

BYLAW 19983 **Amending Bylaw 8353 Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw**

RECOMMENDATION

That Bylaw 19983 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw to add an offence regarding inappropriate use of transit property.

Readings

Bylaw 19983 is ready for three readings

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

Bylaw 19983 proposes amendments to the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw to add an additional offence dealing with the inappropriate and unsafe use of transit property for purposes that are unrelated to, and interfere with, the intended use of transit services by Edmontonians.

REPORT

The proposed amendments to the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw, Bylaw 8353, will add an additional offence dealing with inappropriate behaviours on Transit Property that have the effect of interfering with the intended use of transit and negatively affect perceptions of safety. Any behaviour that can reasonably be expected to interfere with the safety or comfort of others using transit is already prohibited by the Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw, and the proposed amendments strengthen the existing rules by confirming that inappropriate use of transit property, such as remaining in transit stations, vehicles, or platforms for long periods of time for purposes unrelated to the use of transit services, is not permitted.

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In addition, the amendment confirms that visible use of illicit substances is not permitted in transit property. While illicit substance use is regulated federally, the visible use in public spaces, such as transit property, interferes with the safe and comfortable enjoyment of these spaces and is not acceptable conduct within transit facilities.

The fine amount for the new proposed offence will be \$250, consistent with the existing offence for inappropriate behaviour.

COMMUNITY INSIGHT

Community insights related to this Bylaw can be found within CO01229 Transit Safety and Security Interim Update, presented to City Council at the May 24/27, 2022 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 19983 - Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw Amendment No. 14
2. Bylaw 8353 - Conduct of Transit Passengers Bylaw - Redline Version

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor