



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*Barrhead....a quality community....giving a quality lifestyle*

Present

Others Present

Regret

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Agenda (Additions - Deletions)
3. Confirmation of Minutes
  - (a) Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021
4. Public Hearings
  - (a) There are no Public Hearings
5. Delegations
  - (a) Delegation at 5:30 p.m. – Sergeant Bob Dodds of the local RCMP detachment
6. Old Business
  - (a) There is no Old Business
7. New Business
  - (a) There is no New Business

8. Reports

- (a) Barrhead Cares Coalition
- (b) Barrhead & District Social Housing Association
- (c) Chamber of Commerce
- (d) Community Futures Yellowhead East
- (e) Family & Community Support Services Society
- (f) Library Board

9. Minutes

- (a) There are no Minutes

10. Bylaw

- (a) Proposed new Bylaw 04-2021, the Animal Control Bylaw

11. Correspondence Items

- (a) Letter from the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

12. For the Good of Council

13. Tabled Items

14. Closed Session

- (a) Pursuant to Section 24(1) Legal of the FOIP Act

15. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021,  
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT**

Mayor McKenzie, Crs: T. Assaf, D. Kluin, R. Klumph, S. Oswald, L. Penny and D. Smith

Officials: Ed LeBlanc, CAO, Kathy Vickery, Director of Corporate Services and Cheryl Callihoo, Director of Development & Legislative Services

Others: Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader

**ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed.

076-21

Moved by Cr. Klumph that the agenda be accepted with the following additions and deletions:

- 6(a) Chamber of Commerce Letter of Support for Businesses – Addition
- 8(a) Agricultural Society Report – Delete
- 8(b) Attraction & Retention Committee Report – Delete
- 8(a) Twinning Committee Update – Addition

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021, were reviewed.

077-21

Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION**

Mayor McKenzie and Council welcomed Mr. Steve Jack, Barrhead Regional Water Commission at 5:31 p.m.

Mr. Steve Jack discussed with Council the Barrhead Regional Water Commission's proposed amendments to Bylaw 2.

Council discussed the Barrhead Regional Water Commission and future vision of the Commission.

Council suggested that the Commission might take into consideration that our Water Treatment Plant become a training facility for future operators.

**EXITED**

Mayor McKenzie and Council thanked Mr. Steve Jack for his presentation and he exited the Chambers at 5:40 p.m.

078-21

Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council receives the presentation from Mr. Steve Jack, Barrhead Regional Water Commission, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR  
BUSINESSES**

The letter of support for the local business community in town from the Town of Barrhead and Chamber of Commerce, was received.

079-21                      Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council endorse the draft Letter of Support for businesses and forward the letter to the Province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION  
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION  
APPLICATIONS**

**EXITED**                      Mayor McKenzie declared a pecuniary interest pursuant to Section 172 of the MGA and vacated the Chambers at 5:45 p.m. Mayor McKenzie is involved with a community organization requesting tax exemption.

Cr. Assaf assumed the Chair.

The Community Organization Property Tax Exemption applications for registered Non-Profit organizations or groups, was received.

Ed LeBlanc, CAO advised Council and answered questions.

080-21                      Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council approve the 13 Non-Profit Community Organization Property Tax Exemption applications as indicated on the listing provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

081-21                      Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council pursuant to Section 17 of AR281/1988 waive the annual application process for the 13 Non-Profit Community Organizations on the listing provided for a period of 3 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RE-ENTERED**              Mayor McKenzie re-entered the Chambers at 5:50 p.m. and assumed the Chair from Cr. Assaf.

**PURCHASE OF A NEW  
GARBAGE TRUCK**

The authorization to purchase a new garbage truck, was received.

Ed LeBlanc, CAO reviewed with Council and answered questions.

082-21                      Moved by Cr. Smith that Council approves the purchase of a new 2021 Heil Odyssey Half Pack Residential Refuse Truck on a 2021 Peterbilt 520-unit chassis in the amount of \$389,900.00 (G.S.T. excluded).

083-21                      Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council authorize the disposal of the 2012 International garbage truck at a public auction, vendor to be at the discretion of Administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
SPECIAL BALLOT**

For Council to provide direction in respect to offering Special Ballots during the October 18, 2021 General Municipal Election, was received.

084-21 Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council approves that Special Ballots be made available to residents unable to vote at a voting station during the October 18, 2021 general municipal election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPOINTING OFFICERS FOR  
THE 2021 GENERAL MUNICIPAL  
ELECTION**

Appointing Officers for the 2021 General Municipal Election, was received.

085-21 Moved by Cr. Penny that Council appoints Cheryl Callihoo as Returning Officer and Kathy Vickery as Substitute Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the 2021 General Municipal Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL  
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD  
AND THE COMPOSITE  
ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Capital Regional Assessment Services Commission (CRASC) to appoint the Assessment Review Board Members, was received.

086-21 Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council appoints Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, and Richard Knowles to the Town of Barrhead's Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

087-21 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Council appoints Raymond Ralph as the Chairman of the Town of Barrhead's Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

088-21 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Council appoints Richard Barham as the Assessment Review Board Clerk to the Town of Barrhead's Local Assessment Review Board and the Composite Assessment Review Board, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MONTHLY BANK  
STATEMENT**

The Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended February 28, 2021, was received.

089-21 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Council approve the Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended February 28, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DEFERRED 2021 PROPERTY  
TAX PAYMENT PLAN**

Council to provide direction to Administration in the preparation of a Property Tax Installment Plan Bylaw for 2021, was received.

090-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council instructs Administration to prepare a Property Tax Installment Plan Bylaw and present it during a future Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS TO  
COUNCIL**

The following Reports to Council as of March 9, 2021, were reviewed:

- Twinning Committee
- CAO's Report
- Council Action List

091-21 Moved by Cr. Oswald that the Twinning Committee Report to Council as of March 9, 2021, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

092-21 Moved by Cr. Kluin that the CAO's Report to Council as of March 9, 2021, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

093-21 Moved by Cr. Kluin that the Council Action List to Council as of March 9, 2021, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**BYLAW 03-2021, THE  
TRAFFIC BYLAW**

Proposed Bylaw 03-2021, the Traffic Bylaw, was presented.

