remove those heavy and bulky City of Calgary licenses from their collars, and just rely on the microchips that all my dogs have.

5. The only part that worries me is "Part 8: Authority to Delegate Further" where S.77 states "The Chief Bylaw Officer may delegate any of the powers granted to the Chief Bylaw Officer in this Bylaw at any time to any other employee of The City." I strongly encourage the inclusion of the word "qualified" be used to describe another employee, eg. "any other qualified employee of the City."





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First name (required) Tom

Last name (required) sloan

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw (includes keeping honeybees)

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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My friend has bee hives in his yard. Last summer we spent a lot of time hanging out in the yard and you would have never known the hives were there. The honey bees were busy doing their thing and didn't bother with us at all. In the fall I even got to participate in the honey harvest. I learned so much about the bees. Over the winter I've taken a few bee keeping webinars and read about bee keeping as a hobby. This year I will be getting my own bee hive. So grateful my friend taught me about bees and all the good they do for the world.

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First name (required) Norman

Last name (required) Donaldson

What do you want to do? (required) Request to speak, Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) SPC ON COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Good morning,

I keep and manage close to 60 hives in the City on dozens of other people's property. I don't charge for the service as I work on the honour system. I keep bees for fun. I've been keeping bees in the city for over 6 years while being respectful of neighbours and creating a positive experience for the community. I keep honey bees in the inner city communities of Brentwood, Triwood and Hillhurst.

I produce 100% Pure Raw Urban Honey produced in Brentwood. Many families benefit from the honey I produce from the hives I keep on their property. Raw honey contains micro pieces of pollen from the local flora which is ideal for building allergy tolerance in children by micro dosing from urban honey. This is only one of the important health benefits of consuming locally produced pure raw honey, there are many more.

May I speak to City Council regarding the keeping of honey bees in the City of Calgary please? can you help arrange this? I'm available any time.

After a bit of difficulty I was able to find a copy of the Proposed Wording for a Bylaw respecting the regulation, Licensing and Control of Animals in The City of Calgary. Is the link below correct? I saw the draft for the first time less than a week ago. Please find 1 attached PDF to this email, it is the document in question.



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I think it is prudent to postpone a vote on this Bylaw until more Calgary urban beekeepers and landowners (who enjoy hosting a hive) are made aware of the impact the Bylaw may have on the enjoyment of their property. The public consultation was not adequate.

Will you make a motion to table the vote on this new Bylaw please?

Other concerns which support tabling the motion to vote are below:

Page 13 - 25 (3) "A person must not keep pigeons, bee colonies or hens within the City without a valid and subsisting Urban Livestock Licence."

Who gets the licence? The land owner or beekeeper? It is the bee keeper who will have the training and skill set, it may not be the land owner. Is this reflected in the Bylaw?

Page 14 - 27 (2) (e) "A signed declaration that the applicant will adhere to generally accepted good husbandry or beekeeping practices and complete any necessary provincial registration.

Why is this even in the Bylaw? The provincial laws are still applicable. All bee hives are registered with the province. There

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I support beekeeping in the city of Calgary.

Thank you

Leanne Brown

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First name (required) Michael

Last name (required) Meldrum

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw - City Beekeeping

Date of meeting 0005-05-12

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I think bees should be able to be kept in the city. Bees play an important role in our ecosystem and beekeeping is a respectable hobby that contributes to the environment and encourages resourcefulness.

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Last name (required)	Nagy-Kovacs
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Proposed bee keeping bylaw.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am opposed to any bylaw that would ban, or regulate, bee keeping within the City of Calgary. I know several hobby bee keepers and they are very careful and conscientious in their hobby. With bee populations on the planet being threatened by environmental degradation, we should be encouraging bee keeping, not discouraging it. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
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First name (required)	Maria
Last name (required)	Vella
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Animal control bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am not a breeder, I am a member of the pet owning public who wishes to be able to access local breeders when my family needs another canine companion and if the city of Calgary legislates breeders out of existence I and many of my friends will have a very frustrating search looking for our next four legged family member.



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First name (required)	Bailey
Last name (required)	Cameron
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Revised Agenda for the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protectiv
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support beekeeping in the City of Calgary.

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Last name (required)	Cook
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – Continuing Beekeeping in Calgary, Regular
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support beekeeping in the city. I feel there is little to no risk with bees and there are many benefits including healthier foliage, gardens, trees and flowers. Not to mention fresh honey is a delight.

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First name (required) Russ

Last name (required) Peters

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Thank you for allowing me to share my input on urban beekeeping and the associated proposed amendments to the City of Calgary's Responsible Pet Bylaw under consideration.

My wife and I have been beekeeping in SW Calgary for 3 seasons. Before becoming beekeepers we took a two-day beekeeping course and read extensively, so that we had the knowledge needed to get started properly and ensure that we could anticipate and work to prevent any impacts to our neighbours and so that our bees would be healthy, productive and a positive addition to the community.

I also joined the Calgary and District Beekeeping Association - a passionate, active and diverse group of new and veteran beekeepers from across Calgary and the greater Calgary area, who work tirelessly to advocate for bees and beekeeping, educate the public through outstanding, engaging and high-impact outreach, and share knowledge and best practices amongst themselves through training and mentorship, and with other beekeepers across Canada and internationally to continually improve and advance our practices and bee husbandry.

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500)

Beekeeping is a healthy, active, engaged and grounded pastime, requiring close attention to the rhythms and cycles of nature, the local environment, the ebb and flow of our local flora and the lifecycles of the bees themselves. Beekeeping is inherently a local,

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community-building exercise. All of our nearby neighbours know that we have bees. We regularly get texts and emails from neighbours telling us that they've spotted honey bees at work gathering pollen and nectar in their gardens. They know when we're harvesting honey, and they know that come fall there will be hyper-local honey for them.

Contrary to popular conception, honeybees are bred to be temperate. I regularly inspect my bees in jeans and a tee-shirt, with no protective gear other than a hat and veil. I have extra bee suits in multiple sizes and have hosted (and will happily host) any neighbour (or City Councillor) who is curious and wants to get closer to the action. The kids next door often observe our hive inspections over the fence - full of questions and curiosity.

In short, urban beekeeping is very much a part of the fabric of Calgary living, and has been for more than a century. We urge the committee to adopt the bylaw including the provisions on responsible urban beekeeping so that Calgarians can continue to enjoy the many benefits of bees, beekeeping and engaged, community-minded beekeepers in our city.

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Last name (required)	Kennepohl
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am concerned with the proposed updates to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. I have had both dogs and cats as companions throughout my life and strongly believe in the responsible care of animal companions. My biggest concern is that significant changes are being brought forward at a time when community attentiveness has been severely hampered by the current health crisis. I note that essentially all consultation for these proposed bylaw changes has occurred during the pandemic (Phase One started on Feb 29 2020 - and the first reported case of COVID-19 infection was announced on March 5th, 2020). I will say bluntly that the immediate health and safety of my family has been an overriding concern over the past year and municipal affairs - no matter how important they are - have taken a back seat. For this reason, I only heard about the proposed bylaw changes one day ago. Granted, I am a relatively new resident of the city and thus less familiar with municipal procedures in Calgary, but I typically stay very well informed on such matters. For this reason, I am only just now noting that major changes are proposed but I have not really had a chance to consider the changes in their entirety.</p> <p>One area that worries me about the current proposals are the added upper limit on pet ownership. Although I am not a dog breeder, I did recently bring a new puppy into our family by working with a highly regarded and internationally recognized breeder who lives within the city limits. Responsible dog ownership begins with responsible dog breeding, training, and care. The current proposal states that the City "may" provide</p>
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exceptions to breeders but does not seem to provide a clearly defined mechanism for defining the process. If there is such a process that will not hamper the activities of responsible pet owners, then I have missed it. I worry that the currently proposed limits on ownership will have a severe impact on the ability of responsible breeders to continue to provide both healthy and healthful pets for Calgarians. I am worried that the current proposal will force responsible breeders out of the city while also promoting poor breeding practices by irresponsible persons in order to "fly under the radar."

I am certain that I am not the only person in Calgary who is not as well-informed about the proposed changes as they would have been under more normal circumstances. I hope that you will agree that more time is needed to fully evaluate the proposed changes.

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First name (required)	Liz
Last name (required)	Goldie
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I have already submitted comments. Here are some pictures that I would like included. Thank you.



Calgary Stampede Exhibit Booth



A backyard honey bee colony in winter





Beekeeping Course



Bumblebee, honey bee and wasp on a sunflower in my backyard





Host a Hive Program location near Fish Creek Park



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First name (required)	Teresa
Last name (required)	Tousignant
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard hens - speaking in support
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please accept the bylaw proposal for backyard hens, and recommend it to council.

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First name (required)	Oliver
Last name (required)	Brown
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I fully support backyard chickens. Many cities in Canada have backyard chicken programs that are running well. Its good education for children, sustainable and healthy. I look foward to seeing it approved.

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First name (required)	Tammi
Last name (required)	Dagley
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard Chickens
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to comment on the issue of backyard chickens. I believe they should be allowed as I have been looking into getting my own. My children are home-schooled and this is a great opportunity for them to learn how to take care of livestock, while still living in the Comforts of the city.</p>
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First name (required)	nicole
Last name (required)	allard
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Chicken Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

As per our pandemic situation for the last year, I believe self sufficiency has been a big learning for all of us and I believe this will help. I have my own garden to produce vegetables. I have grandchildren that I'm teaching about how to grow food, recycle food (compost), recycle water (working on and irrigation of water from the roof). The hens would be a great addition to help with the garden (insects and compost), to teach my grandchildren of where food comes from, and can be great pets. We are also looking into a bee keeping in the next couple years. We realize this will come with various guidelines and we are willing to work with them. We still want to enjoy our back yard and enjoy a small amount of urban farming.



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First name (required)	Julie
Last name (required)	Sills
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw-legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Our family is in complete support of legalizing backyard hens. Hens are a good source of food for the family and it helps to teach our children how to live sustainability. It will be an overall improvement to the quality of our lives and in a sense we'll know where our food is coming from. Having chickens will also improve the quality of fertilizer that we can use to help grow the plants in our garden and be able to remove any unwanted pests that could potentially damage those plants.

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Last name (required) li

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste

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First name (required)	Jane
Last name (required)	Ward
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw- legalizing backyard hens in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please legalize backyard chickens as it will help our family to become more self-sustainable. They will provide education to our children regarding the life cycle, where food comes from and give them more responsibility. Plus they eat slugs!

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Last name (required)	Harris
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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I am a pet owner in Calgary who has carefully read the proposed changes to the by-laws. I believe the proposed limit on the number of pets allowed will have no beneficial effects. The number of pets does not correlate with problems reported. Most of the worst offenders only have one dog. Very few people have large numbers of pets. The proposed change to the Noise section is so vaguely worded that it will probably cause a rise in complaints. It does not allow for a dog to make any noise at any time: "Animal does not bark, howl, or otherwise make or cause a noise which disturbs any Person". This is beyond ridiculous. If implemented the City should also implement a fee for filing a complaint to cut down on abuse by neighbours who don't get along. The changes to allow increased power to the Chief Bylaw Officer are terrifying. If the person in power has a personal agenda such as "animal rights/PETA" or is anti-pure-bred dogs the potential for abuse is huge. I have personally witness prejudice against pure-bred dog owners by by-law officers in the past.



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First name (required) Dyane

Last name (required) Noguchi

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Chicken Bylaw - Urban Livestock

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

1. Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste, very much needed.
2. Hens are fun and they make great pets, very much needed.

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First name (required)	Dane
Last name (required)	Tousignant
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Hens
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support the backyard hen permitting proposal.

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First name (required)	Mark
Last name (required)	Soehner
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet Bylaw
Date of meeting	May 11, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I am a beekeeper in Haysboro and to my knowledge my millions of bees have not caused distress in the community

























Calgary  
And  
District  
Beekeepers





## Beekeeper Certificate of Registration

This Certifies that,

***SOEGNER, MARK***

***CALGARY CUPOLA & WEATHERVANE***

***96 HAVENHURST CRESCENT SW***

***CALGARY, AB***

***REGISTRATION NUMBER 35440***

***NUMBER OF HONEY BEE COLONIES 1***

has registered with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development under the provisions of the *Bee Act*.

This certificate of registration expires June 29, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Das".

Provincial Apiculturist





Ministry of  
Agriculture

# Asian Hornet

## (*Vespa mandarinia*)

## Pest Alert: Asian Giant Hornet

Three Asian Hornets (*Vespa mandarinia*) were found in the Nanaimo area on Vancouver Island in mid-August. The identification has been confirmed by Canadian and international experts. This is the first time this insect has been found in British Columbia.

### Please report it if you see it:

British Columbians who think they may have seen one are asked to take a photo if possible and report the sighting to

### The Invasive Species Council of B.C.:

- 1-888-933-3722
- <https://bcinvasives.ca/report>
- [info@bcinvasives.ca](mailto:info@bcinvasives.ca)

### This is what the Asian Hornet looks like:

Asian Giant Hornets are large, and have noticeably large orange heads and black eyes. Worker hornets are approximately 3.5 cm in length and queens can be up to 4-5 cm in length with a wingspan of 4-7cm.



## Look-alike species:

There are several large insects that are native to British Columbia that are commonly seen and could be mistaken for Asian Hornets. There is no need to report these ones:

Bald faced hornet



Yellow jacket



Horntail wasp



Elm Sawfly



## Other information about Asian Hornets:

- These Asian Giant Hornets only nest in the ground, unlike other species of wasps or bees that build nests and hives in trees and/or buildings.
- Asian Hornets are not interested in humans, pets and large animals. They hunt insects for food. The only time hornets will attack is when their nest is disturbed.
- Asian Hornets will feed on honeybees and are capable of destroying hives in a short time period.
- Hornets are dormant and unlikely to be seen in fall and winter.



## If you are stung:

- As with wasp or bee stings, place an ice cube/pack or cold compress on the location to reduce inflammation and the spread of venom.
- Don't rub the site, it will cause the venom to spread into the surrounding tissue.
- If you are stung multiple times or have symptoms of toxic or allergic reaction, seek medical attention immediately.

## Biology:

- *V. mandarinia* is a large hornet that predares on honeybees and other large insects. It establishes ground nests and forages as far as eight kilometres from its nest. Similarly to endemic wasps including Bald-Faced Hornets and Yellowjackets, the Giant Hornet establishes annual nests in the spring. During the summer it expands until August when virgin queens will emerge. After mating, the young queens will disperse and winter on their own. The original nest dies in the fall.
- This hornet is widely distributed in East Asia from the sub-tropics of South China to the temperate zones of the Korean peninsula and northern Japan.

## Links:

- Visit HealthLink for more information on common insect stings:  
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/sig44526> and allergies to insect stings:  
<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/rt1285>
- Invasive Species Council of BC - <https://bcinvasives.ca/>

The Calgary & District Beekeepers Association  
invites you to the annual

# POTLUCK and Honey Competition

Westgate Community Hall  
4943 8 Avenue SW Calgary  
Sunday 26 January 2020



doors open 4:30 PM  
honey competition cutoff 5PM

12 Ribbons to be won & door prizes

**Calgary District Beekeepers Association  
Honey Competition  
26 January 2020**

**RULES**

**Entries close at 5PM**

There will be 4 categories of honey judged:

- Liquid Light;
- Liquid Dark;
- Cream/Crystallized; and,
- Taster's Choice.

Exhibitors may submit one entry per category.

Should there not be a discernable colour difference of the exhibitor's dark and light liquid entries, only one entry from that Exhibitor will be accepted for the liquid competition.

Each entry will consist of one jar. The jar will be approximately 375 ml in volume (approximately 500 grams), made of clear glass, and have a one-piece metal lid.

Exhibitors shall be bona fide beekeepers with entries of pure honey, from their personal apiaries, from production of the most recent crop year which was 2019.

Exhibitors will have paid their \$25.00 member's dues for the current year 2020 to the Calgary District Beekeepers Association.

Exhibitors will complete the entry tag with their name and address. An entry tag will be attached to each jar. Judges will ensure the entry is placed in the appropriated class.

Entries must be free of other identification.

Competition judges shall consider any contestant ineligible if the entry fails to comply with the exhibit criteria.

Awards will be made based on a point scale and, in the case of a tie, the highest score for flavour will be awarded an extra point to break the tie.

Entry acceptance will begin at 1600 hours 4PM MST 26 January 2020 and close at 1700 hours 5PM MST

Entries will be returned after the recognition of competition winners.at approximately 1900 hours 7PM 26 January 2020.

Mark Soehner  
Potluck & Competition Chair































**Calgary Firefighters Stairclimb Challenge**  
**In support of my entry**  
**Join my Team To The Top**

# **Fundraiser**

- **\$10      90 ml**
- **\$20      190 ml**
- **100% to the climb**
  
- **Tasters choice 2017**
- **1<sup>st</sup> place winner 2018**

**From my three hive apiary in Haysboro**









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First name (required)	Jordon
Last name (required)	Horning
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I love plants and I love having a veggie garden. Gardening is something I've loved learning about and being able to create something from a seed is a huge impact on mental health. It's relaxing and calming tending to the little seedlings. Kids learn in school about carbon footprints, composting and being healthy, they grow their own plants and learn about eggs and some schools even learn by hatching their own chicks or ducks. Being able to have backyard hens would help in many aspects of self sustainability. Teaching our kids and even adults about healthy lifestyles, eating the things you grow and maybe getting kids off the screens during the summer... involving them more in things they are more then capable of helping and learning about. Yes obviously it needs to be approved. Not everyone should be able to have them so the permit process and approval is a must. But i think it's a great idea. Owning an acreage one day is a dream. But I definitely wouldn't mind getting a small piece of it here in the city. Let's teach our kids that hard work pays off and that there's so many benefits. :)

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First name (required)	Denise
Last name (required)	Vanderkooi
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Bee Keeping in the city of Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Hello,

My name is Denise Vanderkooi, and I am an urban beekeeper. I started keeping bees after moving into a rental property in Bridgeland that had a small established apiary. I was fascinated by these small creatures and really enjoyed seeing them in the backyard, though admittedly was nervous around them.

I decided to educate myself and take a bee keeping course through ABC Bees for Communities with Eliese Watson, though at the time I was not sure what I would do with it other than to understand these insects a bit more. After the course, I came to a profound understanding that bees are not like the wasps who as I child, I was stung by or that chase me around the yard maliciously today, but rather in my experience are innately gentle, even when I am inspecting their hive. If I get stung, which is seldom, I know why and it is usually because I've incidentally squished one!

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I am now well established on the property with several of my own hives after a brief mentoring period from the previous urban apiarist and have full support of my landlord who has indicated if we leave, the bees stay!

As someone who grew up on an acreage and spent plenty of time in a farming commu-



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nity, bees have helped me stay connected to the flow of nature while in a rising city and have provided this property a space where local flora and fauna thrive.

