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School Safe Zones Bylaw Amendment

Presentation to the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services

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- The Issue
- Municipal Jurisdiction
- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms



Calgary

100% Calgary school boards/districts engaged

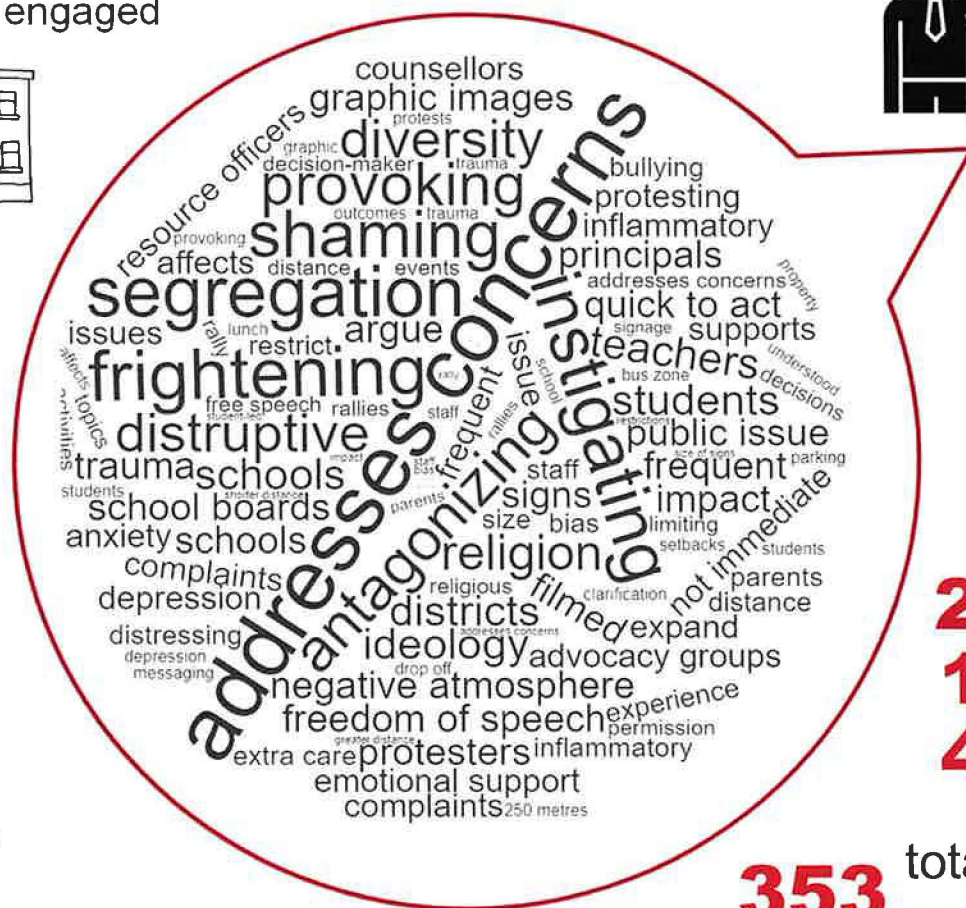


18

schools identified incidents



9 schools with regular incidents



3 stakeholder engagement phases

24 explained the issue
13 informed the bylaw
41 provided bylaw feedback

353 total feedback opportunities

Amending the Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw

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Temporary
Signs on
Highways
Bylaw
29M97

1. Added definitions
2. New restrictions:
 - sign size
 - distance to schools
3. Added penalty

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services recommend that Council give three readings to the proposed amendments to the Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97.



Background Slides



Potential Risks and Impacts

Potential Risk	Impact
Students are not approved to hold their protest, rally, or demonstration on school property.	Students will hold their protest, rally, or demonstration on public property and will abide by the new limitations within the bylaw.
A bylaw that impacts constitutional freedoms has the possibility of being challenged in court.	Law is confident that the bylaw's restrictions will be upheld as a justifiable limit on freedom of expression and is prepared to defend the bylaw if a court challenge is made.

Proposed Amendments to the Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw

Proposed Amendments		Location in Bylaw
Added Definitions	"Advocacy Messaging" means messaging that publicly expresses an opinion on an issue or cause	before subsection 2(a) as subsection 2(a.1)
	"School" means a "school" as defined in the Education Act, SA 2012, c. E-0.3	after subsection 2(s) as subsection 2(s.1)
	"School Day" means the hours between 07:30 and 21:00 on any day that a School is in operation, as determined by its board	after subsection 2(s.1) as subsection 2(s.2)
	"School Grounds" means in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the real property boundary line of a School	after subsection 2(s.2) as subsection 2(s.3)
	3.3.1(a) No person shall display or carry a Sign with Advocacy Messaging larger than 3.5 inches x 5 inches within 150 meters of the boundary of School Grounds on a School Day	after subsection 3.3 as subsections 3.3.1(a)
Replacement	b) any Sign carried by or on a person, subject to subsection 3.3.1(a)	subsection 10(1)(b) is deleted and replaced
Added Penalty	Display or carry Sign with Advocacy Messaging within 150 meters of boundary of School Grounds Minimum Penalty \$500 and Specified Penalty \$1000	added to Schedule "A"



