COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT Bylaw 20700 - Public Spaces Bylaw - Additional Information

Recommendation of the Committee

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20700, as amended, be given the appropriate readings.

History

- At the February 10, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the February 10, 2025, Employee and Legal Services report ELS02103rev was considered.
- The Committee heard from A. Dowsey; R. Vaugeois, John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights; J. Garber; C. Martin and H. Thomson, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce; C. Watson and A. Hryciw, Downtown Revitalization Coalition; R. Kirchner and J. Levine, Independent Jewish Voices Canada, Edmonton Chapter; D. Kahane; L. Huebscher, Edmonton Rowing Club; H. Paranich; K. MacDonald; T. Dell, Edmonton Youth for Climate; L. Baroldi, Building Owners and Managers Association of Edmonton and North; H. Gelderman and J. Mckenna, Climate Justice Edmonton; J. Gale and Earth, Bear Claw Beaver Hills House; S. Falconer, Edmonton Cold Weather Animal Rescue; R. McBeth, Inner City Health and Wellness Program; K. Ingraham, Each + Every; I. O'Donnell; C. Pearen, Pride Corner on Whyte; T. Chappell; H. Ali; R. Feroe, Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition; P. Morton, Edmonton Committee Against War and Racism; M. Edwards de la O and S. Der, Women for Rights and Empowerment; L. Moon; F. Locock, Food Not Bombs Edmonton Chapter; B. Smith; S. Wasi, YEG Muslim Vote; R. Gladue; J. Zhu; Y. Yan; F. Tabladillo; D. McGeown, Arcadia Brewing Co.; B. Magalnick; A. Young; E. Estrada; J. Cardinal; S. Heschuk; and D. Plamondon, Alberta Avenue Business Association.

Related amendments passed at the February 10, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee meeting

Amendment 1:

- That Bylaw 20700 be amended by deleting and replacing section 61(3) with:
 - 61(3) This section does not apply to persons:
 - 1. on the Edmonton Riverboat; or
 - 2. operating racing canoes, racing kayaks, or rowing shells when exempted by and in compliance with the *Small Vessel Regulations* (Canada).

Amendment 2:

• That Bylaw 20700 be amended by deleting "or permanent" from section 6(g).

Amendment 3:

- That Bylaw 20700 be amended by adding section 40(5):
 - 40(5) Nothing in this section will be applied or interpreted to prevent the exercise of fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Amendment 4:

- That Bylaw 20700 be amended by deleting and replacing section 78(1) with:
 - 78(1) A person must not ride a bicycle, e-bicycle, or e-scooter on a sidewalk.

Amendment 5:

• That Bylaw 20700 be amended by deleting and replacing "14" with "16" in section 78(2).

Amendment 6:

- That Bylaw 20700 be amended as follows:
 - 1. renumbering section 16 as section 16(1);
 - 2. adding section 16(2): Subsection (1) does not apply to feral cats.

Attachment

February 10, 2025, Employee and Legal Services report ELS02103rev