I would have never guessed my future would bring me to become an apiarist, but I am glad it has. I aspire to be the apiarist on the hill for years to come that sells local, straight out of the hive honey and have taken an active initiatives to integrate with the Bridgeland and Renfrew community garden groups in hopes of placing hives there and sharing the knowledge of bee keeping that has been passed onto me.

I support urban beekeeping and like any animal husbandry; cats, dogs, chickens, goats ought to be done responsibly. For that reason I do encourage formalized training as beekeeping can be more involved than raising a cat or dog and also helps a novice apiarist like myself to practice safely and courteously to the public at large.

Kind regards,  
Denise Vanderkooi

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Last name (required)	Wong
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard Hen
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.</li> <li>2. Hens are fun and they make great pets.</li> <li>3. Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet.</li> </ol>



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First name (required)	Pat
Last name (required)	Solkshinitz
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Community and Protective Services Agenda/Meeting
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please see attached pdf document as my submission to City Council on this agenda item.

## Feedback for Calgary City Council on Proposed Community and Protective Services By-Law Changes

The process that was initiated by the City of Calgary to engage focus groups of citizens and professional animal trainers/breeders/handlers/owners of dog/cats appeared to be flawed from the start. The multiple choice questionnaire was extremely limiting in what could be chosen as an answer – and it seemed that all of the answers were geared towards whatever agenda the facilitators/city had with respect to pet ownership/behavior etc. When your multiple choice answer is limited to 3, 4, 5 or 6 numbers of dogs per household – then that tells me that there is an underlying agenda that is wanting to be pushed thorough no matter what is presented to them. We repeatedly asked for clarification of the proposed by-laws that were being considered and were told that there was nothing in stone. Obviously there was. I attended multiple focus groups and the theme across them was that the City needed to not be looking at increasing restrictions, but instead should be working towards education and empowering citizens to be critical thinkers and to be respectful of those who we engage ourselves and pets with. The facilitators agreed greatly with this but I am now completely surprised at the level of restrictive by-laws that are being proposed for our City. We were very dismayed to see the work of Bill Bruce being tossed out the window – when most of the things that he implemented were still working many years later. Yes we need to evolve but when the evolution is put in the hands of people who are not transparent or honest in their endeavor to be a change agent, then that is not acceptable.

Background research and stats were not provided by the organizers as we had requested on multiple issues. We also requested to be involved in special focus groups of professional trainers etc. – which never happened. The stock answer of “this is what the people were telling us” does not hold weight. Trust with the City in this process has been broken.

Limiting number of dogs/cats per household was not a theme of the focus groups, and supporting information was provided to the facilitators with respect to other jurisdictions that had tried that and found there to be no change in the number of incidents and complaints. In fact the majority of complaints in those cities and towns were focused on single dog households. Hoarding incidents were present even where there were strict animals/household limitations – that is why education and community involvement was the chosen route to ensuring that issues did not arise. Being a good neighbour was the theme of conversation at the focus group sessions – ensure you are not interfering with their enjoyment of property and safety while still maintaining your right to have multiple animals as long as they are cared for appropriately.

Putting into place a by-law that forbids the leaving of an animal in a vehicle under -15C or above 15C makes absolutely no sense. There is data available to show that even a small dog in an enclosed vehicle in the sun without hydration or shade could die easily in 6C temps. It really has to take into account what measures the owners have taken to prevent harm to the animal. If there are measures taken such as ventilation, water, shade, blankets, fleece coats – it would all depend on the breed of dog (long coat/working versus small short haired). Ensuring that there is the wording “and is in distress” in the by-law makes sense in that it is not a cut and dried situation. Many show/performance dogs, police dogs, military dogs, Search and Rescue dogs are kept in or benched in vehicles – and the majority of owners go above and beyond to ensure the safety of their animals. There will always be the situation where that is not the case – but that happens in human nature – education of the population is so important in ensuring that the safety of animals is a priority. I’m not sure how the City will handle the



increased complaints that arise because a citizen sees a dog sleeping in a vehicle, in a crate with the windows open and a breeze flowing through, in the shade – and calls in a complaint because the literal wording of the by-law allows for no critical thinking or assessment of danger.

When the words “shall or should” are replaced by “must” – as has happened throughout the entire by-law revision, then there is an issue of enforcement – because the legal definition of “must” means that without a doubt, under no circumstances, it must happen. That is not how we evolve as a society. That is a restrictive government that allows its citizens no freedoms to think.

There are so many concerns that I have with multiple points on this proposed by-law – I would be over the allotted size of file that I can upload if I continue. Please look at what is happening in the spirit of the revisions – it is becoming a controlling, law heavy, no room for human compassion and understanding document. That is not what the people of the City deserve.

Pat Solkshinitz

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First name (required)	Amy
Last name (required)	Reynolds
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Calgary Backyard Chickens - Bylaw - May 12
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Please approve a pilot program! There are multiple accounts of great success &amp; benefits of backyard chicken programs across Canada. Here are a few examples:</p> <p><a href="https://stalbert.ca/cosa/news/highlights/one-year-later/">https://stalbert.ca/cosa/news/highlights/one-year-later/</a>  <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/02/18/backyard-hens-not-the-scourge-some-predicted.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/02/18/backyard-hens-not-the-scourge-some-predicted.html</a>  <a href="https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/city-of-white-rock-tackles-backyard-hen-proposal/">https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/city-of-white-rock-tackles-backyard-hen-proposal/</a></p>



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First name (required)	Nicole
Last name (required)	Wiebe
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Presentation pertaining to the Animal Bylaw proposals.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We have a small group of people that will be speaking at the meeting tomorrow. Our concerns our outlined in the attached presentation.

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First name (required)	Alfieri
Last name (required)	NEGRO
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Backyard Chickens and Bees
Date of meeting	

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I'd like to express my support for the idea of free access for homeowners to raise both bees and chickens within their private property. Most municipalities across Canada allow for both without onerous permitting or regulation. For bees, I think there is widespread understanding of the beneficial role that pollinators play in our ecosystem. Having small scale, independent beekeeping operations allow for a more resilient and diverse ecosystem. Backyard chicken operation allow people to feel more connected to the food they consume as well as reduce the carbon footprint of their diet. In addition, they are a cost effective way of producing a continuing supply of protein in limited spaces and in a family friendly way.

Frankly, I wonder why Calgary lags behind the vast majority of other Canadian municipalities in this regard.

Sincerely,  
Alfieri Negro



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First name (required)	Jessica
Last name (required)	Cherwick
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740 7.3. Licence and Commu
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am not in support of Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740 this will have a severe impact on breeders and quality of blood line.... Also the ability to enter someone's home is an attempt to have abuse of power.</p> <p>I also do not support 7.3. Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Adjudication of Nuisance and Vicious Animal Appeals, CPS2021-0739</p>

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First name (required) Jeremy

Last name (required) Guo

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Strongly support urban hen programs

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in

To whom it may concern,  
As one of hen owners who is in process of applying the LESA permit, I am strongly support the proposal of legalizing the Urban Hen Program. Backyard chicken can have numerous benefits:

1. Hens can produce environment friendly food for human, i.e. quality eggs
2. Hens are social animals that can establish very close relationship with owners and help in human being's emotional support needs. They are lovely, interactively and attentively to human's activities. They are great friends and emotional supporters especially given the current COVID situation whereas everyone needs to be isolated or working from home. Some of the students have been studying online, disconnected with their peers for over a year now. And some of them have developed anxiety or OCD type of symptoms. They need some sort of pets like cats and dogs but due to personal health conditions, i.e. fur allergy, that restricted them from having those furry animal inside of their house to be accompanied with
3. Hens are natural pest control - they kill ants nests, flies and other harmful insects in the backyard, avoid using miscellaneous chemicals bought from Home Depot to do that anymore. Save our environment, reduce CO2 emission
4. Hens produce natural fertilizer and don't need to repeatedly buy lawn fertilizers every year from the stores, again another proof of reducing unnecessary environment damage and CO2 emission footprint that human being is leaving on the earth
5. Hens can reduce human wasted food by eating them. Chicken can eat what human



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characters)

can't, i.e. the egg shells, fish bones, the grass (they are awesome natural lawn mower), left-over from meals

6. Chicken is a beautiful scenery in the backyard - check my attached beautiful pictures! All of the golfers passing by my backyard (adjacent to a golf court) stopped by to enjoy the beautiful hens

7. Raise a chicken from born is an excellent journey to kids so they learn the life cycle, responsibility of taking care of someone and share love. And above all, chicken is un-harmful to everyone. They are quiet (aside from Rosters of course) and tame with the lease care on a daily basis. If we are allowed to keep dogs and cats, I don't understand why we are not allowed to keep chicken!

8. Our neighbor cities, like Edmonton and provinces, like Toronto are allowed to legally own chickens in their backyard, WHY don't we??

A Big Thank You to your all for your consideration! Appreciate your time!