Cr. Klumph would like 5.1 C to remain in the Bylaw. Discussion took place.

094-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council give Bylaw 03-2021, the Traffic Bylaw, first reading as presented with the amendment to Schedule "B", showing no parking along 55A Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

095-21 Moved by Cr. Kluin that Council give Bylaw 03-2021, the Traffic Bylaw, second reading as presented with the amendment to Schedule "B", showing no parking along 55A Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

096-21 Moved by Cr. Penny that Council give Bylaw 03-2021, the Traffic Bylaw, be presented for third reading as presented with the amendment to Schedule "B", showing no parking along 55A Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

097-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council give Bylaw 03-2021, the Traffic Bylaw, third reading as presented with the amendment to Schedule "B", showing no parking along 55A Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE  
ITEM**

The following correspondence item was reviewed:

Letter from the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, dated March 1, 2021, regarding the President's Summit on Policing in Alberta.

098-21 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council accepts the letter from the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, dated March 1, 2021, regarding the President's Summit on Policing in Alberta, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

099-21 Moved by Mayor McKenzie that Council instruct Administration to send a letter in favour of retaining the RCMP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED SESSION –  
FOIP ACT SECTION 16**

100-21 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council go in closed session at 6:22 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

101-21 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council come out of closed session at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECESSED**

102-21 Moved by Cr. Smith to recess the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECONVENED**

103-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf to reconvene the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CLOSED SESSION –  
FOIP ACT SECTION 16**

104-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council go in closed session at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

105-21 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council come out of closed session at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

106-21 Moved by Cr. Smith that Council increase the Summer Ice Rental Fees by \$20.00/hour (GST excluded) for 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

107-21 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council bring the proposed Summer Ice Rental Rates for 2022 back to Council by November 30, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURN**

108-21                      Moved by Cr. Smith that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

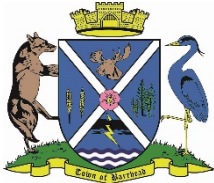
**TOWN OF BARRHEAD**

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Mayor, David McKenzie

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CAO, Edward LeBlanc



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Edward LeBlanc, CAO

**cc:** File

**Date:** March 23, 2021

**Re:** 5:30 p.m. Delegation

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## **1.0 PURPOSE:**

Sergeant Dodds of the local RCMP detachment will be present to discuss and review the January to February: 2017 – 2021 Crime Statistics Report along with discussing Council's priorities for the pending RCMP's annual performance plan.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

In the past, Sergeant Dodds would attend a Council Meeting to present the RCMP's Crime Statistics Report and obtain Council's feedback and priorities for the upcoming year to assist in the preparation of the annual RCMP's annual performance plan.

## **3.0 ALTERNATIVES:**

- 3.1 That Council accepts the January to February: 2017 – 2021 Crime Statistics Report from Sergeant Dodds of the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment, along with the presentation, as information, and further:
  - a) Provide the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment with Council's priorities relating to the RCMP's annual Performance Plan.
- 3.2 That Council request the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment to provide further information and bring back a report at the next Council Meeting.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**5.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**6.0 SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**7.0 POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Limited

**8.0 ATTACHMENTS:**

8.1 Letter from Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment dated March 23, 2021

8.2 Comparison crime statistics of the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment – January to February: 2017-2021.

**9.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the January to February: 2017 – 2021 Crime Statistics Report from Sergeant Dodds of the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment, along with the presentation, as information, and further:

- a) Provide the Barrhead Provincial RCMP Detachment with Council's priorities relating to the RCMP's annual Performance Plan.

(Original signed by the CAO)

Edward LeBlanc  
CAO

**Town of Barrhead**  
**March 23, 2021 1730 Hrs**

**Annual Performance Planning:**

The detachment is seeking input from the communities we serve regarding the priorities they feel the RCMP should focus on in the coming year. Historically we hear the community ask for "visibility of police" and anticipate that this priority will continue moving forward. We are also seeking one or two more priorities to focus on. In past years we have worked to reduce property offences, focused on traffic safety and looked to increase drug enforcement. You will find attached our current crime statistics as well as stats for calendar 2020 and you will note that stats are coming down in nearly every category. This may affect your priorities for the coming year.

We will be approaching the County of Barrhead and Woodlands County in coming weeks seeking the same input. We have also reached out to the community through BARCC requesting priorities and seeking questions they would like answered.

**Crime Statistics:**

We have provided six pages of stats for your review. Pages 1 and 2 are the stats for January/February for the entire detachment area with a five year comparison. Pages 3 and 4 are for the same period and reflect the stats for just the Town of Barrhead as opposed to the entire detachment area. Pages 5 and 6 are for the entire area for calendar year 2020 with a five year comparison.

**Staffing:**

We are presently fully staffed at the constable level and have one surplus member on assignment from Westlock Traffic. We have one member on PAT leave and are training a New Member recently arrived from Depot. One member is just entering the transfer process and we anticipate receiving another New Member from Depot later this year to fill that pending vacancy.

We recently learned that Cpl. Fil Vicente will be joining us from Westlock Detachment. Cpl. Leigh Drinkwater had been transferred to Barrhead but was unable to sell his house in Vegreville and his transfer was cancelled. Fil will be able to join us and commute until his house sells so I anticipate him starting with us in May when his replacement arrives. If Fil's name looks familiar that is because he is married to Cst. Karen Vicente, our School Resource Officer.



(R.W. Dodds)Sgt.

