

# What We Heard Report

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Cochrane's new  
community standard  
bylaw

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## About the project

Following a presentation on February 10, 2025, Council directed Administration to undertake public engagement on the proposed Community Standards bylaw for a duration of two weeks. The proposed bylaw considers best practices from other municipalities, municipal enforcement data and engagement results from both Envision Cochrane 2050 and Let's Talk Cochrane.

In October 2024, the provincial government provided funding through the Community Justice Grant to support municipalities in establishing a Community Standards bylaw. This bylaw gives the RCMP and local peace officers better tools to handle minor offences like panhandling, vandalism, fighting, public disturbances and loitering with the goal of keeping Cochrane's public spaces safe and enjoyable without overburdening the RCMP or the court system. The bylaw also brings together three older bylaws into one easy-to-follow set of rules.

The proposed bylaw will replace and simplify three existing bylaws:

- Bylaw 04-2007: Nuisance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw (2007)
- Bylaw 01-2009: Snow Removal Bylaw (2009)
- Bylaw 16-2011: Noise Control Bylaw (2011)

After reviewing the three bylaws, Administration drafted a new Community Standards Bylaw that proposes the following changes:

- **Nuisance and unsightly premises (Bylaw 04-2007 vs. 06-2025):**
  - New definition of "Visual Blight" (includes excessive accumulation of materials, dilapidated buildings, broken windows, etc.).
  - Composting regulations introduced.
  - Boulevard maintenance responsibility clarified for adjacent property owners.
  - More structured enforcement with penalties and cost recovery via property tax if necessary
- **Snow removal changes (Bylaw 01-2009 vs 06-2025)**
  - 10% administrative fee added for Town-enforced snow removal, chargeable to property tax, if necessary.
  - Explicit landowner requirement for snow removal from adjacent sidewalks and to prevent dangerous ice formations.
  - Increased enforcement measures with clearer penalties and charge recovery mechanisms.
- **Changes to noise control (Bylaw 16-2011 vs. 06-2025)**
  - New exemptions for common sounds (church bells, wind chimes, children playing).
  - Vehicle noise restrictions expanded (includes limits on large vehicle idling over 4,500 kg).
  - Clearer noise enforcement process (sound level measurements and conditions for exemptions).
  - Increased authority for officials to revoke noise exemptions for non-compliance.

Adjustments to Section 16 - Noise control (construction noise) were also made. Over the past year, 31 complaints about construction noise have been reported. To address this, the Town is proposing shortening construction hours by one hour on Monday to Saturdays, and two hours on Sundays and

Holidays. Critical infrastructure work would be exempt, and developers could apply for Noise Exemption Permits for urgent or high-priority projects.