Definition of School (Education Act 2012)

- “school” means a structured learning environment through
- i. which an education program is offered to a student by
 - ii. (i) a board,
 - iii. (ii) a person responsible for the operation of a private
 - iv. school,
 - v. (iii) either a society incorporated under the *Societies Act*, or a
 - vi. company registered under Part 9 of the *Companies Act*,
 - vii. that is responsible for the operation of a charter school,
 - viii. (iv) a person providing an early childhood services program,
 - ix. (v) a parent providing a home education program, or
 - x. (vi) the Minister;

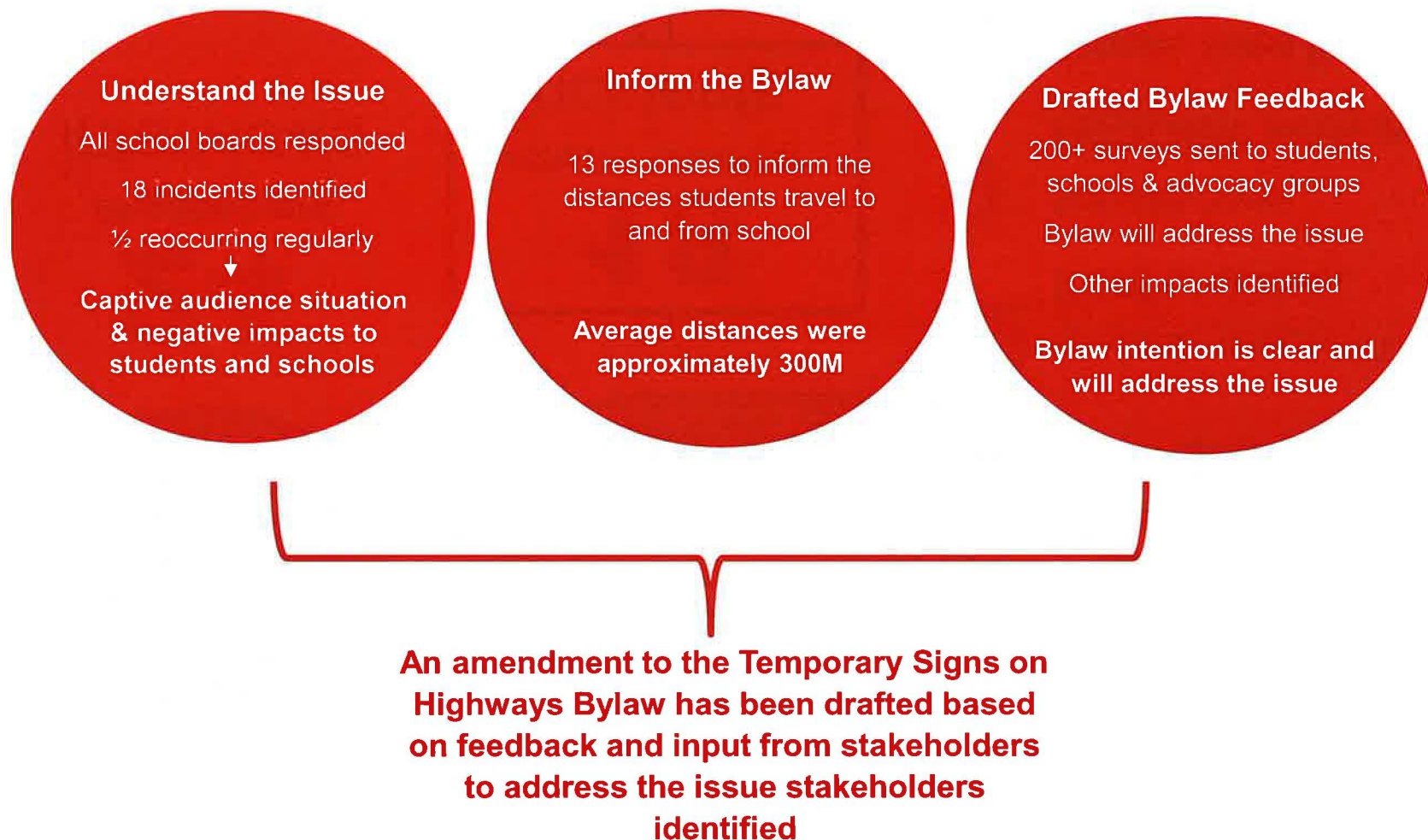


Definition of Sign *within Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw*

“Sign” means an inscribed board, bill, placard, poster, banner, flag or device which is intended to promote anything or inform anyone



3 Rounds of Engagement





Stakeholder Engagement #1 – Understanding the Issue

*“disruptive”
“negative student
impact”
“upset parents”*



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engaged

24
engagement
interviews



12 Incidents directly in
front of schools

9 Schools have
regular incidents

8 Schools noted **long-
term impacts** to
students, school routine
& administration

Stakeholder Engagement #1 – Understanding the Issue

Number of Schools Interviewed by Board/District

School Board/District	# of Interviews
Calgary Board of Education	9
Calgary Catholic School District	3
Charter Schools	1
Francophone Schools	2
Private Schools	7
Palliser Region Schools	1
Early Childhood Services Private schools (ECS)	1

