

# Administrative Backgrounder

Councillor Notice of Motion

<b>Title</b>	<b>Potential Amendments to the Community Standards Bylaw (Councillor Stang)</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide information in response to Councillor Stang’s Notice of Motion made at the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
<b>Proposed Motion(s)</b>	That Council direct Administration to prepare information, analysis, and options regarding potential amendments to the enforcement, offences, and penalties provisions of Bylaw 1433/19, the Community Standards Bylaw.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<u>August 25, 2020 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 388/20: That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1433/19 as amended.
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<p><b>Thriving Communities</b> – Cultivate safe, welcoming, beautiful, and complete communities. Ensuring that parkland is safe and welcoming for a diversity of users with clear regulations and expectations provides certainty for residents and Administration.</p> <p><b>Collaborative Governance</b> – Transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale and ongoing community consultation and engagement. Sturgeon County is responsive to community issues through its elected representatives and feedback collected by Administration from the community through formal and informal engagement processes.</p>
<b>Statutory Requirement Considerations</b>	Bylaw 1433/19 Community Standards Bylaw contains Part XIV – Enforcement and Schedule A which, if the motion is approved by Council, would be the focus of the analysis.
<b>Alignment to Levels of Service Delivery</b>	<p>The scope of the analysis is proposed to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a purpose and description of current enforcement goals and processes, plus experience with enforcement through the court system,</li> <li>• the frequency of complaints for the various offences under the Community Standards Bylaw,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a comparison of fines and penalties by comparator municipalities for similar offences,</li> <li>• recommendations for any purpose, penalty, advertising, or overall methodology changes (including options for further analysis if required), and</li> <li>• forecast of financial and other impacts of potential changes</li> </ul>
<b>Anticipated Human Resource Requirements</b>	It is anticipated that it would take Administration 60-80 hours of time to complete this work utilizing existing resources. Some Peace Officer time may be diverted from their regular duties to assist Administration with the development of the report. A report back to Council on the results of the analysis would be expected in late Q1 2025.
<b>Anticipated Financial Resource Requirements</b>	No direct impact, the review would be completed using internal resources.
<b>Additional Background Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Standards Bylaw 1433/19 was passed on August 25, 2020.</li> <li>• Enforcement of the Community Standards Bylaw is complaints-based. A potential infraction would generally be reported by a resident before Administration opens a file for follow-up.</li> <li>• Effort is always made to first gain compliance through education and mediation before escalating to fines and orders through the provincial court system.</li> <li>• During the research phase of the bylaw development in 2018, thirteen different municipalities were used as comparators when developing the penalties. These fines have not been increased since the passage of the Bylaw.</li> </ul>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	None.
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<p>Chad Moore, Manager, Protective Services / Fire Chief</p> <p>Christine Wells, Director, Community Services</p> <p>Travis Peter, Interim County Commissioner – CAO</p>