

BYLAW UPDATES

Over the past couple years, a few of our bylaws have been updated, but we are also working toward something much bigger. Rather than continuing to make patchwork updates, Council and Administration are undertaking a comprehensive review and overhaul of our bylaws and policies.

Some of the major bylaws we have already started working on include the Zoning Bylaw and Traffic Bylaw.

There will be further opportunities for community consultation on both of these bylaws, and we encourage residents to participate and provide input when those opportunities are available. Please watch for public notices and other communications as we move through that process.

It is important to understand that updating a bylaw is not simply a matter of changing a few words or making a quick revision. A proper bylaw review is a detailed process. We have to look at the legislation that applies, make sure the bylaw is legally compliant, consider whether the requirements can realistically be administered and enforced, and ensure that the proper internal procedures are in place.

There is also another important consideration: some bylaws do not operate independently of others. One bylaw can connect directly to another bylaw, policy or municipal process. Making a change in one place can have implications somewhere else. That is why we need to look at the overall framework rather than making isolated changes without considering the bigger picture.

It may take longer, but doing the work properly now will help create bylaws that are clearer, more consistent, easier to administer and more effective for the long term.