

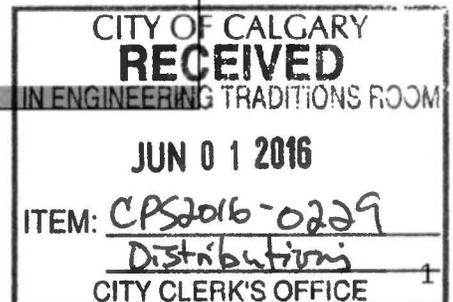
**Standing Policy Committee
on Community and
Protective Services
2016 June 01**

Sports Ramps on Private Residential
Properties NM2015-14

Background and Purpose

In 2015, Council recognized skateboarding as an inclusive and mainstream sport and directed Administration to engage with Calgarians on sports ramps on residential properties to determine:

- An appropriate size;
- If sports ramps within an allowable size should be exempt from a Development Permit; and
- If Community Standards Bylaw amendments could address excessive noise.





What we did

- **Municipal Regulatory Scan**
- **Engagement & Consultation**
- **Noise Research**

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Engagement Findings

- Support for sports ramps on residential properties.
- Sport representatives suggest the proposed maximum size is appropriate.
- Calgarians are comfortable with skateboard ramps if restrictions are in place for maximum size, location and noise is restricted after 10 p.m.

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Sports Ramp Noise Research Findings

Technical study conducted by an acoustical engineering firm

- Sound levels ranged from 54-65 decibels
- Within daytime limit of 65 decibels
- Exceeds night-time limit of 50 decibels

Proposed amendment prohibits Sports Ramp use after 10 p.m.

- Addresses concerns about noise at night

Tips for reducing sports ramp noise will be posted on calgary.ca

- Smooth surfaces, enclosed sides, insulated underside of ramp, plastic coping

Proposed Changes to Regulations

Land Use Bylaw:

Option 3 – No Development Permit requirement

- New set rules for size and location
- No circulation
- No appeal, if no relaxation

Noise Regulations:

- Prohibit Sports Ramps use after 10 p.m.

Notice of Motion

Confirmation that proposed maximum dimension of 1.5 metres (5 ft) high x 5 metres (16 ft) wide x 6 metres (20 ft) long allowed for sports ramps on private property is appropriate.

- ✓ **Maximum size is appropriate.**

Confirmation that sports ramps within the allowable size should be exempt from the requirements of a Development Permit.

- ✓ **Development Permit exemption, if rules met.**

Confirmation that proposed new amendments to the CSB, as part of its comprehensive review, will address excessive noise related to sports ramp activities.

- ✓ **Amendment proposed to CSB.**

Recommendations

SPC on Community and Protective Services recommends that Council:

- 1. Give three readings to the proposed bylaw to amend Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004 (Attachment 1); and**
- 2. Direct Administration to prepare amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 that would implement the proposed regulations set out in Attachment 2 and return to Calgary Planning Commission no later than 2016 Q4.**