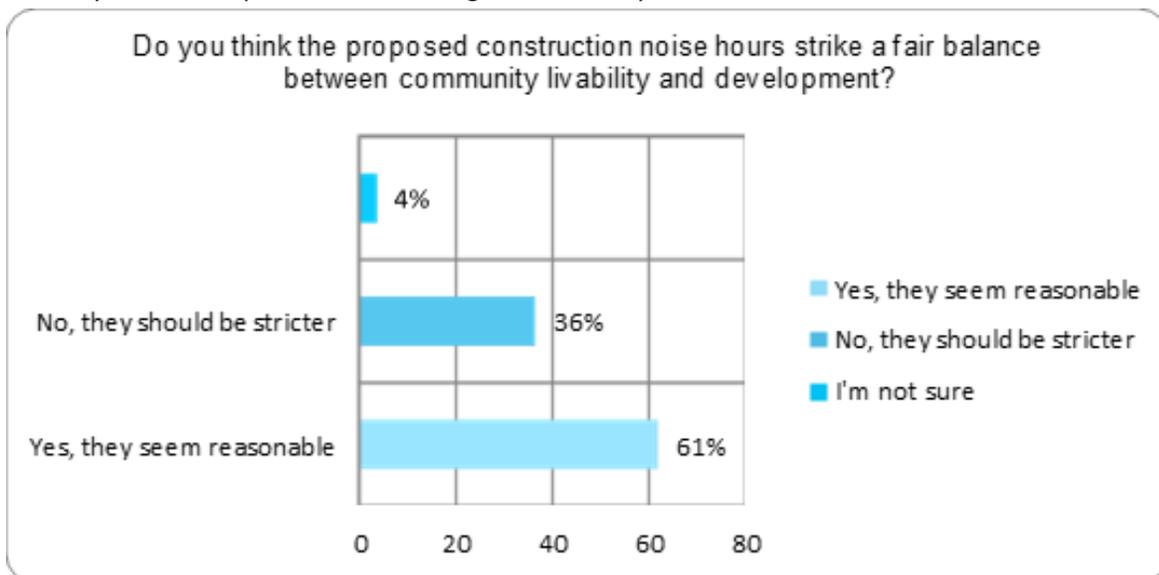
## Methodology & Analytics

As directed by Council, the engagement was hosted on Let’s Talk Cochrane for two weeks from March 3-17, 2025. It was promoted through social media, an advertisement in the paper for two weeks and a media release. The engagement opportunity was shared in both the Cochrane Eagle and CochraneNow. A total of 78 responses were received and are themed below, with full responses included in Appendix A.

There were over 1,600 visits to the project page with one individual choosing to register for ongoing Let’s Talk Cochrane updates. There were 197 downloads of the proposed bylaw from the website, with 78 individuals choosing to submit feedback. Of those that chose to engage, most found out about the project from direct visits, followed by Facebook, cochraneagle.ca and Instagram.

## Analysis

When asked if the proposed construction noise hours strike a fair balance between community livability and development, over 60% agreed that they seem reasonable.



When asked if residents had any feedback about the proposed community standards bylaw, the following themes were noted:

### 1. Construction noise:

- Concerns about construction noise outside of existing bylaw hours
- Concerns about duration in residential areas and lack of quiet periods
- Mixed opinions on construction hours: some residents want earlier quiet hours, while others prefer keeping existing hours

## 2. Vehicle Noise

- Strong support for stricter noise enforcement measures involving vehicles and motorbike mufflers
- Concerns that Municipal Peace Officers focus too much on education rather than issuing fines.
- *These concerns can be adequately addressed through existing provincial legislation Alberta Traffic Safety Act (TSA) Sec 82 and Vehicle Equipment Regulation (AR 122/2009) which allow for fines to be issued.*

## 3. Snow & Ice Removal

- Concerns about lack of enforcement for lack of snow removal
- Mixed opinions on whether first-time offenders should receive a warning before being issued a fine.

## 4. Composting

- This section has been amended within the bylaw.
- Revisions include removal of composting piles, and the distance required for composting bin location in relation to a dwelling.

*\*Additional comments were made which did not relate to the community standards bylaw about off-leash dogs and animal control concerns which are addressed under the existing Animal Bylaw, construction concerns addressed under the existing Waste Bylaw and traffic and road safety concerns that are addressed under existing provincial legislation. An opportunity for future review of Traffic Bylaw 02/2005*

## Conclusion

Overall, the feedback indicates that many residents agree with the intent of the new regulations and desire increased bylaw enforcement. While the engagement focused on gathering feedback related to the Community Standards Bylaw, additional comments outside the scope of the bylaw suggest that there may be a need for further education to help residents better understand related bylaws' purpose and limitations, particularly in relation to off-leash dogs and animal control, construction site concerns, and traffic and road safety.

## Appendix A – Responses received (unedited)

The responses received were taken directly from our site and have been unedited. Comments that included personal information (such as an individual's address), profanity or unsubstantiated negative comments were removed.