NCO i/c Barrhead Detachment, RCMP



## Barrhead Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to February: 2017 - 2021

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

March-03-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		0	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
Robbery		0	0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.3
Sexual Assaults		1	0	0	4	2	100%	-50%	0.6
Other Sexual Offences		3	0	0	4	4	33%	0%	0.6
Assault		13	13	17	16	11	-15%	-31%	-0.1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	3	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.3
Extortion		1	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.3
Criminal Harassment		1	8	8	5	3	200%	-40%	0.1
Uttering Threats		8	5	8	12	2	-75%	-83%	-0.5
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-45%</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Break & Enter		5	22	9	13	10	100%	-23%	0.1
Theft of Motor Vehicle		7	16	6	4	3	-57%	-25%	-2.0
Theft Over \$5,000		1	0	2	2	2	100%	0%	0.4
Theft Under \$5,000		21	27	41	39	19	-10%	-51%	0.8
Possn Stn Goods		6	8	4	4	2	-67%	-50%	-1.2
Fraud		1	5	5	9	13	1200%	44%	2.8
Arson		0	2	1	3	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		0	0	0	6	10	N/A	67%	2.6
Mischief - Other		12	10	15	2	2	-83%	0%	-2.8
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Offensive Weapons		4	5	0	2	2	-50%	0%	-0.7
Disturbing the peace		1	2	4	4	2	100%	-50%	0.4
Fail to Comply & Breaches		20	23	25	18	8	-60%	-56%	-2.9
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-42%</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>-2.5</b>



## Barrhead Provincial Detachment

### Crime Statistics (Actual)

January to February: 2017 - 2021

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

March-03-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		9	6	2	3	3	-67%	0%	-1.5
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	4	1	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.6
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Drugs</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		3	1	0	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-77%</b>	<b>-40%</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Liquor Act		2	1	4	3	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Cannabis Act		0	0	2	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mental Health Act		10	25	17	12	11	10%	-8%	-1.1
Other Provincial Stats		12	12	15	20	31	158%	55%	4.6
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic		1	0	1	0	1	0%	N/A	0.0
Municipal By-laws		0	1	3	1	5	N/A	400%	1.0
<b>Total Municipal</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>500%</b>	<b>500%</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Fatals		0	0	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		6	3	5	4	1	-83%	-75%	-0.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		70	65	65	54	52	-26%	-4%	-4.7
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		2	4	8	3	3	50%	0%	0.1
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>634%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>61.3</b>
Other Traffic		2	1	3	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.3
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-62%</b>	<b>-38%</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		19	20	11	9	3	-84%	-67%	-4.3
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		12	21	19	20	14	17%	-30%	0.3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		24	25	42	33	30	25%	-9%	2.0
Persons Reported Missing		3	4	3	4	4	33%	0%	0.2
Search Warrants		0	1	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.0
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		10	6	8	9	8	-20%	-11%	-0.1
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	1	1	N/A	0%	0.3



## Barrhead Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January: 2017 - 2021

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

February-08-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Robbery		0	0	0	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Sexual Assaults		1	0	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.2
Other Sexual Offences		3	0	0	1	2	-33%	100%	-0.1
Assault		8	3	7	6	3	-63%	-50%	-0.7
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		0	1	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Extortion		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Criminal Harassment		1	6	5	2	0	-100%	-100%	-0.6
Uttering Threats		1	3	3	8	1	0%	-88%	0.5
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>-67%</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Break & Enter		4	10	6	5	4	0%	-20%	-0.5
Theft of Motor Vehicle		2	10	5	2	1	-50%	-50%	-1.0
Theft Over \$5,000		1	0	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
Theft Under \$5,000		8	14	29	25	7	-13%	-72%	0.9
Possn Stn Goods		4	6	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-1.3
Fraud		0	3	1	3	4	N/A	33%	0.8
Arson		0	1	0	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mischief - Damage To Property		0	0	0	3	2	N/A	-33%	0.7
Mischief - Other		6	3	8	1	2	-67%	100%	-1.0
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-53%</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Offensive Weapons		1	4	0	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.5
Disturbing the peace		1	1	2	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Fail to Comply & Breaches		13	15	13	8	4	-69%	-50%	-2.5
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-75%</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-69%</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-44%</b>	<b>-59%</b>	<b>-5.5</b>



## Crime Statistics (Actual)

January: 2017 - 2021

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

February-08-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 2017 - 2021	% Change 2020 - 2021	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		3	5	0	1	2	-33%	100%	-0.6
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		1	3	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Drugs</b>		4	8	0	1	2	-50%	100%	-1.1
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Federal - General		2	1	0	0	0	-100%	N/A	-0.5
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		6	9	0	1	2	-67%	100%	-1.6
Liquor Act		0	0	3	2	0	N/A	-100%	0.2
Cannabis Act		0	0	1	1	0	N/A	-100%	0.1
Mental Health Act		4	15	5	7	7	75%	0%	-0.2
Other Provincial Stats		5	7	6	8	14	180%	75%	1.9
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		9	22	15	18	21	133%	17%	2.0
Municipal By-laws Traffic		0	0	0	0	1	N/A	N/A	0.2
Municipal By-laws		0	1	1	1	3	N/A	200%	0.6
<b>Total Municipal</b>		0	1	1	1	4	N/A	300%	0.8
Fatals		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Injury MVC		3	2	3	2	2	-33%	0%	-0.2
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		43	39	30	23	27	-37%	17%	-4.8
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		2	2	6	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.3
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		48	43	39	26	30	-38%	15%	-5.3
Roadside Suspension - Alcohol (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Roadside Suspension - Drugs (Prov)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
<b>Total Provincial Traffic</b>		23	22	95	144	122	430%	-15%	32.0
Other Traffic		1	0	1	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.1
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		6	6	6	3	2	-67%	-33%	-1.1
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		11	11	7	6	1	-91%	-83%	-2.5
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		5	10	7	10	4	-20%	-60%	-0.2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		9	12	16	8	12	33%	50%	0.2
Persons Reported Missing		1	3	0	2	4	300%	100%	0.5
Search Warrants		0	1	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.1
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		3	2	2	4	4	33%	0%	0.4
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0



