


Calgary 

Community Standards Bylaw Review Report

- Background and Purpose of the Review
- CSB Review Process
- Key Findings and Proposed Amendments
- Recommendation

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Background and Purpose of Review

- **Under the authority of the MGA, municipalities can pass bylaws respecting:**
 - Safety, health and welfare of people and protection of people and property; and nuisances.
- **Action Plan 2015-2018 includes N12.3 Conduct a comprehensive review of the Community Standards Bylaw.**

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CSB Review Process

- Analysis of Citizen Service Requests
- Technical and Legal Research
- Scan of Municipal Legislation
- Consultation and Engagement

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CSB Review and Consultation Process

Initial Bylaw
Review

Citizen
Survey

Preliminary
CSB
Amendments

Citizen Input
into the
Proposed
Amendments

Proposed
Amendments

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Concerns Identified Through the Review

The review identified citizen concerns about:

- **Noise:** *Outdoor concert bass sound levels.*
- **Fire Pits:** *Safe use of wood-burning fire pits and nuisances.*
- **Upkeep of Properties:**
 - *Untidy Properties*
 - *Weeds and Grass*
- **Non-Commercial Flyers:** *Delivered to homes with "no flyers" notices posted.*

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Proposed Amendments

Noise - Outdoor Concerts

- Residents impacted by concert bass music (dBC).
- Goal is to reduce impacts on residents while enabling enjoyable concert experiences.

Proposed Amendments:

- 85 dBC measured at homes to reduce impact of bass noise.
- Increase fines for noise exceeding allowable limits.

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Proposed Amendments

Fire Pits – Wood-burning

- Concerns regarding fire pit safety and smoke.

Proposed Amendments:

- Require a mesh screen to reduce embers and sparks.
- Increase fines for unsafe fires and burning prohibited materials that increase smoke.

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Proposed Amendments

Upkeep of Properties:

- Concerns regarding untidy properties, weeds and long grass.

Proposed Amendments:

- Increase fines for accumulation of materials.
- Increase fines for weeds and long grass.

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Proposed Amendments

Flyers

- Citizen concerns about unwanted flyers being delivered to homes.

Proposed Amendments:

- Amend the provision to prohibit delivery of non-commercial items to dwellings with a “no flyer” sign or notice posted.

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Administration Recommendations

That the SPC on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council give three readings to the proposed bylaw to amend the Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004 (Attachment 1).