

Councillor Blog

Welcome back fellow residents of White City (and those reading from the surrounding area) for the June 2024 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog will focus on reminding residents of local Bylaws, especially those that are more applicable in the Spring and Summer months. These Bylaws are designed to ensure our community remains safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

Curfew Bylaw:

The Curfew Bylaw is not a new addition to the Town but was recently rewritten to better accommodate the needs of White City residents. The new Curfew Bylaw saw a few changes. Here's what's different:

- The Bylaw now only applies to children under 16 who are loitering in public places;
- Adjustment of the curfew times between June and August (11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) and September and May (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) of each year; and
- Clarification that enforcement of the Bylaw is at the discretion of the Community Safety Officer.

The intention of the Curfew Bylaw is not to restrict local children from enjoying their warm, summer evenings, it's to keep children safe and prevent unnecessary loitering of young teens in public places.

Community Standards Bylaw:

The Community Standards Bylaw is crucial for maintaining the aesthetic and functional quality of our neighborhoods. This Bylaw covers various aspects, such as property maintenance, noise control, and public behavior.

- **Property Maintenance:** Residents are required to keep their properties meeting certain safety and aesthetic standards to keep our community and neighborhoods safe and attractive.
- **Nuisance:** Residents are required to keep properties tidy, including lawns and gardens. The bylaw includes consideration for materials, graffiti, littering, outdoor lighting, property markers, sidewalk maintenance, vehicles, waste and wildlife.
- **Vegetation:** Property owners are responsible to keep grass, trees and shrubs neat and tidy. Overgrown grass and weeds are not only unsightly but can also be a fire hazard.
- **Noise & Odour Control:** Excessive noise or odour is prohibited. This includes noise such as loud music and construction activities and odours and emissions such as smoke or exhaust.



Golf Cart Bylaw:

We know cruising around Town in a golf cart is fun, convenient and a practical mode of transportation for those on their way to Aspen Links or even stopping by The Sweet Life for an ice cream treat. The Golf Cart Bylaw outlines where and how these vehicles can be used.

- **Designated Areas:** Golf carts are not allowed on pathways or sidewalks and must travel in the same direction as vehicle traffic.
- **Safety Requirements:** Golf carts must be equipped with a slow-moving warning device and not operate at a speed of more than 24 kms/hour.
- **Drivers must hold a Class 7 driver's license, have the cart insured and follow the rules of the road as outlined in The Traffic Safety Act.**

Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw:

For those who prefer off-road adventures, the Off-Road Vehicle Bylaw governs the use of Off Road Vehicles (including ATVs and dirtbikes).

- **Permitted Areas:** These vehicles are allowed only on the untraveled portion of streets and must be used to travel directly from private property to the town limits. Operating these vehicles on public land, parks, or private land posted as disallowing their use is prohibited.
- **Licensing:** Operators must hold a valid driver's license, and youth under 12 are not permitted to operate these vehicles. Youth between 12 and 15 shall only be permitted to operate an all-terrain vehicle within the town if they have successfully completed an approved ATV safety course or are directly supervised by an adult over the age of 18 with a valid driver's license.

Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw:

- **Pets** are a beloved part of many families, and the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw ensures their well-being while keeping the community safe:
- **Registration:** Pets must be registered with the Town and wear identification tags. Visit the Town Office at 14 Ramm Avenue to submit a Pet License Application and receive a tag indicating registration with the Town.
- **Proper Behaviour:** Owners are required to prevent their pets from running at large and must clean up after them in public spaces. Dogs must always be leashed when in public spaces and cats should be kept from roaming freely. The Bylaw also outlines specific conditions for owning animals that display aggressive behavior and imposes fines for non-compliance.

How to Report Bylaw Infractions:

Help keep our community safe by saying something when you see something!



Online: Scan this QR code to report an incident directly. You can also always visit our website and find the same link there.



Email: Our Community Safety Officer responds to emails each shift and can be reached at cso@whitecity.ca.



In-person: Stop by the Town Office at 14 Ramm Avenue during regular business hours for assistance reporting a bylaw infraction.



For more information on any of these Bylaws listed, I encourage you to read the Bylaws in full on our website whitecity.ca/p/bylaws.

Understanding and adhering to these Bylaws help maintain a high quality of life in our community. By doing our part, whether it's keeping our property tidy, using vehicles responsibly, or taking care of our pets, we contribute to a safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable environment for everyone.

Thank you for being a responsible and engaged member of our community!

If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information, or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!

–Mayor Brian Fergusson