



**Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision**

Council Meeting Date: December 20, 2022

TOPIC: Bylaw 179-16, Untidy, Unsafe, & Unsightly Premises Bylaw

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council review the bylaw and provide direction and expectations to Administration.

BACKGROUND: Council identified *Community Standards* as item in the Strategic Planning Session, and requested that the bylaw be brought to a Council Meeting for discussion.

The current bylaw empowers administration to act on unsightly premises violations. Garbage, vehicles, structures, excavations, noises, vegetation, animal waste, and other nuisances are identified as being unacceptable and can be acted upon. Offenses and penalties are detailed. Standards are clearly defined and it is up to Administration to act on violations.

Our practice is that the bylaw is enforced only upon complaint, as the Village does not have the resources or the budget to complete regular inspections of every Village property. Any issue that is brought to the Village administration is acted upon.

Currently the Village contracts its Bylaw Enforcement to Peace Country Enforcement Services. The services include the supply of:

- Officer/truck/equipment
- Bylaw/Animal control
- Routine patrols & Emergency call out
- Support service and On-call response
- Animal collection/Delivery/Care
- Administration/Assessments/Reports

The term of this Agreement ends on June 30, 2023. Council budgets \$18,000/year to cover the cost of this service.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: Council could accept the report for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Bylaw 179-16, Untidy, Unsafe, & Unsightly Premises Bylaw

Peter Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer

December 22, 2022
Date