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Community Standards

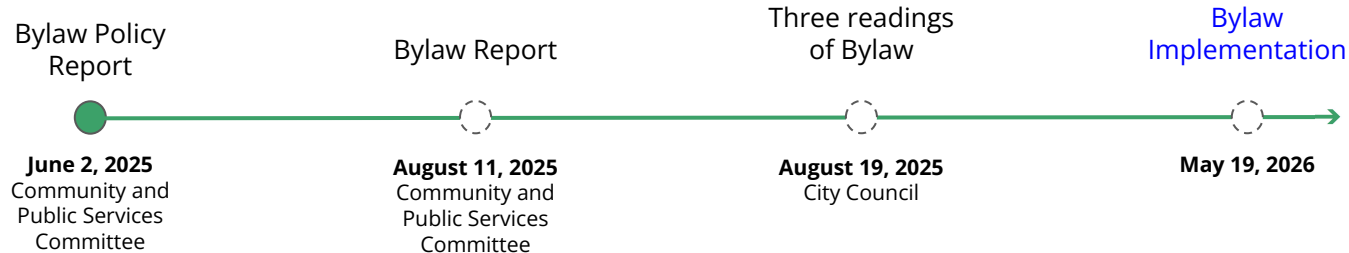
Edmonton

**Animal Licensing and Control
Bylaw (13145) Renewal**

Overview



- This report seeks to confirm direction on four key bylaw themes:
 - ◆ Animal welfare
 - ◆ Dog attacks and bites
 - ◆ Restricted dogs regulations
 - ◆ Cat regulations
- On August 11, 2025, a final Bylaw Report will be presented with a new bylaw