- Lights on houses (Need permit), car muffler noise (0 noise), window tint on cars, back lit signs not aloud, less noise and light pollution in town. More solar lights. 30KL per hour in all residential areas. Security cameras on house. (Need permit)
- Construction bins and material to building new home should not be on the street or side walk. (Must be on the construction site land). More inforce by the TOC on new home sites
- It's good to shift the responsibility from RCMP to Peace Officers to be more efficient. But please note- the most disturbances/physical assaults/destruction in our community is coming from daily off leash dog issues that absolutely are NOT being ticketed. (Severe loss of potential daily revenue) The social disorder and harassment/bullying from irresponsible dog owners in this community towards other people remains unaddressed and is not being enforced- even when peace officers are handed evidence. Off leash offenders are given a pass (which sends the messages it's acceptable) with a "warning" instead of a ticket so of course all the dog owners still off leash and harm the community. No more biased "warnings" for irresponsible dog owners. The DOG BYLAWS need to be updated and strengthened, and targeted daily enforcement needs to happen. (Or like any unenforced bylaw, it is a useless bylaw and environmental and physical harm will continue to happen.)
- In regard to 20.1 Fighting: There needs to be an exemption for those who engage in violent physical contact for the purpose of "self-defense". It is unacceptable that someone could be fined for protecting themselves, their property or their family against a violent aggressor. (20.1 No person shall engage in fighting, including any confrontation involving violent physical contact between two or more persons, in any public place or on private property that is accessible to the public.)
- Make white noise backup alarms mandatory in town ESPECIALLY for snow operators and fixed base operators in town.
- I strongly agree with the noise bylaw changes. There are many times were there was construction being carried out well past 10pm during the summer with the late sunlight.
- Leave it the way it is
- The only concern I have is the duration of the noise control. Although the hours have been some what reduced it does not address construction projects in developed neighbourhoods which last well over a year. In my case, my neighbour replaced their upper deck; this project lasted approximately 20 months. That is a long time to put up with noise 7 days a week.
- How about leaving Monday to Saturday construction hours as are and get people some peace and quiet at least on a Sunday? Sucks to have a beautiful yard and not being able to sit there due to construction noise. Last summer was already bad and it's years and years of it that we're

talking about. Also, if we already have the bylaw, how about we start enforcing them, e.g. snow/ice removal? That would be an awesome step forward.

- Yes
- Include graffiti and nuisance buildings. Hire bylaw officers to enforce bylaw infractions specifically and separate the responsibility from falling on peace officers or RCMP to enforce. Could have these officers deal with business licensing as well, generating more revenue for the town and could help cover the cost of the new positions.
- Yes. There might be an attempt here to put everything together but perhaps some of these provisions should be part of separate bylaws. Why are they being amalgamated? For example, some municipalities have separate community standards bylaw and separate parks and public facilities bylaws - they then use each of these regulatory mechanisms to hone in on specific community problems, for example access to environmental reserves and human behaviours that are damaging to natural landscapes. Are the matters being regulated in the draft unique to Cochrane. There are some examples of other municipal community standards bylaws that Cochrane may wish to emulate - some quite recent that reflect emergent community issues in towns and cities near us. For example, addressing wood smoke and idling. Snow removal is a unique problem here, as is control of invasive flora because few folks take those provisions seriously when hidden in huge CS bylaws. I think having separate shorter and more comprehensive bylaws to regulate and control these specific issues may better reflect what is unique here in this community. For example, would a hen keeping bylaw be a good fit here? Or is it better addressed through a domestic animal bylaw. I will download this bylaw and prepare a submission on it if that is appropriate. I think I could be helpful. Please let me know asap.
- Changing the hours by like an hour makes little to no difference. Should be a little earlier in the evening hours IMO. Consolidating the other 3 bylaws after a quick look appears to be inconsequential
- Yes. Will they be enforced and by whom? There are hundreds of vehicles and motorcycles in Cochrane that are so loud that they violate existing noise bylaws but nothing is done about them.
- Don't change it.
- Cochrane has too many Bylaw officers.
- More resources need to be focused on traffic enforcement than snow removal and noise bylaw enforcement. The traffic laws are not being enforced in Cochrane by either bylaw or the RCMP. "
- I agree with these changes
- These are unnecessary
- 7 am start for construction is too early for Saturday and Sunday.
- I love this earlier time. I live near construction and they always work late so definitely would love them to stop earlier in the night. Thank you
- 1. Will complainants be identified or remain Anonymous? 2. Will the bylaw regarding picking up after your dog be included? How will this be enforced?"
- I think there should be a warning letter sent for first offence of Section 6.1, failure to remove snow. There are lots of folks from out of province that are not familiar with this bylaw. I also think a warning should be sent for the first offence of Section 3, nuisance and unsightly land. Give the owner a set amount of time to remedy the situation before imposing a fine