## Barrhead Provincial Detachment Crime Statistics (Actual) January to December: 2016 - 2020

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January-04-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2016 - 2020	% Change 2019 - 2020	Avg File +/- per Year
Homicides & Offences Related to Death		1	1	4	1	0	-100%	-100%	-0.2
Robbery		5	2	2	6	6	20%	0%	0.6
Sexual Assaults		20	11	13	8	16	-20%	100%	-1.1
Other Sexual Offences		6	18	8	7	11	83%	57%	-0.1
Assault		106	115	81	78	89	-16%	14%	-7.1
Kidnapping/Hostage/Abduction		1	0	4	6	3	200%	-50%	1.0
Extortion		2	3	9	6	1	-50%	-83%	0.1
Criminal Harassment		34	26	23	37	17	-50%	-54%	-2.3
Uttering Threats		43	43	44	28	45	5%	61%	-1.1
<b>TOTAL PERSONS</b>		<b>218</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
Break & Enter		81	84	125	138	125	54%	-9%	14.2
Theft of Motor Vehicle		75	106	75	81	75	0%	-7%	-2.5
Theft Over \$5,000		17	18	23	21	20	18%	-5%	0.9
Theft Under \$5,000		232	259	244	242	179	-23%	-26%	-12.3
Possn Stn Goods		24	34	46	75	59	146%	-21%	11.1
Fraud		72	46	36	46	38	-47%	-17%	-6.8
Arson		3	4	9	12	11	267%	-8%	2.4
Mischief To Property		107	110	79	95	63	-41%	-34%	-10.3
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>		<b>611</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
Offensive Weapons		29	18	24	17	15	-48%	-12%	-2.9
Disturbing the peace		25	24	24	26	27	8%	4%	0.6
Fail to Comply & Breaches		150	169	120	137	99	-34%	-28%	-13.4
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>255</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>-16.0</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE</b>		<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>-29.5</b>



## Barrhead Provincial Detachment

### Crime Statistics (Actual)

January to December: 2016 - 2020

All categories contain "Attempted" and/or "Completed"

January-04-21

CATEGORY	Trend	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2016 - 2020	% Change 2019 - 2020	Avg File +/- per Year
Drug Enforcement - Production		0	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A	0.0
Drug Enforcement - Possession		32	38	28	26	34	6%	31%	-0.8
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking		21	10	8	9	10	-52%	11%	-2.3
Drug Enforcement - Other		0	2	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	-0.2
<b>Total Drugs</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
Cannabis Enforcement		0	0	0	4	0	N/A	-100%	0.4
Federal - General		2	14	8	9	6	200%	-33%	0.3
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
Liquor Act		19	12	23	25	34	79%	36%	4.3
Cannabis Act		0	0	2	11	9	N/A	-18%	2.9
Mental Health Act		67	62	112	93	123	84%	32%	14.3
Other Provincial Stats		131	123	120	132	169	29%	28%	8.5
<b>Total Provincial Stats</b>		<b>217</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30.0</b>
Municipal By-laws Traffic		2	2	1	1	1	-50%	0%	-0.3
Municipal By-laws		42	40	44	35	47	12%	34%	0.5
<b>Total Municipal</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Fatals		0	0	0	1	2	N/A	100%	0.5
Injury MVC		38	34	25	27	12	-68%	-56%	-5.9
Property Damage MVC (Reportable)		377	377	375	382	302	-20%	-21%	-14.5
Property Damage MVC (Non Reportable)		38	22	23	29	23	-39%	-21%	-2.3
<b>TOTAL MVC</b>		<b>453</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>-22.2</b>
Provincial Traffic		295	270	1,020	937	1,296	339%	38%	266.9
Other Traffic		3	11	13	11	9	200%	-18%	1.2
<b>Criminal Code Traffic</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>13.3</b>
<b>Common Police Activities</b>									
False Alarms		178	143	124	77	45	-75%	-42%	-33.2
False/Abandoned 911 Call and 911 Act		121	136	133	170	123	2%	-28%	3.8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property		187	206	210	405	288	54%	-29%	40.1
Persons Reported Missing		23	30	32	26	30	30%	15%	1.0
Search Warrants		5	5	4	2	4	-20%	100%	-0.5
Spousal Abuse - Survey Code (Reported)		117	61	50	58	55	-53%	-5%	-12.7
Form 10 (MHA) (Reported)		0	0	0	0	9	N/A	N/A	1.8

## Barrhead Provincial Crime Gauge

2021 vs. 2020  
January to February

### Criminal Code Offences



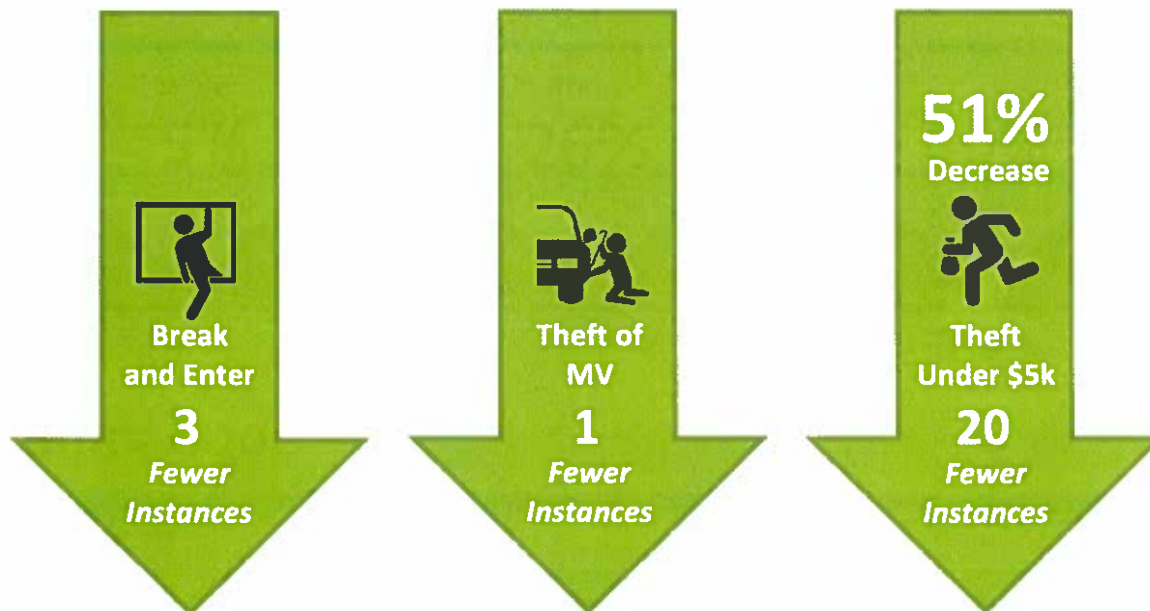
**Total  
Criminal Code  
Offences:**

**34%**

**Decrease**

When compared to  
January to February, 2020

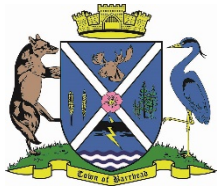
### Select Property Crime



**NOTE:** If in both 2020 and 2021 a category had fewer than 20 offences, a percent change is not shown.  
All numbers without a '%' beside them represent counts.

**COUNCIL REPORTS  
AS OF MARCH 23, 2021**

		Meeting (since last council)
Agricultural Society	Cr. Klumph (Alt. Cr. Oswald)	_____
Attraction & Retention Committee	Cr. Penny	_____
Barrhead Accessibility Coalition	Cr. Kluin	_____
Barrhead Cares Coalition	Cr. Kluin	_____X_____
Barrhead & Area Regional Crime Coalition (BARCC)	Mayor McKenzie	_____
Barrhead & District Social Housing Association	Cr. Penny	_____X_____
Barrhead Fire Services Committee	Cr. Assaf and Cr. Smith (Alt. Cr. Kluin)	_____
Barrhead Regional Airport Committee	Mayor McKenzie (Alt. Cr. Assaf)	_____
Barrhead Regional Water Commission	Mayor McKenzie and Cr. Smith	_____
Capital Region Assessment Services Commission	Cr. Penny	_____
Chamber of Commerce	Cr. Assaf	_____X_____
Community Futures Yellowhead East	Cr. Penny (Alt. Cr. Assaf)	_____X_____
Economic Development Committee	Committee of the Whole	_____
Enhanced Policing School Resource Officer Committee	Cr. Oswald (Alt. Mayor McKenzie)	_____
Family & Community Support Services Society	Cr. Kluin and Cr. Penny	_____X_____
Library Board	Cr. Klumph (Alt. Cr. Oswald)	_____X_____
Municipal Planning Commission	Cr. Assaf, Cr. Klumph and Cr. Smith (Alt. Mayor McKenzie)	_____
Regional Landfill Committee	Cr. Klumph and Cr. Penny	_____
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	Cr. Penny	_____
Twinning Committee	Cr. Oswald	_____
Yellowhead Regional Library Board	Cr. Klumph (Alt. Cr. Penny)	_____



Item No. 10(a)

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Edward LeBlanc, CAO

**cc:** File

**Date:** March 23, 2021

**Re:** Proposed new Animal Control Bylaw 04-2021

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## **1.0 Purpose:**

For Council to pass all three readings to Bylaw 04-2021, Animal Control Bylaw.

## **2.0 Background and Discussion:**

The Town's Enforcement Services Department along with our Director of Legislative Services undertook a review of the Town's existing Animal Control Bylaw. Based on their review, Administration is submitting recommendations on several "house-keeping" amendments.

The attached draft Bylaw 04-2021 has the suggested additions highlighted in yellow while the proposed deletions are seen with a ~~striketrough~~.

## **3.0 Alternatives:**

- 3.1 Council pass all three readings to Bylaw 04-2021, the Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.
- 3.2 Council tables the draft Bylaw 04-2021, the Animal Control Bylaw and instructs Administration to provide further information and bring back the information at the next Council Meeting.

## **4.0 Financial Implications:**

Limited.

## **5.0 Interdepartmental Implications:**

Not applicable.

**6.0    Senior Government Implications:**

Not applicable.

**7.0    Political/Public Implications:**

Not applicable

**8.0    Attachments:**

8.1    Draft Bylaw 04-2021, the Animal Control Bylaw

**9.0    Recommendations**

Council pass all three readings to Bylaw 04-2021, the Animal Control Bylaw, as presented.

(Original signed by the CAO)  
Edward LeBlanc  
CAO

**BYLAW NO 04-2021**

**THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW**

**A Bylaw of the Town of Barrhead, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of regulating and controlling of animals within the Town.**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Barrhead has deemed it desirable, expedient and in the best interest of developing and maintaining a safe and viable community to pass a Bylaw to control and regulate the ownership and activities of animals within the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Town of Barrhead, in the Province of Alberta, in an open meeting hereby enacts as follows:

**1. TITLE**

This Bylaw shall be referred to as the “Animal Control Bylaw”.

**2. DEFINITIONS:**

In this Bylaw:

- a) **“Animal”** means any animal, feral or domesticated.
- b) **“Animal Shelter”** means the premises designated by the Town of Barrhead for the impoundment and care of dogs and cats, includes but not limited to premises provided by a veterinary clinic or independent contractor under contract to the Town to provide an animal shelter.
- c) **“CAO”** means the Chief Administrative Officer or designate of the Town of Barrhead.
- d) **“Cat”** means a male or female of the feline species.
- e) **“Council”** means the Council of the municipal corporation of the Town of Barrhead.
- f) **“Dangerous Dog”** means any Dog, regardless of age, whether on public or private property, which has:
  - (i) without provocation, chased, injured, or bitten another animal or human, or
  - (ii) without provocation destroyed any public or private property that is not the owners, or
  - (iii) without provocation threatened or created the reasonable apprehension of a threat to a human, another domestic animal, which in the opinion of the Animal Control Office, or Peace Officer, presents a serious threat of serious harm to humans, other domestic animals.
- g) **“Dog”** means a male or female of the canine species and includes all canine hybrids such as a canine species crossed between a wolf or coyote.
- h) **“Former Owner”** means the person who at the time of impoundment was the owner of the animal.
- i) **“Housed and Confined”** means to confine a female dog or female cat during the whole period of time that such dog or cat is in heat in such a manner that the dog or cat will not be a source of attraction to the other dogs or cats.
- j) **“License Tag”** means an identification tag issued by the Town in accordance with the provision of this bylaw.
- k) **“Livestock”** means those animals which have been domesticated for and are associated with agriculture or ranching including but not limited to horses, ponies, cattle, chickens, birds, sheep, swine, goats and mules, but excluding cats and dogs.
- l) **“Municipal Tag”** means a ticket alleging an offence issued pursuant to the authority of a bylaw of the Town.
- m) **“Off-Leash Area”** means, an area designated and signed by Town Administration where Owners may legally have their Dog At Large and unleashed or leashed.
- n) **“Owner”** means
  - a. a person who has care, charge, custody, possession or control of an animal;
  - b. a person to whom a license was issued for the animal;
  - c. a person who harbours, shelters, permits or allows an animal to remain in or about a person’s land or premises.
- o) **“Peace Officer”** has the same meaning as the Provincial Offence Procedures Act, as amended.
- p) **“Permitted Leash”** means a humane and reasonably employed restraint adequate to control the dog or cat it is used on, and which shall not exceed three (3) meters in length
- q) **“Person”** includes a corporation, an individual, and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of an individual.

- r) **“Running At Large”** means a dog or cat found on any public land within the Town of Barrhead or on private property without the consent of the landowner or occupant thereof and is not controlled by a any person by means of a leash or other similar devise for that purpose.
- s) **“Service Dog”** has the same meaning as defined in the Service Dogs Act, as amended.
- t) **“Violation Ticket”** means a ticket issued pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedure Act as amended.

### 3. **QUANTITY OF ANIMALS**

- (a) No person residing within the Town shall keep or harbour more than two (2) dogs and /or three (3) cats for a total of five (5) animals of whatever sex, aged six (6) months or more at the same time in any house, shelter, room or place within the Town.
- (b) This Section shall not apply to premises lawfully used for the care and treatment of dogs or cats or other animals operated by and in charge of a licensed veterinarian, nor to premises for which permission has been granted by the Town for temporary use for the purpose of a dog or cat show, nor to any person who has been granted a permit to operate a kennel within the Town.

### 4. **REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING**

- (a) All dogs or cats within the Town aged six (6) months or more must be licensed.
- (b) The owner of a dog or cat shall obtain an annual license for each dog or cat that he/she owns and pay the required fee as set out in Schedule “B”, attached to this Bylaw.
- (c) The owner is required to obtain the license tag on the first business day of January each year, or on the first business day after which he/she becomes the owner of the dog or cat.
- (d) The owner shall ensure that the license is secured to the dog or cat, by means of a collar or harness, when the dog or cat is off the premises of the owner.
- (e) The license is issued for the calendar year and no refunds shall be issued for reason of the death of the dog or cat, change of ownership, or moving.
- (f) The provision of section (a) shall not apply to the following:
  - (i) dogs or cats accompanying a person temporarily in Town on business or vacation for a period not exceeding 14 days;
  - (ii) holders of a valid development permit issued under the Land Use Bylaw for a kennel;
  - (iii) service dogs as defined in the Service Dogs Act;
  - (iv) police dogs.

### 5. **AT LARGE:**

- (a) The owner of a dog or cat shall not permit or otherwise allow the dog or cat to run at large within the jurisdiction of the Town.
- (b) Any dog or cat left in a vehicle off the premises of the owner shall be deemed to be at large unless the animal is contained within an enclosed portion of the vehicle or is securely fastened within and unable to exit that vehicle to any area surrounding the said vehicle.

### 6. **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER:**

- (a) The owner of a dog shall not permit the animal to be or become a public nuisance by:
  - (i) threatening, biting, and chasing any person;
  - (ii) biting, threatening, barking at and worrying or chasing livestock, bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles;
  - (iii) barking, howling, or otherwise disturbing any person;
  - (iv) causing damage or injury to property or other animals.
- (b) The owner of a dog or cat who permits their animal to defecate on property other than their own shall immediately remove any matter deposited.
- (c) The owner of a female dog or cat, which is in heat shall keep the animal housed and confined.
- (d) The owner of a dog or cat who allows such dog or cat to upset waste receptacles or scatter the contents in and about a lane, street or other public or private property or in and about premises belonging to the owner of the animal is guilty of an offence.

## **7. DANGEROUS DOG:**

- (a) If a Peace Officer determines on reasonable grounds, that a dog is dangerous, either through personal observation or on the basis of facts determined after an investigation initiated by a complaint, he/she may:
  - (i) give the owner of a dog written notice that the dog has been determined to be a dangerous dog and keep a record of notice on file at the Town office, with the name and address of the owner as well as a description of the dangerous dog for future reference;
  - (ii) require the owner to keep such a dog at all times while on the owner's property confined and secure by way of fence, enclosure or securely tethered in a manner that will not allow the dog to bite or harm any person or animal and not allow the dog outside the owner's property unless such a dog is on a leash held and under the control of the owner or another responsible person with the owner's consent;
  - (iii) inform the owner that if the dog is not confined in accordance with this bylaw the owner will be fined or subject to enforcement action pursuant to this bylaw;
  - (iv) require the dog to be muzzled when off the owner's property, with exceptions for bona fide dog shows or while on duty in an enclosed area for which it is responsible to protect livestock, humans or property.
- (b) An owner of a dangerous dog is guilty of an offence if such a dog:
  - (i) is on any public property or other private property unless the dog is on a leash and under the control of the owner or another responsible person with the owner's consent;
  - (ii) threatens or attacks any person;
  - (iii) chases any person on a bicycle, or while walking or running; or
  - (v) attacks, harasses, injures or kills another animal.