A good citizen: Jeremy

















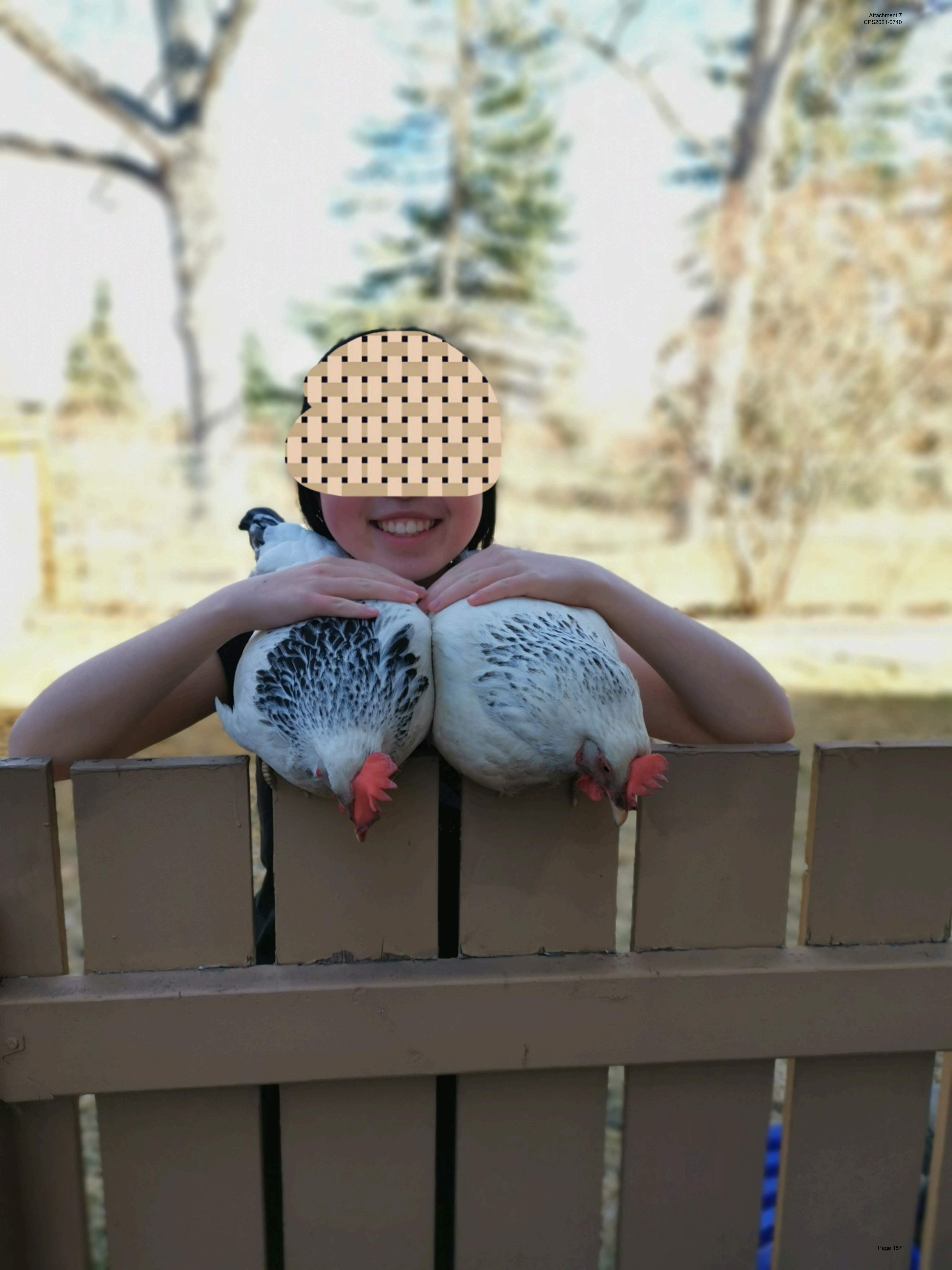




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First name (required) Dominique

Last name (required) Denis-Lalonde

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard hens in Calgary

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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I would like to express my support for legalization of backyard hens in Calgary via the responsible pet ownership bylaw. Countless other cities have such bylaws, with few concerns. Owning chickens (specifically hens) share many of the same beneficial aspects of owning other animals such as fish, cats, and dogs, such as learning responsibility and for companionship, but they can also provide sustenance to a family and support children to learn the value of food production. I would be happy to see my neighbours with chickens. When properly cared for, hens do not smell or damage property. They reduce food waste by eating table scraps and also make great pets. Let's move into 2021 and let people have their chickens!!!







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First name (required)	Ron
Last name (required)	Miksha
What do you want to do? (required)	Request to speak, Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	SPC on Services: Regarding Beekeeping and Pet Bylaws
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Honey bees have been kept in Calgary for over a hundred years. Beekeeping attracts good civic neighbours who are concerned about our city's environment and general welfare. I am in favour of small-scale urban beekeeping, but not large-scale or commercial honey farming in the city. The proposed bylaws provide a balanced approach that satisfies the need to assure public safety while allowing the pursuit of this important hobby.

Urban beekeepers produce genuinely local, wholesome food for their families, engage in good physical exercise while tending their bees, and experience a strong connection with our land and our neighbourhoods. Most beekeepers participate with family members, strengthening bonds through shared experiences. Beekeeping is inclusive - as a person who uses a wheelchair, I can also enjoy the hum of bees at work and the small chores required to host bees in my backyard.

I have been a beekeeper for decades and have had no incidents or problems with honey bees disturbing or injuring anyone. In fact, our neighbours look forward to seeing the bees at work each spring. I am also researching bee ecology at the University of Calgary, so I understand the need to provide a balance between the interests of the city's several hundred urban beekeepers and the needs of Calgary's native wild bees, such as bumble bees and leafcutter bees. The proposed bylaw requires registration of apiary sites, providing data about honey bee density and distribution, which can help inform a sensible level of managed honey bees.

The proposed bylaw is a good, balanced approach to managing urban beekeeping - it



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does not unduly infringe upon homeowners' use of their property, but also protects the interests of neighbours. I hope that you will support this proposed bylaw.

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First name (required)	Jessica
Last name (required)	Newhook
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Public Hearing Item: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw – legalizing backyard
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste.</li> <li>- Hens are fun and they make great pets.</li> <li>-Backyard hens are a great way for kids to learn about where their food comes from, and the responsibilities of caring for a pet</li> <li>-Hens are great for pest control.</li> <li>-Hens provide fantastic fertilizer for gardens and lawns</li> <li>-multiple other urban cities in Canada have run pilot programs that have proven to be successful</li> <li>-hens are affectionate, sweet, smart animals that would be a major benefit to families and the city overall</li> </ul>

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What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Standing Policy Committee on Community & Protective Services
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I support allowing Calgarians to have backyard hens because we should be able to feed ourselves and hens produce food for the family and reduce food waste. They are also fun and they make great pets.



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First name (required) Will

Last name (required) Pratt

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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Hello Calgary City Council,

I write in support of urban beekeeping in Calgary. For nine years I have been a beekeeper as well as a volunteer with the Calgary and District Beekeeping Association, whose mandate is to promote responsible beekeeping in and around the city. Beekeeping is a safe and enjoyable hobby with major educational and recreational benefits. Keeping bees has made me much more aware of the world around me, particularly the seasonal changes in plant life. It has sparked my interest in native bees and spurred me to provide habitat and forage for these honeybee cousins. Keeping bees and membership in the bee club has introduced me to fellow Calgarians of all walks of life. These shared passions have created friendships with Calgarians who I would have never met in my professional life. Keeping bees has strengthened my relationship with my curious neighbors, some of whom have commented on the benefits of pollination to their fruit trees and gardens. None of them have yet turned down a jar of local honey. I hope that those who wish to keep bees responsibly in the city will be able to gain the wide range of benefits that I have experienced. Bees truly are incredible creatures which spark wonder in the world and bring people together.

Thank you for your time,  
Will Pratt

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First name (required) Yan

Last name (required) Chen

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) want hens at backyard

Date of meeting

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) I would like to have hens in the backyard that they can be pets with a lot of fun while kids learn the nature of the hens. Thanks.

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First name (required) Andrew

Last name (required) Hewson

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.



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First name (required) Bernard

Last name (required) Gobeil

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw - City of Calgary

Date of meeting

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- Beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.
- It produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together
- It's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- It's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment

Limiting the number of hives per city lot to 2 per homeowner would be an acceptable stipulation to urban bee keeping.

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First name (required)	Katie
Last name (required)	Merchant
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Urban beekeeping
Date of meeting	

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

We are urban beekeepers in calgary and have so much fun doing it. We have school classes come learn about the bees and gardening. We have had our neighbors tell us their flowers and fruit trees have been producing more fruit since the bees have come to our home. We also have bees in the country and have more excitement about our urban apiary then we do from the country. Please keep allowing us keep our bees and teach our people about the bees. We love them! Thank you.



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First name (required)	Carol
Last name (required)	Moffat
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Pet bylaw
Date of meeting	May 10, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>We would like the pet bylaw to allow bee hives within the city limits. There should be a limit on the number of hives in regard to the size of the lot or area.</p> <p>Bees not only are very quiet but very educational to not only children but adults.</p>

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First name (required)	Louise
Last name (required)	Giannoccaro
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Bylaw - Beekeeping in Calgary
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I writing with my full support for urban beekeeping;          Having a honey bee hive is a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system with Calgarians of all ages, but especially the children;          There is a huge difference between honey bees and and wasps and educating the public with respect to this is important;          Honey bees have been frequenting my garden in East Elbow Park for years and it is such a joy to watch these docile creatures and know that they are also pollinating fruit and vegetable plants around the city.</p>



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First name (required)	Louise
Last name (required)	Giannoccaro
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping
Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am writing to express my support for Urban Beekeeping in Calgary; Beekeeping is a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge about nature with all Calgarians but especially children; honey bees have been frequenting my garden in East Elbow Park for years and it is a joy knowing that they are also pollinating the fruit trees and vegetable plants in the City;</p> <p>I would like to emphasize that honey bees are docile and are very different from wasps;</p> <p>This year I have one beehive in my yard (from my sister in Bragg Creek) and the neighbourhood Children have enjoyed watching the bees and learning about nature.</p>

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First name (required)	Aron
Last name (required)	Weber
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Beekeeping, Standing Policy Committee for M
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021

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- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system
- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment
- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food
- beekeeping is already well managed under the agricultural act of Alberta all hives are registered with the province, it is redundant for the city to manage this.
- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.