- It seems that sound level contraventions would be hard to assess as they are very time specific and not everyone can measure someone's sound levels without proper tools. Unsure how effective this would be for residents.
- Items not to be used at nighttime. Define hours - nighttime could be 5pm. Construction noise on Saturdays should be 9am and end by 8pm all nights.
- People should have to apply for permits. If it's an event, fine, but local tax paying residents should be exempt. They should only have to provide 48 hours notice of the event to people in the immediate vicinity.
- Individuals who make complaints against others should have to own their complaints. If people can't act with basic kindness and no ill will, they shouldn't be allowed to make complaints against others.
- Bylaw doesn't enforce dog barking even when many neighbours on the Same Street call in to complain. Very disappointed in Cochrane bylaw.
- It's about time!
- Our "by-law" officers haven't been enforcing any by-laws (they believe in "education", as if a group of adults need more "education"), so one wonders what difference any of this will make? If you can't ENFORCE what we currently have, why are you adding more??
- In my opinion, the changed hours will make almost no difference. When looking at communities housing developments, most shut it down before it gets dark. The concrete trucks and dump trucks start rolling through my own community right at 7am...some have pushed it a bit. Other noise complaints...straight piped vehicles and motorbikes are literally the worst. The proposed fine is nowhere near enough. I am on a main boulevard, and those guys race through so fast you can't get a plate, and rarely stop at the 4 ways. They gun through here at all hours, often waking us up.
- Please add a washroom at the off leash areas.
- The high volume of dogs in our current off leash parks is a contributing factor for dog injuries. Please expand the offleash areas, and add a private fenced area with a sign indicating one dog at a time, so reactive dogs can safely have a space for ball play.
- The updates listed for the most part seem sound however, the following is a bit unclear/of concern "Composting regulations introduced (prohibiting pet waste, requiring 10m distance from dwellings)." Are you asking residents to have a compost container 10m from the house? If that is the case-I would like the explanation as to why so I can gain further understanding. I'm sure I'm not alone in the fact that I don't have the luxury of having that kind of space but use home compost for garden beds. Clarification would be appreciated.

