

Community Standards Bylaw 2022/06/P – Open House Feedback

On June 15, 2022, from 4pm – 7pm, the Town of Drayton Valley held an open house located at the MacKenzie Conference Centre in Drayton Valley. The purpose of the open house was to allow members of the community to attend to learn about the proposed Community Standards Bylaw, ask questions surrounding the proposed bylaw, and provide any feedback or insights as to what they think should be included or should not be included.

There were four members from administration that were present at the open house to answer questions and provide information.

As part of the information received, there were sheets on the table where people were able to put their thoughts/comments down, or staff in attendance took note. Items that were brought up pertaining to the open house, are summarized as follows:

- What is considered a hard surface area for parking campers (does cement blocks work?)
- Can I park a trailer in my back yard, not on a hard surface area? I agree they shouldn't be in the front but believe they should be permitted in the backyard.
- Confusing wording surrounding section 30 and 30.1.1 – interpreted as if they camp more than 7 days they would not be in violation of the bylaw
- Does the stuff about weeds apply to Town owned properties?
- Explore the ability for people to consume alcohol in parks
 - Further comments about “certain parks”
- Noise quiet times should stay at 10pm as by the time someone responds will be an hour later so if proposed goes ahead for 11pm then no response until midnight
- Number of vehicles parked on property that is a rental property
- Wanting quiet times to be 10pm until 8am
- Concerns around the shelter pods and what happens to the overflow of people that cant get in – are they permitted to camp under the pods or set up tents in the parking lot?
- Deal with dandelions
- Shrubs/trees blocking fire hydrants
- Wanting to ensure that removing the firearm bylaw would not ease gun restrictions in the community
- Lots of excitement surrounding dealing with unsightly properties
- Concerns regarding the town not having to clean sidewalks within 48 hours but residents are
- Concerns regarding not being able to place snow/ice on the roadway as they did not want to place it (especially if there was sidewalk melt) on their lawn

There was no sign in sheet, however, administration in attendance logged 21 people who attended the open house.

The open house was advertised on Drayton Valleys website; Drayton Valleys electronic signs; Drayton Valleys corporate social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram); Enforcement Services Facebook social media account; in the Drayton Valley and District Free Press Newspaper; on the Big West Country Radio Station; Posters at the Civic Centre, Omniplex; Swimming Pool and Early Childhood Development Centre; Posters at the Seniors Citizens Club of Drayton Valley; and to members of the Community Safety Committee.