## **8. DOGS IN OFF-LEASH AREAS:**

- (a) An owner of a dog is not required to have the dog on a leash in any area which has been designated as an "off-leash area" by the Town.
- (b) The owner of a dog in an "off-leash area" shall ensure that such dog is under control at all times.
- (c) A Peace Officer may order that a dog be put on a leash, and/or the dog be removed from an off-leash area;
  - i) if the dog has done any act that injures a person or another animal,
  - ii) chases or otherwise threatened a person, and
  - iii) causes damage to property
- (d) An owner who fails to restrain a dog on a leash and/or remove a dog from the off-leash area upon being directed to do so by the Peace Officer is guilty of an offence; and nothing in this section relieves a person from complying with any other provisions of this Bylaw.
- (e) No owner of a dangerous animal shall permit the animal to be in an off-leash area at any time.

## **9. PROHIBITED AREAS:**

- (a) The owner of a dog, cat or other animal shall not place or allow such dog, cat or other animal to enter or remain in any swimming, bathing or wading pool within the Town which is open to the public.

## **10. OBSTRUCTION:**

- (a) No person, whether or not they are the owner of a dog or cat which is being or has been pursued or captured, shall:
  - (i) Interfere with or attempt to obstruct an Peace Officer who is attempting to capture or has captured a dog or cat which is subject to being impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - (ii) Induce the dog or cat to enter a house or other place where it may be safe from capture or otherwise assist the dog to escape capture.
  - (iii) Falsely represent themselves as being in charge or control of a dog or cat so as to establish that the animal is not running at large.
  - (iv) Unlock or unlatch or otherwise open a vehicle in which dogs or cats seized for impoundment have been placed.
  - (v) Remove or attempt to remove a dog or cat from the possession or control of the Peace Officer.

## **11. OTHER CONTRAVENTIONS:**

- (a) No person shall:
  - (i) Untie, loosen or otherwise free a dog or cat which has been tied or otherwise restrained.
  - (ii) Negligently or wilfully open a gate, door, or other opening in a fence or enclosure in which a dog has been confined and thereby allow a dog to run at large within the Town.
  - (iii) Cause unnecessary suffering to a dog, cat or other animal by neglect or deprivation nor punish or abuse a dog, cat or other animal in a manner or to an extent that is cruel or unnecessary
- (b) No Person shall:
  - (i) Keep livestock within the Town limits except the following:
    - a) in a veterinary clinic or hospital or as part of a cultural, recreational or agricultural event (such as a. rodeo, fair, 4-H or similar event.); and
    - b) at the discretion of the CAO or Peace Officer, in the Urban Reserve District of the Land Use Bylaw, provided the lot size is 5 acres or greater.

## **12. AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND:**

- (a) A Peace Officer may capture and impound any dog or cat in respect of which they believe or have reasonable grounds to believe an offence under this Bylaw is being or has been committed.
- (b) A Peace Officer authorized by this Bylaw to enforce the provisions contained herein may enter onto the land surrounding any building in pursuit of any dog or cat which has been running at large and should the dog or cat attain the safety of its home, the owner, possessor or harboured may be charged for allowing the dog or cat to run at large whether the animal is captured by the Peace Officer or not.
- (c) Any person may seize a dog or cat found at large and deliver such dog or cat to a Peace Officer who, upon being satisfied that such dog or cat was at large, may deliver such dog or cat to the animal shelter for impoundment.

## **13. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER:**

- (a) It shall be the duty of the CAO to designate an animal shelter for the impounding and care of dogs cats or animals captured pursuant to this Bylaw, and the CAO is further authorized to make any such rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this Bylaw as it considers necessary for the conduct in regulating such an animal shelter.

## **14. RECLAIMING:**

- (a) The owner of any impounded dog may reclaim the dog or cat within seventy two (72) consecutive hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from time of impoundment by paying to the Town, all penalties and fees as authorized by Council under Schedules “A” and/or “B” contained within this Bylaw.

## **15. SALE OR DESTRUCTION:**

- (a) The animal shelter or peace officer may authorize the sale or destruction of a dog or cat in a humane manner after the dog or cat is retained for no less than seventy two (72) consecutive hours from the time of the impoundment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, unless the CAO or his representative orders the further retention or the destruction of the dog or cat, or the owner of the dog or cat makes arrangements with the animal shelter or peace officer for further retention of the dog or cat at the owners expense.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if in the opinion of the animal shelter or peace officer the animal appears to be a purebred animal or if it bears an obvious identification tattoo, brand, mark, tag or license, the applicable time limit under subsection (a) is 10 days after the date on which the animal was delivered.
- (c) An owner who voluntarily relinquishes ownership of his animals to the animal shelter shall be responsible for any and all costs of retention or destruction of the animals while in the care of the shelter. The Town shall not be responsible for any costs associated with the above.
- (d) The purchaser of the impounded dog or cat from the animal shelter pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw shall obtain full right and title to it and the right and title of the former owner of the dog or cat shall cease.
- (e) The animal shelter shall report any apparent illness, communicable disease, injury or unhealthy condition of any dog or cat to a veterinarian and act upon their recommendation. The owner, if known, shall be held responsible for all charges resulting.

16. **ENFORCEMENT:**

- (a) Where a Peace Officer believes that any person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, they may serve upon such person a Municipal Tag as provided by this section by:
  - (i) either personally or by leaving a copy for them at their last or most usual place of abode with some person present who is apparently at least 16 years of age, or
  - (ii) by mailing a copy to the owner by registered or certified mail to their last known post office address.
- (b) A person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than that established in this bylaw, and not exceeding \$10,000.00.
- (c) A Peace Officer who is duly authorized may choose to serve a Violation Ticket pursuant to the Provincial Offences Procedures Act RSA 2000 as amended upon any person the Peace Officer believes to be in contravention of any provision of this bylaw. A Violation Ticket may require a person to appear in court on a date specified, without the option of making a voluntary payment.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, a person to whom a Municipal Tag or a Violation Ticket has been issued” pursuant to this Section may exercise his right to defend any charge of committing a contravention of any of the provisions to this Bylaw.
- (e) The **CAO** ~~Municipal Manager~~, or designate may, at their discretion, revoke the penalties and/or fees as provided in Schedule "A" and release any dog or cat in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw to the owner.