- There is no discussion regarding Noise or dust bylaw being applied towards the sawmill and is only focused on construction. This should be expanded for ALL impacts in the town.
- Bylaws are only good if you have enforcement to back it up. The construction hours for home building is nice but I see home construction crews working on roofs and framing with headlights late at night regularly. No safety harness, no light at night in -20c.... Enforcement is key to having better outcomes
- I think it would be simpler to be 7am to 9pm on all days. I don't see that an extra hour on Sundays and holidays is needed.
- Yes. The town needs to also clean up some of the business areas and enforce the parking on the boulevards. Some of the businesses such as the parking for the bus drivers. With the new storage business going there should be designated parking for the drivers not on the boulevards and half the vehicle on the street. This parking on the boulevards have been overlooked for some time now
- Construction start time should be later 8am.
- The 10% administration fee proposed for snow removal is nothing but another tax. This should not be allowed. We already pay taxes to cover administration of town business.
- I think the changes are good. We live across the river from SLS where one of the yards for the town is located. During the winter when we have snow fall trucks empty there loads and with the banging of the tailgates it's like a bomb is going off over and over. This too should be addressed with the noise bylaw. Find a spot where there are not homes affected. Yes when this yard was built no homes were there but times have changed.
- 1. Significant changes to Nuisance and Unsightly Premises (Bylaw 04-2007 vs. 06-2025) Before making new or updating Bylaws, we should update them to a standard. For example, dandelions are not weeds, yet the bylaws have not changed and are not updated similarly to Calgary's bylaws. Last year alone, seven calls were made by the same person on my block, and the bylaw showed up because of dandelions. I spoke with bylaw officers who showed up. We have to find them, as our bylaw says they are fine regarding dandelions. We have not CAUGHT UP TO Calgary yet. The new definition of "Visual Blight" (includes an excessive accumulation of materials, dilapidated buildings, etc.). Who makes that decision, the next-door neighbors? Define excessive accumulation. Define dilapidated. What if it is adequately stacked? Composting regulations were introduced (prohibiting pet waste, requiring a 10m distance from dwellings). Who comes up with these measurements? Ten meters from almost every house in town is either halfway in the back alley or halfway in the street in front of the house. WE HAVE SMALL LOTS IN TOWN. Boulevard maintenance responsibility was clarified for adjacent property owners, and more structured enforcement with penalties and cost recovery via property tax was implemented. There is limited to no regarding the structured enforcement in town. Please clean the bylaws before changing and adding; as I mentioned above, people are fined because of dandelions that other neighbors don't like, yet they help yard growth and make some nice wine. Fix things before doing what you're attempting to—no tax increase. 2. Significant snow removal changes (Bylaw 01- 2009 vs 06-2025). 10% administrative fee added for town-enforced snow removal, chargeable to property tax. With the town plowing the streets, it is not snow removal  
Explicit requirement for roof/awning maintenance to prevent dangerous ice formations. Increased enforcement measures with clearer penalties and charge recovery mechanisms. Is this for homeowners or businesses? What about Explicit requirements for town-owned property regarding snow, walkways, roads, traffic enforcement, potholes, and sound barriers from the new bridge south to the river on the east side of the 22 Highway? FIRST, Fix what is broken before you waste time, energy, and money on this. 3. Significant changes to noise

control (Bylaw 16-2011 vs. 06-2025). New exemptions for familiar sounds (church bells, wind chimes, children playing). All of these should be exemptions, and a lot more

It is a community of great people who sometimes, like in this situation, have blinders on or tunnel vision. Vehicle noise restrictions expanded (includes limits on large vehicles idling over 5,450 kg). More apparent noise enforcement process (sound level measurements and conditions for

exemptions). Fix what is broken. First, there are noise problems and visual disruptions regarding the construction of the 22 bridge on the east side of the river. There is no sound barrier wall, and the road height has been increased. The vehicle, especially the Tractor trailer, is right in our backyard. People are leaving the area because the town has done nothing regarding that situation. Increased authority for officials to revoke noise exemptions for non-compliance. The town is and has not been compliant with the noise issues from the 24/7 traffic on the east side of the 22 highway. If the town spent the money that is being spent here elsewhere that is needed, we all would be better off. 31 complaints over a year regarding construction noise from a population of around 40,000.00 people. Construction trades during the spring, summer, and part of fall use those daylight hours to complete projects as late in the day as possible. Some of these projects do not have lights set up till the project is started. People who work a full day. come home and want to carry on with projects, garages, sheds, and greenhouses. We should not be restricted by the town changing the workable hours of homeowners or construction trades. Keep it as it is, and stop trying to control people's home lives and hours. Of the 31 complaints, I'm sure they were not every day, 24/7, for 365 days of the year. We have to deal with progress and construction is all part and parcel of the progress. make it work.

- Keeps what is below: Current hours: 7 AM – 10 PM Monday-Saturday, 9 AM – 10 PM Sundays & Holidays
- Nuisance and Unsightly bylaw. Not clear what this section means?
- Composting regulations introduced (prohibiting pet waste, requiring 10m distance from dwellings). Could you clarify please? I like the modification of the construction hours.
- Would be nice to see these excessively noisy vehicles get tickets. There are too many around for sure
- Can you please add something about construction sites and the garbage build up they're causing?? In Rivercrest it is absolutely disgusting how much garbage is blowing everywhere, into yards and nature spaces. It's horrible and awful for the environment. I'm sure this isn't the only community with this problem. Is there something that can also be done about people not picking up after their dogs? There is so much dog waste around and it's not being enforced. Rivercrest specific, but I'm sure it's not just here. "