Renewal Context

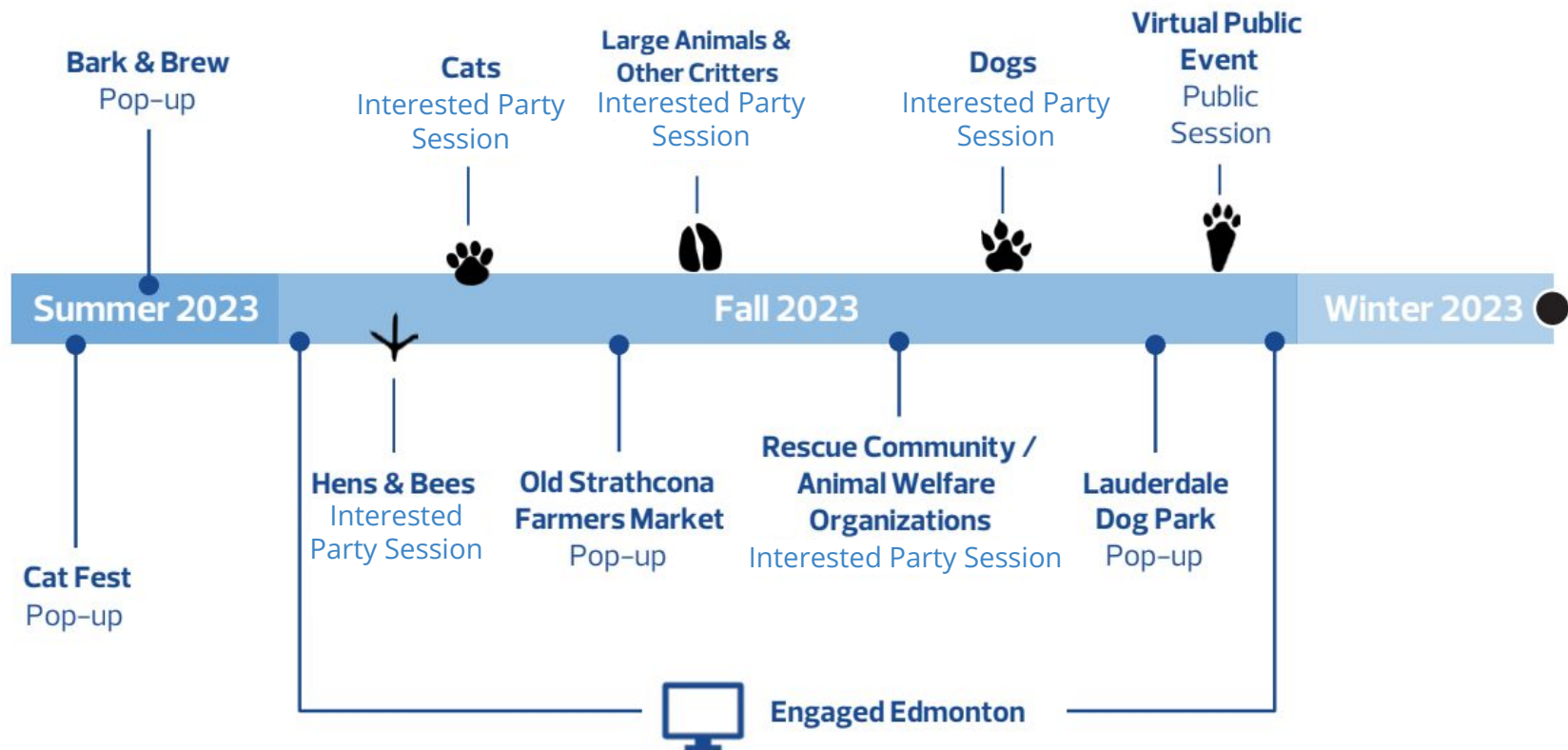


- The current Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw is over 20 years old
- A renewal allows for the incorporation of research best practices, jurisdictional reviews and bylaw data collection
- This holistic update of the bylaw will contribute to responsible pet ownership, protect animal welfare and enhance public safety

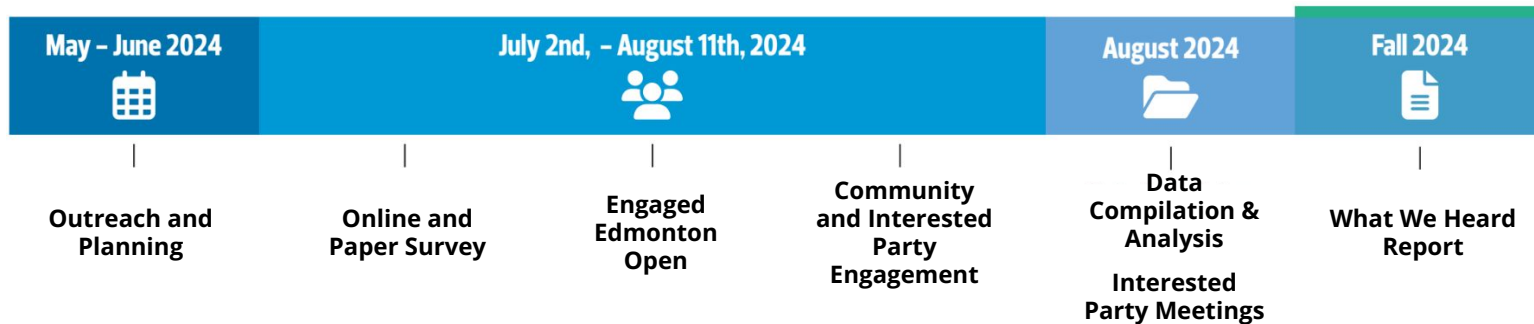
Public Engagement Overview



Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw: Phase 1



Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw: Phase 2



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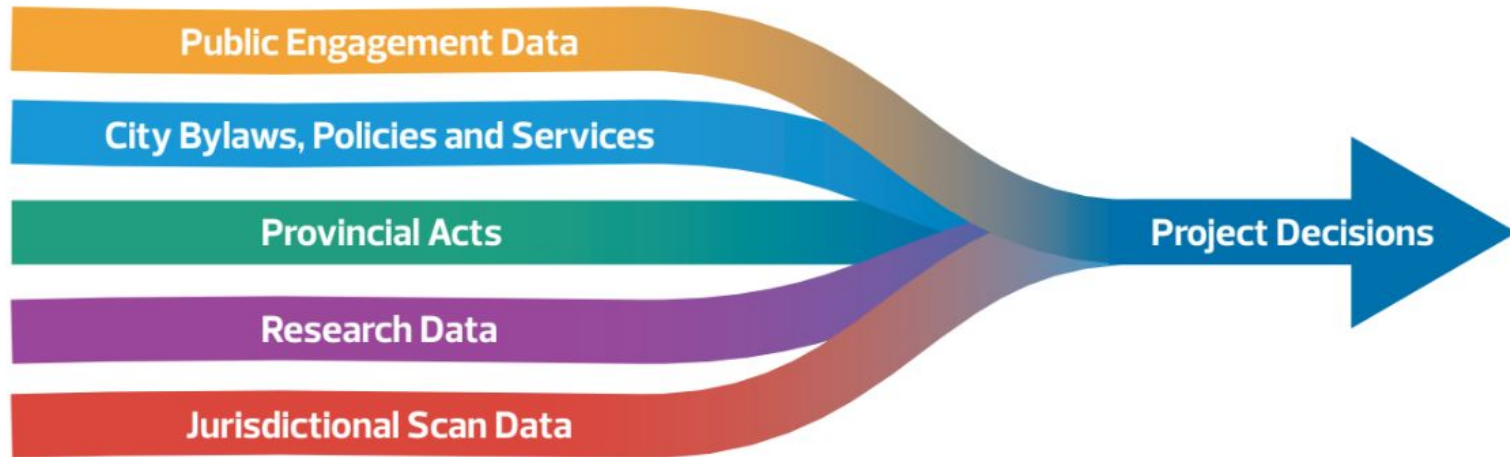
Research & Engagement Phase 2

