

Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee Input Summary

Presentation to Advisory Committee: 2020 June 17

Question Posed to the Advisory Committee:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this bylaw approach supported by the Committee? Why or why not? 2. Do you see any unintended consequences of this bylaw? 3. Can you identify any student groups or advocacy groups that we should be asking for feedback on this bylaw? A focus on groups that like to protest at schools or school age students will be important. 	
Advisory Committee's Advice/Response:	Administration's Comments on Advisory Committee's Advice/Response:
<p>The Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee was in support of the intent behind the bylaw.</p> <p>The Committee advised to ensure that that students would not be negatively impacted due to inability to protest human rights issues that impact their wellbeing within a learning environment (ex: Gay Straight Alliances).</p> <p>The Committee also advised on the use of graphic imagery in any size within the allocated zone and felt this would also be harmful to the wellbeing of students and suggested the exploration of focusing on the use of graphic imagery itself.</p> <p>The Committee also advised that clarification of what is deemed school grounds be made within the bylaw (ex: School parking lots).</p> <p>The Social Wellbeing Advisory Committee also advised including prohibiting the use of fraudulent materials within the bylaw (ex: hiding hate speech inside condom packaging).</p>	<p>Student groups that want to engage in advocacy activities on school property currently require permission from their school to do so. This permission and approval process will not be affected by the proposed bylaw. However, if the school does not give permission and a student group engages in advocacy activities outside of school grounds they will need to comply with the proposed bylaw restrictions.</p> <p>Administration engaged with Calgary school boards/districts to understand the issue with large and graphic signs held by advocacy groups gathering outside of schools. The main issue described by affected schools was a captive audience situation caused by size of the signs and proximity to the school entry/exit points. Administration chose to propose restrictions on size of sign to address the captive audience situation while also protecting the rights of citizens to express opinions.</p> <p>Administration has ensured there are clear definitions within the <i>Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw</i> amendment.</p> <p>Looking at fraudulent material was beyond scope for this bylaw. However, with Council direction, Administration could be directed to investigate this more.</p>
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