- This does not address a huge issue in this town and that's pet owners who do not pick up their pets poop! Both in public spaces and in owners yards, it's become disgusting! Dogs allowed to pee on your house, garbage containers and fences as well as pooping in playgrounds, parks, pathways back alleys front yards, sidewalks and boulevards! This needs to be addressed immediately! If you own a pet, clean up it's poop or don't walk your dog!
- Why do we allow any construction on Sunday? it seems to me that an exemption for critical construction should only be in effect for Saturdays. There should be no construction on Saturday either. We have so much construction in this community that you are not addressing the cumulative effects of constant noise in some neighbourhoods.
- Everything within reason and that common sense prevails when applying any potential penalties. To often enforcement/peace officers rely on the letter of the "LAW". In a lot of circumstances that is more than reasonable, but must be allowed leeway to make a judgement call.
- The noise level of vehicles mufflers and impatient motorists honking horns. This is NOT Toronto
- Yes I do!! We are a growing community, housing is needed, infrastructure needed, roads needed! Our summers are short, we are headed into a recession and you want people not working!!!! Homes not being built, infrastructure not being upgraded, roads not maintained! Are you all catering to the few that complain? It was their choice to move here, into a new community, of course there's going to be noise! So what!!! It was our choice to move into a growing community and NO I did not complain about the noise! Children playing....really! Better than being glued to electronics!
- I'd rather listen to wind chimes over continuing dog barking, whining from 7 am till 10pm daily from spring thru fall!

- I agree with the proposed changes.
- Most of it looks very positive and forward moving. I believe if you reduce construction hours, it should only be for commercially permitted work, not homeowner work or permits.
- I support these changes however would encourage the town to make it easier to report bylaw concerns. Will the unsightly premises bylaw include long weeds/grass?
- Excellent proposal. It's time we started to deal with these annoying things that spoil our lifestyle.
- I feel the changes are reasonable
- Opposed to all changes
- Sounds like great improvements.
- I like the changes, esp. the snow removal and noise bylaw updates - the earlier time is more reasonable for weekday / 'school night' evenings. Any chance the truck idling could include regular sized pickup trucks that have been made to sound noisy? Several in fireside that sadly only fit on the street vs.. in their garages. Thank you for all you do for Cochrane.
- Good to see the clean up of yards and buildings, the mess on 1 st by the doctors building is a disgrace
- The proposal to have open compost piles at least 10m away from an adjacent dwelling seems to be a bit excessive, especially considering the narrowness and general small size of most residential lots in Town. I would suggest 5m would be more appropriate. And one has to wonder with the recent proposal to revisit raising chickens in town in one's backyard that if approved (even on a trial basis) that this could lead to scenarios that conflict."
- You just can't leave people alone to live their lives without trying to control every miniscule detail of their existence.
- Where do I find the list of bylaws and are they simple for average people to understand?
- Proportionality: Maximum penalties (\$10,000 or imprisonment) are excessive for most offences. A cap for minor violations (e.g., \$2,500) could balance deterrence and fairness. Low fines for public behavior (e.g., fighting at \$100–\$350) versus high fines for littering (\$500–\$1000) suggest inconsistent prioritization. Ambiguity: Subjective terms like “excessive” (Section 3.2(g)), “disturbs the peace” (Section 11.1), and “disrupts safety” (Section 23.1) need thresholds or examples. “Remedial order” (Section 31.2) lacks definition, and appeal details (violation notice) are incomplete (e.g., where to submit?). Resource Demands: Noise enforcement (e.g., calibrated sound meters, trained testers) and appliance removal orders (Section 4.4) require investment. The council report doesn't address funding beyond fines. Vicarious liability (Section 32) could overburden employers without clear intent requirements. Administrative Power: CAO discretion (Section 33) and enforcement overrides (Section 17.2) lack transparency or appeal mechanisms, risking perceptions of unfairness.
- Wind chimes in my neighbors yard prohibit me from opening my window at night because it either wakes me or keeps me awake. I love chimes but not when I'm trying to sleep. Same with barking dogs.
- Vehicles allowed to park on the street as long as they choose.
- Regarding “New exemptions for common sounds (church bells, wind chimes, children playing)”, church bells I guess I understand, and they ring very limited times. I do not agree with exemptions regarding wind chimes or children. Former neighbors we had seemed to have their own children as well as many others in their yard to practice primal screaming daily, for not a short amount of time. I could not even talk on the phone in my own home with all the widows