Schools Interviewed Grade Breakdown

School Grade or Role	# of Interviews
K-12 schools	8
K-9 schools	2
Grade 10-12 schools	9
K-6	1
Early Childhood Services schools (ECS)	1
District/Board Representatives	3



Stakeholder Engagement #2 – Informing the Bylaw

135m

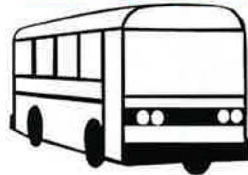
Average distance to
pick up & drop
off spot



*How far do students
travel to and from
school?*

Average distance
to **bus** stop

250m



2 blocks

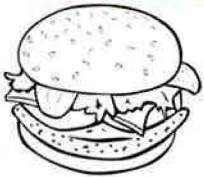
Average distance to
student **street** parking



13

Schools
responded

750m



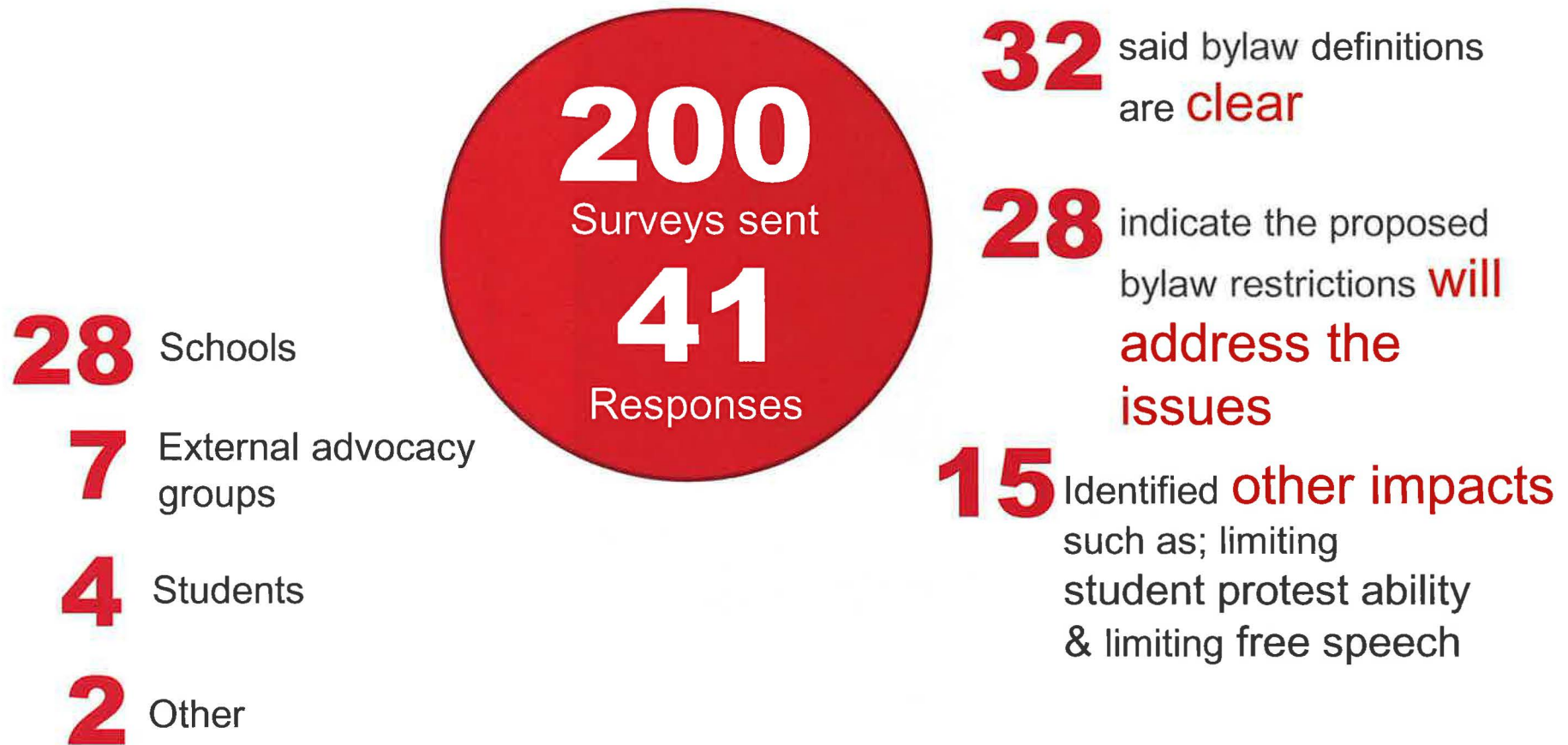
Average distance
for **lunch**
commute

4

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Stakeholder Engagement #3 – Impacts of Proposed Bylaw



150M Zone Around a Calgary High School

