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Addressing Street Harassment in Calgary

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Equity Analysis of Current Bylaws

Currently there are no bylaws that address street harassment comprehensively throughout the City.

FINDINGS:

- Emphasizing public education
- Improving Customer Service Request reporting capabilities
- Communicating in various ways such as multiple languages





Engagement

- Bylaw
- Increased public awareness
- Collaboration with community partners

Public Opinion Research

- Street harassment has moderate to major negative impact on the quality of life
- Some Calgarians often avoid certain activities to reduce experience of street harassment

Jurisdiction Scan

- Bylaw: London, ON and Edmonton, AB
- Multifaceted approach used internationally



Amendment to Public Behaviour Bylaw

Harass:

to “*communicate with a person in a manner that could reasonably **cause offence or humiliation**, including conduct, **comment, or actions** that refers to the person’s **race, religious beliefs, colour, disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation**, and includes a **sexual solicitation or advance**.*”

Penalty/Fine: \$500

Effective Date: June 1, 2022



Increase Public Awareness

- Community Partners
- Businesses

Membership with United Nations

- UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Initiative

That the Community Development Committee recommends that Council:

1. Give three readings to the proposed amendments to the Public Behaviour Bylaw 54M2006 with a proposed effective date of 2022 June 1; and
2. Direct Administration to conduct a public awareness campaign in collaboration with community partners and businesses; and
3. Direct Administration to pursue membership with the United Nations Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Initiative.