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The proposed amendment to the Public Behaviour Bylaw addresses concerns about the visible display of weapons or noxious substances in a public place. It supports clearer, more consistent enforcement to help maintain public places, defined as any place within the city to which the public may have either express or implied access, where all people feel safe and can enjoy them as a community. Since the Transit Bylaw review in 2024 October, Administration has worked with Calgary Police Service and has identified gaps in the weapons and noxious substances rulesets that apply to public spaces.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
29/10/2024	CD2024-0944	Transit Bylaw 4M81 Review No formal Council direction provided. Interest in aligning Transit and Public Behaviour rulesets was identified through questions, and Administration committed to investigate and analyze options.

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

The following Council bylaws informed the development of the proposed recommendations in response to Council direction:

Calgary Transit Bylaw 4M81

Council approved the Transit Bylaw on 1981 February 16 (most recent amendment: 47M2024, 2024 October 29)

Public Behaviour Bylaw 54M2006

Council approved the Public Behaviour Bylaw on 2006 November 20 (most recent amendment: 18M2023, 2023 March 14)