



# Request for Decision

Title	Animal Control Bylaw (ACB) 2025-04: Second Reading
Date	July 9, 2025
Presented By:	Barry Kolenosky, Chief Administrative Officer
Attachments	Updated Proposed Animal Control Bylaw (ACB), Bylaw 2025-04: DRAFT-Clean Copy Existing Animal Control Bylaw 2021-11

Proposed Motion	That Council moves to give second reading to the Animal Control Bylaw 2025-04, as amended.
Administrations Recommendation(s)	As above

## BACKGROUND

Over the course of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) alignment and amendment project, the keeping of animals has been one of several topics reviewed by the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River (the "MD"). Administration and Council has acknowledged existing regulations and various challenges and concerns expressed throughout the process, while conducting extensive research, public engagement, and review with planning and legal experts. Numerous strategic sessions with Council have been held while administration has continued to review and update existing processes and documents, including the preparation of new planning tools that can be used to properly guide development within the Community. This has been a balancing act, while ensuring all of the legislation and competing factors have been addressed. The ultimate goal has been to provide comprehensive solutions to ensure responsible animal husbandry throughout the MD. This includes the promotion of best management practices and adherence to existing legislation to ensure the safety, health and welfare of people, Animals, and the environment.

During the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting held March 12, 2025, Administration presented an updated (draft) Animal Control Bylaw (ACB), for Council's review. The document as presented at this meeting incorporated Council's previous direction and focused on updating definitions and overall content to ensure clarity, alignment with legislation, and overall alignment of all related MD documents. During this same meeting, a motion was made to bring forward the updated draft ACB, inclusive of legal review, to the next Regular Council meeting. During the March 26, 2025 Council meeting, the ACB was brought back to Council and the bylaw received its first reading.

Since then, administration has continued to receive comments from the public and has made further revisions as requested by Council. The clean, updated copy has been provided for Council's reference. Administration is recommending that Council provides the second reading for the Animal Control Bylaw 2025-04, as amended and presented.

Throughout the bylaw update process, administration has prepared and provided enhanced communication regarding the bylaw revisions, new policies, information packages, and all other related content pertaining to the animal topics and overall MDP/LUB updates. The MD plans to host a series of orientation workshops in the fall of 2025 to help residents, developers and other stakeholder groups understand, adopt, and begin putting the new legislation into practice.

The remaining steps for rolling out the new MDP/LUB/ACB framework are listed below. All dates indicated remain

tentative, and are subject to change to accommodate scheduling conflicts, competing priorities, or the need for final refinements:

July 2025:

- Public release of draft documents, following second readings
- Enhanced education and communication activities including MD website updates

August 2025:

- Council's final readings of draft Animal Control Bylaw (ACB), MDP & LUB (tentatively August 13, 2025)

Fall of 2025:

- Schedule and host community workshops

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