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First name (required)	Morse
Last name (required)	Handy
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Keeping Bees in the city part of the Pet bylaw.
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I just want to let you know that I support Bee Husbandry in the city of Calgary as it is a very necessary part of the ecosystem and a very useful commodity in keeping up our natural pollination and recovery of the bee populations. We should do more to support these ventures than to restrict them in any way. We should do our utmost in these times of heavy chemical usages to show that we are backing natural processes for our economy, food supply and education.

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First name (required) Xenia

Last name (required) Guivernau

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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First name (required) Elizabeth

Last name (required) Goldie

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw - Beekeeping, Standing Policy Committee

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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My neighbour has bee and wasp allergies (you can have one without the other). He told me that he has been hospitalized twice because of wasp stings and that he carries an EpiPen. His concern are bees or wasps that nest on his property and has no concern with the honey bees located on my property and only foraging on his flowers. I told him that if he has a colony of wasps or bumblebees on his property, I am happy to remove them.

CDBA focuses on the education of beekeepers and the public about keeping bees responsibly within the City. With the increase of people wanting to help bees, we have also taken on public education about wild bees. CDBA offers beekeeping courses where general beekeeping principles are covered together with understanding how to keep honey bees responsibly in an urban environment. The association has a mentoring program which includes a minimum of monthly educational meetings, guidance to beekeepers with questions, and hands on apiary visits. Public education includes presentations to schools, community centres, horticultural societies, Boys and Girls clubs, City libraries and the City Parks Department. We exhibit at regional fairs and Aggies Days. The Stampede board invites us every year to

exhibit and our presentation is a popular attraction to thousands of City residents and international tourists.

The beekeeping association has members who:

- Have hives in community gardens;
- Have hives at our restaurants, golf clubs, social clubs and on top of commercial buildings in the downtown;
- Help maintain honey bee hives at City schools;
- As part of our Host a Hive program, place hives on private properties where residents have requested beekeepers tend hives (21 locations in 2021 alone);
- Have kept bees in the City for over 57 years and members who join for their children who are beekeepers under 18;
- Maintain an apiary at Land of Dreams sponsored by Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS);
- Have developed Beekeeping Supply businesses to provide support for the beekeeping community; and,
- Are members of the SAIT and U of C Veterinarian College student bee clubs.

The CDBA executive encourages responsible beekeeping and supports this bylaw because it includes registration and education of beekeepers. In our experience, proper education and mentoring minimizes issues and registration allows us to locate beekeepers should there be an issue. In some cases, regulations can become too restrictive and damage the culture that has developed within the City. Hopefully, these bylaws reflect a workable balance.

Beekeeping in Calgary is a long established practice and is part of our City's culture and social fabric.







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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Responsible pet ownership beekeeping-standing policy meeting
Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Please do the right thing and support the responsible pet bylaw as written. As an urban beekeeper with neighbours that love my recreational pursuit, I am disheartened at the voice city hall has provided for the extreme vocal minority who have no knowledge or precedent to support their irrational paranoia. Let's not have yet another bad decision by city hall.</p> <p>I am in full support of urban beekeeping for many reasons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together</li> <li>- it's an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system</li> <li>- it's an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps, honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment</li> <li>- it's a wholesome activity offering good exercise and gets people outside and engaged in producing food</li> <li>- beekeeping is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.</li> </ul>



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Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Hello, I would like to provide support for backyard beekeeping in Calgary. I have kept bees for 5 years and have not only enhanced my relationships with neighbours because of it, I have been given the opportunity to educate people on bees, honey, environmental benefits, pollination, and more. I have never received a complaint from neighbours, and have shared honey from my hives with my neighbours every year. They look forward to that raw honey, made with the pollen and nectar from their flowers and gardens! Kids come to the door to ask to see the bees, parents come to tell me my bees are pollinating their gardens and to ask for status updates on the hives and honey production. In the first year, one family came to my door with a bag of apples...they told me they had lived in their home for 3 years and the tree in their backyard had never produced fruit before - they weren't even sure what type of tree they had! But in the first year I had bees, they had fruit! The bees have brought people together in ways I had never imagined or expected, and it's been wonderful.</p> <p>Beekeeping is my mental health break. Working with my bees relaxes me and provides me with peace, happiness and joy! When I spend time around my bees, my family can tell as my mood is heightened...I often spend time sitting nearby the hives, just observing. My daily stresses melt away as I watch them. Beekeeping doesn't benefit just me, it helps produce food and beautiful gardens for my family, neighbours and friends. Not only that, but honey bee management is being used to help train incarcerated people, mentally challenged people, and people in disadvantaged segments of society.</p>
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Beekeeping is a gentle activity which gets people outdoors, gets neighbours talking and sharing, provides families with food/gardens/flowers and in the 5 years I have been doing it, has never been a nuisance to my neighbours or community or been a negative impact on any one around me. I support beekeeping within Calgary and a bylaw, providing there are no fees for beekeepers, neighbour permission is not required, and there are no limits to amount of honey supers or honey/bee product sales. I do believe there should be a limit to # of hives allowed based on individual yard size.



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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet Bylaw (Urban beekeeping)

Date of meeting May 31, 2021

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As a hobby urban beekeeper for the past five years, I support urban beekeeping in Calgary for the following reasons:

- it produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together;
- it is an escape from daily stresses and is (mostly!) relaxing;
- it is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature (and the importance of bees in our food system) with others, including my neighbours and their kids;
- it is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps; honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment;
- it is a wholesome activity which gets people outside and engaged in producing food; and
- it is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal of every Calgarian having access to local, healthy and environmentally-friendly food.

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Date of meeting	May 31, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I would like to send a message on why supporting urban beekeeping is value we need to hold on to.</p> <p>My household is in our second year of backyard beekeeping and it has been a very educational process for both, adults and children. The pride we take in giving our colonies the best chance at a thriving survival is something to witness.</p> <p>It is constantly talked about how valuable bees are in nature and what they provide to humanity. To not value sustaining one of the worlds most valued insects would be very surprising to me. The role pollinators play in nature is literally one we could not live without.</p> <p>The only thing I can figure as to why some may not support beekeeping within the city limits is due to a fear of bees in general or the possibility of having households near by keeping bees within their vicinity. However, the real reason would be ignorance. There is a huge misconception about bees and the danger they pose to humans.</p> <p>When we decided that backyard beekeeping was something we were going to attempt, we had the same reservations that many have. We didn't know what the dangers were, the liabilities, or what our neighbours would think. So we got to the research. Talked to our neighbours and asked about potential allergies and so on. Luckily we have the</p>



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greatest neighbours and they have been incredibly supportive.

We have learned so much and shared in that education with those around us and provided opportunities for many to come and see (and taste) the fruits of our labour. We feel that this is a sustainable, educational, and vital resource for individuals or families who are willing to partake in this endeavour and help save the world one hive at a time.

I am always open to being contacted by anyone with any questions or concerns they may have.

Thank you for your time and I hope many more will show their support for urban beekeeping.

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Roxanna Smit

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Please support urban bee keeping in Calgary. I would like to reference The City's Food Action Plan – Calgary Eats! - Calgary Food Action Plan . If The City is serious about building a resilient, local food system then bees HAVE to be part of it.

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Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>I am a bee keeper currently living Ward 9 Councillor: GIAN-CARLO CARRA. I keep bees in 3 locations within the ward - at my home - at the Inglewood Community Garden (ICG)- at the Land of Dreams Community Garden (LOD)</p> <p>The LOD is sponsored by the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - an organization that has started the garden to enhance the introduction of refugees and immigrants into Canadian Society.</p> <p>The ICG is a long standing garden that has garden plots for urban gardener. They also have a portion of the property that is used provide food for others in the community that feed those with less.</p> <p>Further - both organizations have an education component. Beekeeping is one aspect of it. In fact I do (in non Covid times) small workshops for City of Calgary Parks Department Summer program for kids (Bird Sanctuary). The kids (6 to 10 years) come to the ICG and we see beekeeping tool - speak of bee biology - and visit a beehive (weather permitting). The children come to us very nervous about bees. Though not in all cases they leave with a better understanding of honeybees and most importantly - they are not to be feared - they are to be respected (sting avoidance through their personal behaviour) - and where the honey come from.</p> <p>At the LOD we do casual workshops for a variety of groups - the refugees - the new immigrants - volunteers at the garden - even a group of University students in environments studies.</p> <p>Having said all this if think that the honey bees in the community tie our minds and</p>

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souls back to nature. They are free ranging creatures that provide us with food on many levels Honey - pollination - beeswax that has many uses from cosmetic to candles used in religious ceremony. All of which are non toxic and biodegradable. Honey bees enhance the quality of life in the community - food - pollination - better mental health for the beekeeper and their families.

One last story - I live on 7th ave NE overlooking the river valley - we get many many passers by every day. I had a bee hive in my front yard - Partially obscured from sight and safely away from passers by. The folks still notice it and will ask about it. One day in early spring a family was walking by when I was out front - a couple and their little girl. Apparently the little girl had seen the bees in the summer. She and her mom queried about why the bees were not there any more. There was a visible sad moment when I had to tell them that they had died. A valued life was gone for her. Thank



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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Responsible Pet By=law, Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protecti

Date of meeting May 12, 2021

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I am for beekeeping in the city and against unnecessary regulation. I have kept bees in Britannia for four years without any complaints. Honey bees are not aggressive. Most people who are stung are stung by wasps. I managed to survive over 70 years in this city without ever being stung by a bee, though I had many wasp stings. The same goes for my wife. They are not a nuisance. I am confident that none of my neighbours have been aware of my bees without my telling them and, usually, giving them a jar of honey.

