

**Meeting Date:** July 10, 2024

**Subject:** Bylaw No. 24/013 - Community Standards Bylaw  
No. 21/010 Amendment

**Approvals:** Susan Trylinski

Director

Henry Hunter

Chief Administrative Officer

### **Recommendation(s):**

THAT Bylaw No. 24/013, being an amendment to the Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010, be read a first time.

### **Summary | Background:**

In alignment with *Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2025*, Administration has been working to establish an Anti-Racism Bylaw. Following legal advice, rather than establishing a separate Anti-Racism Bylaw, Administration is recommending an amendment to the *Community Standards Bylaw*, to include a provision on Harassment. This will fulfill Council's intent while creating the most legally defensible Bylaw given the Municipality's authority under the MGA.

While the *Community Standards Bylaw* is before Council, Administration has also conducted a review to make amendments to further provisions. This includes addressing shopping cart issues, unauthorized structures on municipal land, and unpermitted drainage.

### **Budget | Financial Considerations:**

These amendments will have minimal impact on Legal Services and Bylaw Services annual operating budget, coinciding with existing work on both bylaw enforcement, and bylaw prosecutions.

### **Strategic Plan Alignment | Impact:**

The *Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2025* fosters Building Partnerships, in which Council recognizes the value in working together to ensure that our communities continue to grow in a welcoming manner.



These amendments to the *Community Standards Bylaw* specifically align with:

1. establishing an anti-racism bylaw and policy; and
6. supporting opportunities and community partnerships that help promote a positive image of Wood Buffalo.

**Rationale for Recommendation(s):**

Updates the *Community Standards Bylaw* to add an anti-harassment component pursuant to Council’s goal for an anti-racism bylaw. This amendment should be seen in conjunction with the proposed Anti-Racism Council Policy that is also being presented to Council. The Bylaw and the policy are part of a larger project to address discrimination in the Region.

With the introduction of the *Community Backyard Rinks Policy*, the addition of a fine for unauthorized structures allows for Bylaw Enforcement to handle rinks (and other structures) not authorized by the Municipality when they are placed on municipal land.

Amendment also addresses the growing problem of abandoned shopping carts within the Municipality with the onus on the cart’s owner for collecting abandoned carts. The *Roads and Transportation Bylaw* No. 21/010 will be subsequently amended by repealing sections 13.36 and 13.37, which relate to shopping carts. Lastly, some vague language is cleaned up to give clarity in selected sections of the Bylaw.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Bylaw 24/013 Amendment to the Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010
2. Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010 Redlined Version