17. **SUMMARY CONVICTION:**

- (a) The levying and payment of any fine in this Bylaw shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges or costs from which he is liable under the provisions of this Bylaw
- (b) If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that an offence is sufficiently serious, that the court may direct or order the person that owns, keeps, maintains or harbours a dog or cat to prevent such dog or cat from doing mischief or causing the disturbance or a nuisance complained of, or to have the animal removed from the Town, or to have the animal destroyed.

18. **SEVERABILITY PROVISION:**

- (a) It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is further the intention of Council that if any provisions of this Bylaw be declared invalid, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

19. **RESCIND:**

- (a) Bylaw 01-2013 is hereby rescinded.

Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Mayor, Dave McKenzie

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CAO, Edward LeBlanc

Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Read a third time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Mayor, Dave McKenzie

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CAO, Edward LeBlanc

**SCHEDULE "A"**

In lieu of prosecution the Town will accept the following payments.

**SPECIFIED PENALTIES**

OFFENCE	SECTION	PENALTY
Failure to hold a current dog or cat license	4	\$100.00 + License fee
<b>Dog or Cat At Large:</b>		
Unlicensed	5	<del>\$100.00</del> – increase to \$150.00
Licensed	5	<del>\$75.00</del> – increase to \$100.00
Dangerous Dog	5	<del>\$250.00</del> – increase to \$400.00
<b>Owner Responsibility</b>		
Unlicensed	6(a) (iii-iv), (b), (d)	\$200.00
Dog Bite	6 (a) (i-ii)	\$300.00
Licensed	6	\$150.00
Dangerous Dog	7(b)	\$500.00
Off Leash Areas	8	\$200.00
Prohibited Area	8	\$200.00
Obstruction	9	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	3, 10	\$100.00

*Contravention of any and each Bylaw provision:*

Second Offence within any twelve (12) month period	Double the above Penalties
Third and Subsequent Offence within any twelve (12) month period	Triple the above Penalties

**FEES**

Fees shall be computed as follows for each day of impoundment in the animal shelter, commencing the day of seizure, in respect of each dog or cat impounded:

Per Day	\$ 20.00
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**SCHEDULE “B”**

**RATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL DOG OR CAT LICENSE**

1. Each spayed/neutered dog or cat (documentation required)	\$ 8.00
2. Each unspayed/unneutered dog or cat	\$20.00
3. Service Dog	\$ NIL
4. Replacement of lost or destroyed dog tag	\$ 8.00



Item No. 11(a)

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Edward LeBlanc, CAO

**cc:** File

**Date:** March 23, 2021

**Re:** Correspondence Item

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**Item # 1** Response letter from the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, dated March 12, 2021, regarding the Town and Chamber of Commerce letter of support for local business.

Recommendation:

That Council accept the response letter from the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, dated March 12, 2021, regarding the Town and Chamber of Commerce letter of support for local business, as information.

(Original signed by the CAO)

Edward LeBlanc  
CAO



ALBERTA

JOBS, ECONOMY AND INNOVATION

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Calgary-Elbow*

March 12, 2021

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His Worship Dave McKenzie  
Mayor  
Town of Barrhead

Kristine Bryant  
Vice President  
Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce  
[JPederson@barrhead.ca](mailto:JPederson@barrhead.ca)

Dear Mayor McKenzie and Kristine Bryant,

Premier Jason Kenney shared your email regarding Alberta's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact on businesses. As the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, I appreciate this opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

There is still broad spread of COVID-19 across the entire province. However, the enhanced public health measures introduced in December 2020 appear to have slowed the rapid rate of growth we were experiencing. Alberta Health continues to evaluate the enhanced public health measures that were instituted in December. I assure you, these decisions were not taken lightly, and were based on the best, most up-to-date information and data.

We have introduced a clear, step-wise approach to easing public health restrictions that outlines when sectors are able to begin increasing activities. These steps and benchmarks will provide a transparent approach to easing restrictions for businesses and individuals, while at the same time protecting the health care system. Each step has an associated benchmark of COVID-19 impacts to our health care system. Changes to restrictions will be considered once a benchmark is reached. This stepped approach will only work if Albertans continue to follow existing health measures and make good choices to keep our numbers trending down.

The health and safety of Albertans is our top priority, and Alberta's government has started reopening by focusing on lower risk activities first. We want to slowly and safely relax restrictions, and avoid a rebound in disease so that businesses and operators are

not faced with the disruptive effect of opening and closing. For the full list of measures, please visit [www.alberta.ca/COVID19](http://www.alberta.ca/COVID19).

We recognize that Alberta employers and businesses are facing significant challenges and uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses have worked hard to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19. That is why Alberta's government has offered historic support for small and medium-sized businesses in our province.

On February 17, 2021, Alberta's government announced the new Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit. Businesses that can demonstrate a revenue reduction of 60 per cent or more will be eligible to receive 15 per cent of their monthly revenue, up to a maximum of \$10,000. The challenges associated with COVID-19 are ongoing, and this additional payment will provide even more immediate relief to Alberta's small businesses.

Payments under the Enhanced COVID-19 Business Benefit will be available in April 2021 following the conclusion of the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant program. Detailed information on program guidelines will be available closer to the launch date in April. For updates, please follow [www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx).

Small businesses can also seek free advice, coaching, and information on COVID-19 resources and supports through Business Link, which provides one-on-one guidance to Albertans who operate a small business. You can visit Business Link online at [www.businesslink.ca](http://www.businesslink.ca), or you can connect with a business strategist at 1-800-272-9675.

Alberta businesses are the heartbeat of our economy, and we promised our job creators that we would be there to support them throughout this pandemic. We will continue to evaluate the needs of Albertans.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doug Schweitzer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doug Schweitzer, Q.C.  
Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney  
Premier of Alberta