

Background and Previous Council Direction

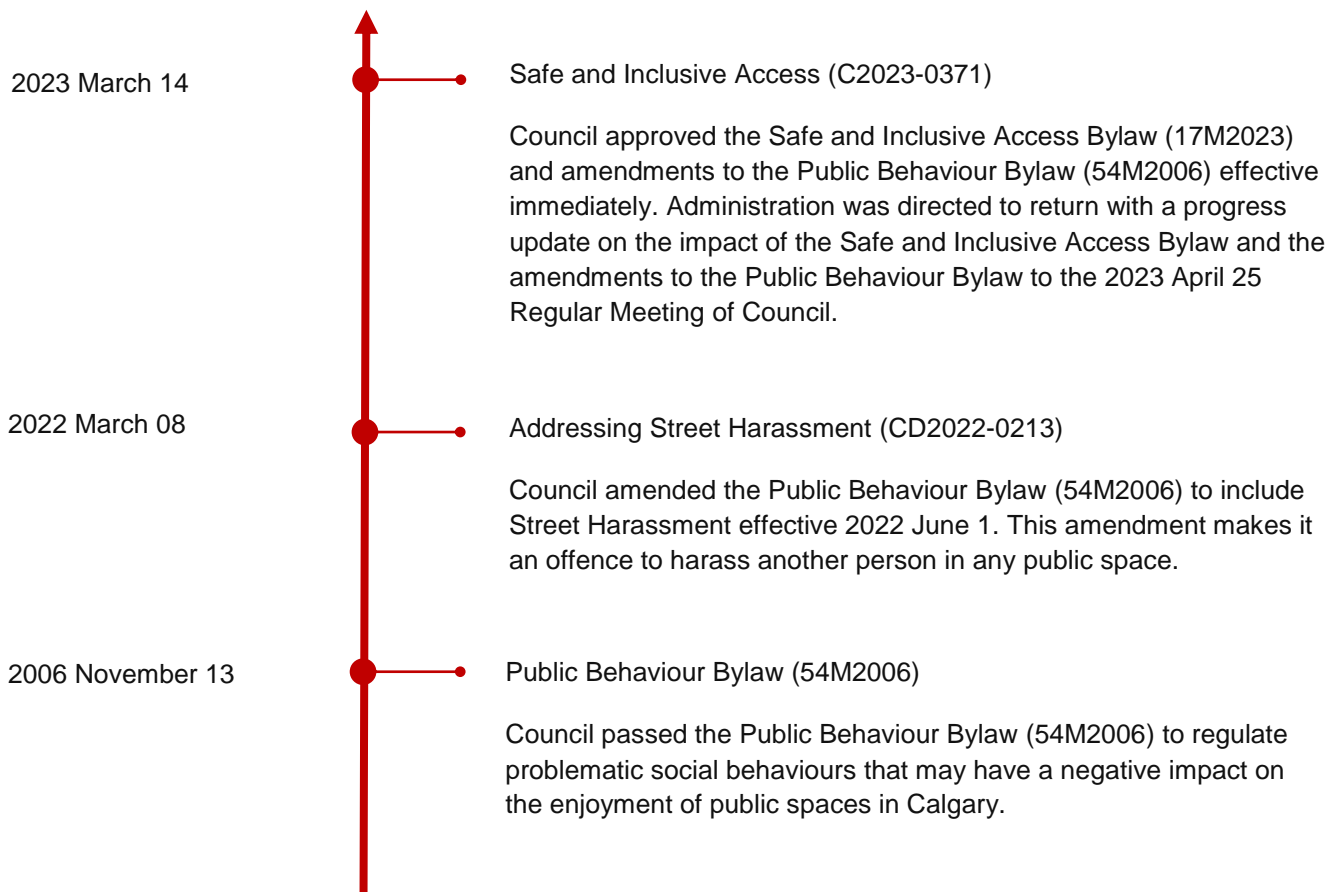
Background

On 2023 March 14, Administration was directed to, “return with a progress update on the impact of the Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw and the amendments to the Public Behaviour Bylaw to the 2023 April 25 Regular Meeting of Council.”

Council adopted Administration’s recommendation to enact the Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw (17M2023) on 2023 March 14. The Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw establishes "access zones" to ensure all Calgarians can access public recreation facilities and libraries without being exposed to messaging or behaviour that is hateful, intimidates, harasses, or discriminates.

Also on 2023 March 14, Council approved an amendment to the Public Behaviour Bylaw (18M2023), to explicitly include “intimidation” in the definition of “harassment”. The Public Behaviour Bylaw (54M2006) was originally established on 2006 November 13 to regulate problematic social behaviours that may have a negative impact on the enjoyment of public spaces in Calgary.

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Council Policies, Bylaws, Regulations

The following Council policies, bylaws and regulations informed the development of the proposed Safe and Inclusive Access Bylaw:

Resilient Calgary: Council's Strategic Direction, 2023-2026 (C2022-0372)

Council approved their Strategic Direction for the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets on 2022 March 29, which includes Social Resilience. Social Resilience is, "A city where people of all backgrounds belong. A community of people who support one another. A vibrant, safe and secure place to live, work and play. A city that does not tolerate hate; promotes community engagement and participation and actively works to address systemic discrimination in all forms. We live our commitment to reconciliation."

Gender Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Strategy (CPS2019-0729)

Council approved The Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy on 2019 July 22. The Strategy aims to achieve better City service delivery through Calgarians of all genders having equitable access to municipal services.

The Social Wellbeing Policy (CP2019-01)

Council approved the Social Wellbeing Policy on 2019 April 8 which includes the provision that The City will provide Equitable Services including removing barriers to Access and Inclusion.

Public Behaviour Bylaw (54M2006)

Council approved the Public Behaviour Bylaw on 2006 November 13 to regulate problematic social behaviours that may have a negative impact on the enjoyment of public spaces in Calgary.

Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw (29M97)

Council adopted the amendment to the Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw on 2020 October 5, to include a School Safe Zone which makes it an offence for displaying or carrying 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.

Community Standards Bylaw (5M2004)

Council approved the Community Standards Bylaw on 2004 January 26. In section 27(1), it states "no Person shall make or cause or allow to be made or continued any noise which would disturb or annoy a reasonable person." The noise limits are defined in the Bylaw.