- A variety of public engagement methods helped reached all 12 wards
- Events were held at pet stores, off-leash parks, libraries, farmers markets, community centers and City facilities



Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw: Background

Analysis and Decision Mapping



Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw Policy Report

Report Focus Areas

- Protecting Animal Welfare
- Dog Attacks and Bites
- Restricted Dog Regulations
- Cat Regulations



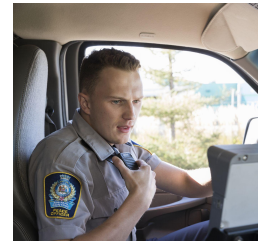
Protecting Animal Welfare



Current State	Proposed Direction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Animal Protection Team investigates complaints about animal welfare and conducts regulatory inspections to ensure compliance• Promotes the humane treatment of animals through education, engagement and enforcement• The current legislative framework does not fully address all of the concerns Edmontonians shared with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include regulations for abandoned animals by incorporating and aligning with the standards of the <i>Animal Protection Act</i>, and advancing regulations to fill any gaps in existing welfare legislation in line with current practices across municipalities• Prohibit animals from being left unattended, exposed to injurious temperatures and health-threatening situations, including provisions for confined spaces, proper ventilation, and protection from the elements• Prohibit the transportation of animals on a roadway in an unsecured manner

Dog Attacks and Bites

Current State



Dog Attack Investigations								
Year	2021		2022		2023		2024	
No Injury (Level 1)	170	20%	161	19%	161	16%	152	16%
Physical Injury (Level 2-3)	362	42%	307	36%	338	33%	358	37%
Serious Injury (Level 3.5-5)	67	8%	74	9%	94	9%	73	7%
Death (Level 6)	15	2%	3	0.4%	5	0.5%	14	1%
Injury Unconfirmed	239	28%	310	36%	420	41%	383	39%
Total Investigations	853		855		1,018		980	

Dog Attacks and Bites

Current State and Proposed Direction



Adapt the following offence structure for dog attacks:		Dogs			Restricted Dogs		
		Current State	Proposed Direction	Jurisdictional Range	Current State	Proposed Direction	Jurisdictional Range
a)	Damage property or chase any person or animal	\$100	\$250	\$100-615	\$500	\$2,500	\$150-10,000
b)	Attack or bite any person or animal causing physical injury	\$500	\$500	\$200-615	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$200-10,000
c)	Attack or bite any animal causing serious injury	\$500	\$2,000	\$300-10,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$300-10,000
d)	Attack or bite any person causing serious injury, or animal causing death	\$500	\$3,000	\$300-10,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$300-10,000

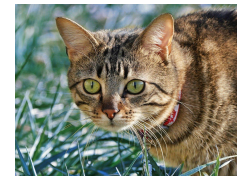
→ Secondary offences will double


Restricted Dog Regulations

Current State	Proposed Direction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricted dogs are designated as such based on prior incidents that have resulted in a conviction• Owners of restricted dogs must comply with additional requirements in the interest of public safety• This is a lifelong licensing classification for the dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require training where appropriate• Require microchips• Adapt the threshold based on the previous attack scale changes• Include a licensing classification review process



Cat Regulations



Current State	Proposed Direction
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Licenses are required for all cats• Feral cats are not defined in the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw• There are approximately up to 70,000 feral cats in Edmonton• Cats are permitted to roam on public property, and private property if the owner consents to them being there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define Feral Cat - a cat found in the City of Edmonton that has no owner, is not socialized and is extremely fearful or resistant to humans• Define Feral Cat Colony - a collective term, referring to a group of mostly or all feral cats in the City of Edmonton that congregate as a unit• Support leading best practices by defining and allowing operation of trap-neuter-return (TNR) and return-to-field (RTF) programs in the City• Create a distinction, through definitions, between owned and unowned cats• Cats will continue to be permitted to roam on public property, and private property if the owner consents to them being there

Bylaw Renewal Next Steps



- **Continue drafting the Bylaw** - Incorporate feedback and solidify provisions that are enforceable and align to City goals
- **Return with report and draft Bylaw** - Develop a modernized bylaw that supports animal welfare and public safety, that reflects the engagement with Edmontonians, supported by research and best practices (August 11, 2025)
- **City Council Approval** - Present the new bylaw to City Council for three readings (August 19, 2025)
- **Implementation, education and monitoring** - Internal capacity building and training, along with parallel external communication, engagement and education (May 19, 2026)



Questions