

# Background and Previous Council Direction

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Report EC2025-0225 is being brought forward as per Council's previous direction of referred Report EC2024-0674 back to Administration in order to use learnings and information from the current application of restrictions due to the water feeder main break to make improvements to the current revisions of the bylaws, and to report back to Council no later than Q1 2025.

It is critical to incorporate initial learnings and provide clarity where possible now that resulted from 2023 and 2024 water restriction events to support 2025 restrictions if required and prepare for in depth changes anticipated in 2026.

The proposed bylaw amendments include:

Providing clarity and consistency such as identifying gaps in definitions, contradictory material across Water bylaws, and to respond to public and industry feedback learned from the summers of 2023 and 2024.

There are operational changes that clarify definitions and improve consistency, to hold responsible parties more accountable for bylaw compliance

There are also changes to water restrictions, so if restrictions have to be put in place these changes will make life better by allowing the watering of new trees and shrubs while they're being established, allowing the watering of vegetable gardens and food crops, and allowing Calgarians to wash their own windows. Another benefit should restrictions be put in place is that watering would be allowed in applicable stages between 7 pm and 10 AM, eliminating confusion and mirroring best practices for watering.

## Previous Council Direction

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 June 18	EC2024-0674	<p>Council refer Report EC2024-0674 back to Administration Q1 2025</p> <p>Council refer Report EC2024-0674 back to Administration in order to use learnings and information from the current application of restrictions due to the Bearspaw South Feeder Main (BPSFM) break to make improvements to the current revisions of the bylaws, and to report back to Council no later than Q1 2025.</p>
3/12/2012	UCS2012-04	<p>Council approved Bylaw 14M2012, the Wastewater Bylaw</p> <p>On 2019 November 29, Council approved Bylaw 42M2019 Being a Bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 56M2018, the Wastewater Bylaw. In 2021 Council approved Bylaw 42M2021, being a bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 14M2012.</p>
7/24/2006	UE2006-19	<p>Council approved Bylaw 40M2006, the Water Utility Bylaw</p> <p>On 2019 November 29, Council approved Bylaw 40M2019, being a Bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 57M2018, the Water Utility Bylaw. In 2021 Council approved Bylaw 43M2021, being a bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 40M2006</p>
7/4/2005	C2005-56	<p>Council approved Bylaw 37M2005, the Drainage Bylaw</p> <p>On 2019 November 29, Council approved Bylaw 41M2019, being a Bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 58M2018, the Drainage Bylaw. In 2021 Council approved Bylaw 41M2021, being a bylaw of The City of Calgary to amend Bylaw 37M2005, which included a title change to Stormwater Bylaw.</p>