The bees are valuable pollinators, not only of the fruit trees and flowers in our large garden, but the wild flowers in the Elbow River valley. Most of our honey comes from the sweet clover and Saskatoons in the valley.

Regulation of bees by the city is unnecessary. It will provide no services to beekeepers, will not provide any meaningful protection to those afraid of bees and wasps and will add an expense to the city and to an already expensive hobby or a marginal small business. So what is the point?

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Date of meeting	May 12, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	<p>Backyard Chickens offer opportunity for sustainability in homegrown eggs and garden support, love of pets, educational opportunities and family bonding.</p> <p>The current pandemic has brought with it many impacts globally beyond the tragedy of illness and death. We see struggle with mental health, loss of human/societal contact, jobs and finances. But what it has also done is bring family units together, asked us to think differently about how we interact with the world, and consider sustainability and survival in a way we have not before.</p> <p>Backyard chickens is one example for our family that has hit the mark in these positive ways. Planning and designing a coop has lifted spirits. We have seen hope, looking toward a family project. It has encouraged us plan more time outside in maintaining a coop and enjoying a flock. We have done research, made checklists, created a space for something new. And we have found pride in the hope of an even more sustainable family garden, plans to use the new compost and manure, bringing homegrown eggs to the table, and the addition of a few new cuddly feathered family members our family 'flock'.</p> <p>It may sound like a small thing, but this process already has made an impact by bringing hope and giving us some control in a world of loss.</p>

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It isn't the pandemic alone that gives many Calgarian's a reason to fight for ownership, there are many. But now more than ever, I see the value in sustainability, love, learning and food that the inclusion of backyard chickens into Calgary's bylaw would bring.

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Date of meeting	May 31, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I am in full support of urban beekeeping and of this bylaw. Urban beekeeping is important to Calgary for many reasons including:

- Beekeeping produces food within the City while bringing family, friends and community together.
- It is an opportunity to share knowledge about nature and the importance of bees in our food system.
- Beekeeping is an opportunity to educate the public about the difference between honey bees and wasps. Honey bees are quite docile and can easily coexist in an urban environment.
- Bees are often mistaken for wasps which are more aggressive. It is more likely that you will be stung by bumble bees or wasps that nest on your property than a honeybee whose hive is located on the beekeeper's property.
- Beekeeping gets people outside and engaged in producing food.
- It is a key part of The City's Food Action Plan - Calgary Eats! with the goal for every Calgarian to have access to local, healthy and environmentally friendly food.
- It allows beekeepers to continue keeping our bees, pollinating our gardens and producing honey.
- Foraging bees rarely sting as they are looking for nectar, pollen and water, and don't bother with people.

With the world in a steady steep decline in honey bee population, this is needed more



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than ever.

My ask of you is to support beekeeping and hence why I am making a submission to council.





**Please note:**

**An opinion poll with 494 individuals names, contact information, and comments in support was provided with this submission, with respect to Report CPS2021-0740, Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review, CPS2021-0740.**

**Section 17 (Disclosure to personal privacy) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* statement to collect personal information with the intent of reproducing it in an Agenda was not included. The opinion poll will not be made part of the public Agenda, but the name, contact information, and comments will be provided to Council by a confidential attachment, not to be released further.**





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## Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Adjudication of Nuisance and Vicious Animal Appeals

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council:

1. Give three readings to the proposed Bylaw (Attachment 1), to amend the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw, Bylaw 50M2011, as amended; and,
2. Adopt amended qualifications for members of the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board (Attachment 2).

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Amendment of the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board (LCSAB) Bylaw is proposed in alignment with changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO) Bylaw, to ensure a more timely, accessible and convenient means of adjudicating appeals of decisions that will be made by the Chief Bylaw Officer under the RPO Bylaw.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Having appeals of decisions respecting animal designations and conditions adjudicated by an independent, quasi-judicial tribunal will allow Calgarians to have recourse that is more timely, informal and efficient.
- **Why does this matter?** Timely and convenient access to justice for pet owners will allow for an independent balancing of concerns respecting the welfare of pets and their owners, as well as community safety concerns.
- Provincial Traffic court will no longer be available for animal-related appeals after Phase three of the Alberta Justice Transformation Initiative (JTI) is implemented, likely in 2023. Proceeding with these changes now will provide timely resolution of animal-related appeals.
- The size of the LCSAB membership would be increased to ten members, including the addition of members with expertise in animal behaviour.
- Through One Calgary 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets, Council directed Administration to revise the RPO Bylaw to bring insightful change based on pet owners and neighbour engagement, reflect current trends and improve satisfaction.
- Recommendations for changes to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw are being brought forward at the same time, and can be found in report CPS2021-0740.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city

### DISCUSSION

The LCSAB currently adjudicates appeals under a variety of City bylaws, but predominantly hears and decides remedial order appeals, as well as appeals of taxi licence and business licence decisions.

The volume of appeals dealt with by the LCSAB has recently been very low. Over the past five years, the LCSAB has heard and decided less than five appeals per year. At the same time, the City Appeal Boards section of the Appeals & Tribunals Division in the City Clerk's Office has been supporting a decreasing annual caseload for the Subdivision and Development Appeal

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Board (SDAB). This situation has left capacity within the City Appeal Boards section to absorb the anticipated 15-25 appeals of decisions made under the RPO Bylaw each year.

Complementing Council's direction to revise the RPO Bylaw, and in consideration of public support for a tribunal to provide faster, less formal and more accessible way to appeal City decisions made under the RPO Bylaw, the LCSAB is well situated to hear and decide the following types of appeals:

- Vicious dog designations and/or conditions
- Nuisance dog designations and/or conditions
- Livestock licence decisions, remedial orders and/or conditions

Amendments to the LCSAB Bylaw would establish expertise for dealing with these appeals by having Council appoint individuals to the Board with expertise in animal health, behaviour and rehabilitation, including individuals who are: current or retired veterinarians, and/or dog trainers with certification from the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers. Proposed Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board member qualifications are included in Attachment 2.

To hear each appeal of a decision made under the RPO Bylaw, the LCSAB would sit in a panel of no more than five members, with a minimum of two Designated RPO Members. Quorum for the Board would continue to be three members.

Minor housekeeping amendments are also included in the proposed amending bylaw (Attachment 1), including changes to timelines for appeal processing.

Council's approval of the foregoing recommendations will provide the City Clerk's Office adequate time to recruit new members to the LCSAB and provide them with the necessary training and orientation to the expanded jurisdiction of the tribunal. Appeals of the Chief Bylaw Officer's decisions under the RPO Bylaw would be heard by the LCSAB starting in 2022.

### **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)**

- ☒ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☐ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☐ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☐ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

In October 2020, as part of the RPO Bylaw Review, a Phase Two "What We Heard Report" was developed, revealing that a majority of respondents supported using a tribunal to manage responses to dog bite incidents, concluding that "there is general support for the proposed tribunal system."

Calgary Community Standards and the City Clerk's Office have worked closely together to develop amendments to the LCSAB Bylaw which are aligned with and complement proposed amendments to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw



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### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Social**

Use of the LCSAB to adjudicate pet-related bylaw enforcement appeals will provide pet owners with an informal, accessible and timely forum to appeal decisions affecting their pet ownership, and will produce independent decisions balancing the fundamental importance of public safety with the value of pet ownership in a liveable city. The addition of members to the LCSAB with specific expertise in animal health, behaviour and behaviour modification will ensure that decision-making will be well-informed.

#### **Environmental**

Not applicable.

#### **Economic**

Not applicable.

#### **Service and Financial Implications**

#### **No anticipated financial impact**

There are no operating budget requests associated with this report. If Council approves the proposed amending bylaw and member qualifications, all costs associated with independent legal counsel, as well as member training, orientation and remuneration would be absorbed into the existing operating budget.

### **RISK**

Legal and administrative support for member orientation and training will minimize reputational risk for The City as it diverts these appeals from Traffic Court to the LCSAB. Future appellants need to trust that the LCSAB has appropriate capacity and process to provide a timely, informal and accessible way for their concerns to be fairly heard and adjudicated.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed wording for a bylaw to amend Bylaw 50M2011, the License and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw
2. Proposed LCSAB Member Qualifications

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Jill Floen	City Manager's Office	Consult
Katie Black	Community Services	Inform
Kay Choi (Acting Director)	Calgary Community Standards	Consult





**Proposed wording for a bylaw to amend Bylaw 50M2011,  
the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw**

1. Bylaw 50M2011, the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw, as amended, is hereby further amended.

**Amendments to Definitions**

2.
  - (1) In section 2 the definition of “*community standards appeal*” is deleted.
  - (2) In the definition of “*licence*” in section 2 the words “(xi) Massage Licence Bylaw 51M97” are deleted and the following is substituted:  
 “(xi) Massage Licence Bylaw 52M2012;”.
  - (3) In the definition of “*licence*” in section 2 the following is added at the end:  
 “(xii) The Body Rub Licence Bylaw 53M2012;  
 (xiii) Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw XXM2021;”.
  - (4) In section 2, the definition of “*remedial order*” is deleted and the following is substituted:  
 “‘*remedial order*’ means an order issued pursuant to section 545 of the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 to enforce that Act, or any other enactment or bylaw that the municipality is authorized to enforce including:
    - (i) the Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004;
    - (ii) the Encroachment Bylaw 9M2020;
    - (iii) the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw XXM2021;
    - (iv) the Parks & Pathways Bylaw 11M2019; or
    - (v) any other *City* bylaw that may be enforced by way of a remedial order.”
  - (5) In section 2, the following definition is added after the definition of “*Council*”:  
 “‘*Designated RPO Member*’ means a member of the Board designated by Council to hear appeals under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw pursuant to section 16(6);”
3. Subsection 4(2)(b) is deleted and the following is substituted:  
 “(b) *remedial order* appeals and appeals from other decisions and orders pursuant to section 9 of this bylaw; and”

