

Community Engagement & Education

Another area we have focused on is community engagement and education.

We recognize that keeping residents informed is an important part of good municipal government. It is not enough for bylaws and policies to simply exist – we also need to make sure residents understand them and know what is expected.

To support that, Administration launched a monthly Bylaw Buzz in the newsletter. The purpose of this initiative was to provide residents with information about local bylaws, explain requirements in a straightforward way, help residents stay informed and in compliance rather than only hearing about a bylaw when there is an issued, and provide ongoing reminders about things that affect our community.

We also recognize that keeping something like this going consistently takes time and resources. Over the past year, other priorities and projects have required countless hours of attention, and the newsletter has not continued as consistently as we would have liked.

That doesn't mean the initiative is being abandoned.

The plan is to get back to it as soon as possible. We still believe there is value in providing regular education and reminders to residents, and we want to continue finding ways to improve communication between the Village and the community.

As with many of the initiatives we have discussed tonight, we are working on a lot of things at once. Sometimes priorities have to shift, but the goal remains the same: to keep residents informed, improve communication and make municipal information easier for everyone to understand and access.