and doors closed without people on the other end asking if I needed to go as there must be an emergency :( Rules should be rules, as noise and disturbance is noise and disturbance, maybe the better plan would be duration? Children should have fun in their own yard, but within reason, an occasional scream at the top of their lungs is fine, but not for an hour plus. Similar to a dog barking, we all know dogs will bark, and a short duration and hours on end are 2 very different situations. As for wind chimes, they are needlessly loud and usually off key, maybe a better rule would be for the home owners to hang them out when they will be outside to 'enjoy' them, that way the whole neighborhood doesn't need to :) Thank you for asking for peoples feedback, that is appreciated

- 6.3 The town's own employees use equipment that pushes snow onto the road (hiway) from a pathway. The town is not compliant with this part. 11.5 Wind chimes should not be exempt. Cochrane is mostly windy constant noise from wind chimes are not required. 22.2 Should also include young children. 24 Graffiti needs to be better defined as its too broad. One could suggest children or others doing art as graffiti. 24 Seems to punish the victim (the home owner) of vandalism if they happen to be away or delayed without their knowledge. 24.2 a The 7 day limit would be challenging to any homeowner who was away (ie on vacation, work shift schedule) and unaware that such an event occurred. The 7 day limit should be changed to be longer. The home owner needs to be made aware of what happened to their property before receiving a fine. "
- So does this mean those vehicles that create unnecessary noise will be ticketed. The small cars and trucks with after market mufflers. Very disturbing when trying to sleep. Other towns ticket them why dont we.
- Does this include Spray Lake Sawmill. We hear banging sounds intermittently throughout the year, late into the night. In the summer it is most notable as we like to keep our windows open when it is warm.
- I'm happy to see someone might be handling these complaints. Many sidewalks are dangerous in winter as they remain buried til sun melts them
- Excellent work, this will help to continue to maintain Cochrane as a preferred place to reside
- Sounds like everything is related to HOA, and the bylaws will be used to enforce unreasonable standards in a economic turn down. ???????
- The town should also look at putting signage on the hills coming into town regarding the use of retarder brakes on the large trucks. This has become a real noise problem on the hwy 22 coming into Cochrane.
- Fair and clear.
- Is the 10% snow removal property tax a penalty? If not, I do not agree with 10% being added to my property tax for snow removal. Taxes are ridiculous as it is, not to mention we are still paying higher water tax for something that wasn't our fault in the first place.
- As far as the noise bylaw, I agree, the times need to change but what is the point if the construction company can just submit for an exemption. In the 3 yrs I have lived here no one has kept the bylaw. I have had workers anywhere from 6am to 12am, flood lights shining in my bedroom window all night and generators running outside my kids bedroom windows. Either make a bylaw and stick to it or forget it.
- The only good change is the change to construction hours though it would be more preferable to instead of cutting 2 hours off on Sundays and holidays in the evening making it start a hour later

and finish a hour esrlie not start at the same time but finish 2 hours early so that mornings are easier to sleep in for shift workers coming off of night shifts living across from construction

- Is the heavy vehicle idling law going to apply to Trains?
- We need a bylaw about street parking to prevent people from parking 2+ vehicles on streets when they park 0 on their property. There is no where for visitors to park in my community of Riversong. The parking is actually now a bullying tactic neighbours use against eachother. Related noise, we need regulations of the decibels in which should come from a property. In the summer children scream at the top of their lungs all day. It imposes on my place of business when it is from the neighboring house. If people are asked to tone it down they refer to bylaws claiming they don't need to consider anyone else.