**Addition of Responsible Pet Ownership Appeals**

4. The following is added after section 6 as section 6.1:

- “6.1 (1) The Board may also hear appeals under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw XXM2021 respecting the following decisions on permits, licences, conditions, and designations:
- (a) the decision to refuse to issue or renew a licence or permit or to revoke such a licence or permit pursuant to sections 5, 10, 31, 32, 34, and 39 of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw;
  - (b) the decision to designate an Animal as a Nuisance Animal or the denial of an application to lift a Nuisance Animal designation;
  - (c) the decision to designate an Animal as a Vicious Animal;
  - (d) a decision to impose a condition on the owner of an Animal or a licence or permit holder pursuant to:
    - (i) section 47(1) or 47(3) (Nuisance Animal Conditions imposed by the Chief Bylaw Officer);
    - (ii) section 57(1) or 57(3) (Vicious Animal Conditions imposed by the Chief Bylaw Officer); or
    - (iii) section 33 (conditions on Livestock licences and permits).
- (2) Only a *person* who is the owner of the Animal that is the subject of the decision may seek an appeal pursuant to subsection (1).
- (3) When hearing an appeal pursuant to subsection (1), the *Board* may:
- (a) confirm the refusal or revocation of the licence or permit;
  - (b) direct that a licence or permit be issued;
  - (c) reinstate the revoked *licence* or permit;
  - (d) confirm, remove, or vary a condition imposed pursuant to sections 33, 47(1), 47(3), 57(1), 57(3) of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw;
  - (e) confirm or remove a Nuisance Animal designation;
  - (f) confirm or remove a Vicious Animal designation; and
  - (g) impose conditions on an Animal, licence or permit or the licensee or permit holder.
- (4) The *Board* cannot remove or vary conditions that are imposed on the Owner of an Animal under the provisions of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw except for those identified as subject to appeal in section 6.1(1).”

5. The following is added after section 7 as section 7.1:

- “7.1 (1) An *appellant* seeking an appeal pursuant to subsection 6.1(1) must submit a notice of appeal to the *City Clerk* within fourteen (14) days of the



date on which the *appellant* received notice of the decision under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw XXM2021 that is subject to the appeal.

- (2) The *City Clerk* must, upon receipt of a notice of appeal pursuant to subsection (1), schedule a hearing within sixty (60) days from the date the notice of appeal is filed."

6. In section 8, by adding the words "or 7.1(1)" after the words "subsection 7(1)".

#### **Amendments to Timelines, Board composition, and Procedure**

7. In subsections 7(2) and 10(3), the words "30 days" are deleted and the following is substituted in both:  
"sixty (60) days".
8. The heading before section 9, "Community Standards Appeal", is deleted and the following is substituted:  
"Remedial Order Appeals and Other Appeals".
9. (1) In subsection 16(1), by deleting the word "five" and substituting the following:  
"ten".  
(2) By adding the following at the end of section 16 as subsection 16(6):  
"(6) When appointing members to the *Board*, *Council* must designate two or more members to hear appeals of decisions made under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw XXM2021."
10. By deleting section 20 in its entirety and substituting:  
"20. (1) The members of the *Board* may hear appeals in panels of no more than five (5) members, so long as the quorum requirements are satisfied.  
(2) The quorum of the *Board* is any three members except that quorum for hearings under section 6.1 requires that two members of the panel be *Designated RPO Members*.  
(3) A panel of the *Board* has all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the *Board*.  
(4) Each member of the *Board* present at a meeting of the *Board* shall have a vote except for the member chairing the meeting who shall not vote except to break a tie amongst the remaining members of the *Board*.  
(5) The decision of the majority of the members present at the hearing of an appeal constitutes the decision of the Board.  
(6) A decision of a panel is a decision of the *Board*."
11. By deleting section 23 in its entirety and substituting the following:

- “23. The *Board* may schedule meetings as deemed necessary in the Chair’s sole discretion.”
12. By deleting section 24 in its entirety and substituting the following:
- “24. A *person* who requests an audio recording of a hearing of the Board must pay to the *City* a fifty dollar (\$50.00) administration fee.”
13. By deleting sections 25 and 26 in their entirety as well as the heading “Repeal” preceding those sections.

**Coming into Force**

14. This Bylaw comes into force on the day it is passed except that sections 4, 5, and 6 come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.



## **Calgary Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Membership Qualifications**

The Calgary Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board (the “LCSAB” or the “Board”) is established to provide independent adjudication of appeals under a variety of City Bylaws.

### **POSITION PROFILE**

This independent quasi-judicial tribunal hears and decides remedial order appeals, as well as appeals of various licences and permits.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Members must:

- Be eligible for appointment under Council policy CP2016-03 (*Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees*).
- Must not be an employee of The City of Calgary, nor have been employed by The City for a minimum of one year prior to appointment to the LCSAB.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES**

Members have the following responsibilities:

- Conduct hearings in person, by electronic means, or in writing from various locations.
- Review materials filed with each appeal they hear.
- Ensure a fair process in accordance with the rules of natural justice and procedural fairness.
- Analyze complex information and determine the appropriate weight to apply to evidence presented at hearings.
- Render well-reasoned decisions orally at the conclusion of each hearing or, upon request, provide clear, concise and well-reasoned written decisions based on the evidence presented.
- Attend procedural meetings and training sessions, as required.
- Participate in continuing education to maintain current knowledge of relevant issues, with a special focus on relevant, evolving case law.

### **MEMBER COMPETENCIES**

#### **Knowledge**

- An understanding of quasi-judicial boards or administrative tribunals.
- A strong orientation to acting ethically and with integrity.
- An understanding of the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice.

- An understanding of how to interpret and apply legislation with knowledge of the applicable Bylaws.
- Familiarity with decision-making processes to allow for the professional handling of hearings, so all parties can present their evidence and arguments.
- Familiarity with the function, role and operations of administrative tribunals or other administrative decision making bodies.

### **Skills**

- Aptitude for adjudication including fairness, good listening skills, open mindedness, good judgment and tact, and the ability to communicate clearly and effectively.
- The ability to write in plain language.
- Highly developed analytical skills to analyze materials, examine and assess facts, and apply legislation and common law concepts of natural justice and procedural fairness.
- Excellent oral communication skills to formulate questions that probe the validity of evidence and arguments.
- Expertise in running public meetings or quasi-judicial hearings effectively.
- Computer literacy – ability to use a computer to input and access information to and from a City computer system during the hearings.

### **Abilities**

- Ability to be open-minded, objective and respectful of the opinions of others.
- Ability to consider appeals based on facts and governing legislation using good analytical skills and without bias.
- Ability to be impartial and use sound judgment to fairly assess and resolve issues regarding conflicting verbal/written evidence and the assessment of credibility.
- Ability to ask questions using open-ended, non-judgmental language.
- Ability to read, understand, and interpret complex municipal bylaws and the *Municipal Government Act*.
- Ability to work with the Chair, Board Members and Administration in a collaborative and effective manner.
- Commitment to respect diversity and inclusiveness to maintain fair, transparent, participatory, understandable processes for persons regardless of physical or language abilities.

### **DESIGNATED RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER (“RPO”) MEMBERS**

Individuals appointed for the purpose of providing animal behaviour expertise as members of the LCSAB during the hearing of appeals of decisions made under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw must have appropriate experience and certification, including an understanding of the fundamental importance of public safety.



### **Qualifications**

Designated RPO members of the Board must:

- be current or former members of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association in good standing (either working or retired veterinarians); and/or,
- be dog trainers with one of the following certifications from the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers:
  - CPDT-KA indicates that a dog trainer has passed a comprehensive exam and has at least 300 hours of dog training experience.
  - CPDT-KSA indicates that a dog trainer has passed a comprehensive exam *and* an objective skills-based assessment along with at least 300 hours of dog training experience
  - CBCC-KA indicates that a dog behavior consultant has passed a comprehensive exam on behavior modification and has at least 300 hours of dog behavior consulting experience.

Experience in animal behavior modification and/or with local kennel clubs is an asset.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

The specific number of meetings is dependent on the number of appeals. Members are chosen from the larger list when appeal hearings are scheduled to a meeting. Meetings are typically scheduled the last Tuesday of the month. Meetings are estimated at 4-5 hours.





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**Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee Terms of Reference Amendments**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Friends of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary Committee outlined in Attachment 2.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee is proposing amendments to their Terms of Reference and is requesting approval from Council for these minor changes.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** This is the beginning of building a stronger connection to and relationship with the HMCS Calgary.
- **Why does this matter?** The naming of the HMCS Calgary is something Calgarians can feel good about, something that will build a connection and sense of pride in their community.
- Revisions to the Terms of Reference include adding core and supporting responsibilities (Attachment 3) which outline items such as support for events that enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary, direct support to the officers and sailors of HMCS Calgary through various efforts, and other related responsibilities.
- On 2020 July 20 Council approved the preliminary Terms of Reference for the Friends of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Calgary.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

**DISCUSSION**

In 2020 May, Council directed that the Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee be established, including directing the development of a preliminary Terms of Reference. Members of the committee were finalized in 2020 November and have met four times to date, making great strides in completing their initial planning as presented through this report.

The initial task of the Committee was to create a more robust Terms of Reference. The committee proposes a change to paragraph three of the Terms of Reference, titled Responsibilities, by replacing the responsibilities section with the following:

**3. Responsibilities**

**3.1 Core Responsibilities**

- In close coordination with HMCS Calgary, support charitable activities aligned with HMCS Calgary and Friends of HMCS Calgary mandates.
- Support to events that will enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Ship-City relationship with events in Calgary and the Home Port (Victoria/Esquimalt).
- Work with the Royal Canadian Navy to establish a HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea (CLaS) Program.
- Direct support to the officers and sailors of HMCS Calgary through:

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- The development of Calgary-based employment and wellness/support programs for retiring HMCS Calgary officers and sailors.
- Support to the customs and traditions of the Ship-City relationship.
- Welfare packages to deployed members.

**3.2 Supporting Responsibilities**

- Fund development in support of core responsibilities
- Committee governance
- Communications

The revised responsibilities, both core and supporting, will provide more focused direction to the Committee. This will become the strategic guidance for all future business planning activities of the Committee (as shown in Attachment 4) and will support the Ship-City relationship.

**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)**

- ☐ Public Engagement was undertaken
- ☒ Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- ☐ Public/Stakeholders were informed
- ☒ Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

The Committee consulted with the Command Team of HMCS Calgary in the revision of a more focused Terms of Reference.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Social**

Not Applicable

**Environmental**

Not Applicable

**Economic**

Not Applicable

**Service and Financial Implications**

No anticipated financial impact

**RISK**

The risk of not approving the revised Terms of Reference would be a less focused effort from the Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee, and the effectiveness of the Committee would be at risk of a lesser impact on the HMCS Calgary / City of Calgary relationship.



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**Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee Terms of Reference Amendments**

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Previous Council Direction, Background
2. Revised Terms of Reference
3. Briefing Note Re: Responsibilities
4. 2021/2022 Business Plan (DRAFT)

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
Not applicable		





# Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
27/4/2020	PFC2020-0478	Notice of Motion "Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee" forwarded to the 2020 May 12 Special Meeting of Council.
12/5/2020	PFC2020-0478	City Council direct Administration to establish preliminary terms of reference for a "Friends of HMCS Calgary" committee that shall function as an official BCC of the City of Calgary and shall be advertised for public participation in time for the October 26, 2020 Organizational Meeting of Council.
01/7/2020	CPS2020-0790	Adoption of the Terms of Reference





## Attachment 2 – Revised Terms of Reference

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### 1. Authority

The Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee was established by Council on 2020 May 12 with Notice of Motion PFC2020-0478.

### 2. Mandate

May 12, 2020 marked the 25th anniversary of the commissioning of HMCS Calgary, a multi-role patrol frigate that has served the Royal Canadian Navy since 1995.

The City of Calgary is taking steps to celebrate and improve our unique Ship-City relationship; many Calgarians are unaware of our namesake ship and the work it does representing and projecting Canadian values on an international stage.

### 3. Responsibilities

#### 3.1 Core Responsibilities

- a. In close coordination with HMCS Calgary, support charitable activities aligned with HMCS Calgary and FHCC mandate.
- b. Support events that will enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary, the Royal Canadian Navy, and the Ship-City relationship with events in Calgary and Home Port (Victoria/Esquimalt).
- c. Work with the Royal Canadian Navy to establish a HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea (CLaS) program.
- d. Direct support to the officers and sailors of HMCS Calgary through:
  - i. The development of Calgary-based employment and wellness/support programs for retiring HMCS Calgary officers and sailors.
  - ii. Support to the customs and traditions of the Ship-City relationship.
  - iii. Welfare packages to deployed members.

#### 3.2 Supporting Responsibilities

- a. Fund Development in support of core responsibilities.
- b. Committee governance.

c. Communications.

4. Reports To

The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee reports to Council through the SPC on CPS.

5. Composition

The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee is composed 9 members, appointed by resolution of Council at the annual Organizational Meeting of Council:

- 1 representative of the Royal Canadian Navy, nominated by the Royal Canadian Navy
- 6 public members as follows:
  - 1 HMCS Calgary crew member, or a Canadian Forces member, current or former
  - 1 member representing a Calgary-based civil society agency or organization, dedicated to the welfare of Canadian Forces members and their family



- 4 citizens-at-large with experience in one or more of the following:
  - Events management planning
  - Human Resources
  - Finance (accounting designation)
  - Organization of charitable works
  - Communications: development and execution of communication plans
- 1 member of Calgary City Council
- 1 member of City Administration (non-voting) nominated by the Chief Financial Officer

## 6. Term

Public member terms will be two years.

Council may stagger the appointments and appoint 4 members for one-year terms in the first year.

A public member may serve a maximum of 6 consecutive years.

A public member may serve until his or her successor is appointed. The service of a public member beyond the appointed term shall not count toward the limit on the length of service set out above if the additional service is one year or less.

When an appointment is made to fill a public member vacancy:

- If the balance of the term to be served is one year or less, that service shall not count toward the limit on the length of service; and
- If the balance of the term to be served is more than one year, that service shall count toward the limit on the length of service.

A public member may serve more than six consecutive years by a two-thirds vote of Council.

## 7. Quorum

Quorum is established as greater than 50% of voting members (which is five voting members).

## 8. Chair and Vice-Chair

The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting.

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## 9. Meetings

Meetings are open to the public. The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee meets monthly, or as determined appropriate by the Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee to meet a given timeline for an initiative. A meeting may be called or cancelled at the call of the Chair and notice provided via email.

## 10. Meeting Support

City Administration representatives will act as a resource to the Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee.

Administration will arrange venues, agendas and minutes, and distribute required materials.

## 11. Procedures

The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee will follow the Procedure Bylaw and may establish its own policies and procedures. The Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee must pass a resolution to establish policies and procedures, and the resolution must be documented in the meeting minutes.

## 12. Code of Conduct

Citizen members of the Friends of the HMCS Calgary Committee must abide by the Council policy on *Code of Conduct for Citizen Members Appointed to Council Established Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CC045).

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Terms of Reference Approved on 2020 July 20, CPS2020-0790*



## Attachment 3 – Briefing Note Re: Responsibilities

### Friends of HMCS CALGARY

#### Briefing Note

#### Responsibilities Review

References: A. CPS2020-0790 (Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee – Terms of Reference).  
B. Agenda and Minutes from 20 Jan 2021 Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee Meeting.  
C. Meeting minutes, Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee, 17 Feb 2021.

Intent: The intent of this document is to recommend changes to the Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee (FHCC) Terms-of-Reference (TOR) as per Reference A. This recommendation will strive to capture the intent of the committee as discussed in the initial meetings.

Background: The FHCC was established in the Fall of 2020 with the first meeting occurring in January 2021. A key task from the initial meeting was a refinement of the Mandate as per Reference B. This document will only seek to make recommendations to the “Responsibilities” section of Reference A and not the entire document.

Discussion: The current *Responsibilities* of the FHCC as per Reference A are:

The “Friends of HMCS Calgary” Committee’s first order of business shall be to establish more robust terms of reference that may include:

1. Calgary-based charitable works.
2. Events designed to enhance awareness of the HMCS Calgary and the Ship-City Relationship.
3. Work with the Royal Canadian Navy to establish an HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea (CLaS) program, and
4. The development of Calgary-based employment and wellness/support programs for retiring HMCS Calgary officers and sailors.

The FHCC intends to refine the *Responsibilities* to encompass the original points as well as having several supporting *Responsibilities*. A summary of these recommendations is:

#### *Core Responsibilities*

1. In close coordination with HMCS Calgary, support charitable activities aligned with HMCS Calgary and FHCC mandate.
2. Support to events that will enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary, The Royal Canadian Navy and the Ship-City relationship with events in Calgary and home port (Victoria/Esquimalt).

3. Work with the Royal Canadian Navy to establish an HMCS Calgary-City of Calgary Canadian Leaders at Sea (CLas) program.
4. Direct support to the officers and sailors of HMCS Calgary through:
  - a. The development of Calgary-based employment and wellness/support programs for retiring HMCS Calgary officers and sailors.
  - b. Support to the customs and traditions of the Ship-City relationship.
  - c. Welfare packages to deployed members.

*Supporting Responsibilities*

1. Fund Development in support of core responsibilities.
2. Committee governance.
3. Communications.

Recommendation:

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## Attachment 4 – 2021 2022 Business Plan



### 2021 Business Plan (DRAFT)

References: CPS2020-0790 (Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee – Terms of Reference)

Date: 15 March 2021

#### Background

The Friends of HMCS Calgary Committee (FHCC) was established in late 2020 and began meeting and planning in early 2021. As a new committee, there are only recommended responsibilities and no other established processes or procedures.

#### Executive Summary

With the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and the recent establishment of the FHCC, the focus for the 2021 Business Plan will be on planning and the formation of key relationships with stakeholders. As HMCS Calgary is operationally deployed, the FHCC will also place emphasis on the support to the ship and crew where possible and a subsequent welcome home. The conclusion of 2021 will see a Committee planning session which will culminate in the completion of a Business Plan for 2022 which will be prepare the committee for the easing of Covid-19 restrictions and the return to full operations.

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2. Support to events that will enhance awareness of HMCS Calgary and the Ship-City relationship with events in Calgary and home port (Victoria/Esquimalt).
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