

COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 2 July 2025

Subject: Bill 50 - Impact on Code of Conduct Bylaws

Directorate: City Manager

Issue:

Council is being asked to accept the Report for information regarding impacts of Bill 50 on the City's Bylaws.

Policy / Council Direction:

There was no prior policy or Council direction for this agenda item.

Background:

As of May 15, 2025 the *Municipal Affairs Statute Amendment Act*, commonly referred to as Bill 50, came into effect. The *Municipal Affairs Statute Amendment Act* repeals all of the City's Code of Conduct bylaws and sections of bylaws that refer to the conduct of Council and members of Council Committees. The City and Council have no authority to regulate the conduct and behaviour of Councillors and Citizen Committee members within and outside of meetings and other City business. Council still has the authority to appoint and dismiss Citizen Committee members.

Five City of Airdrie bylaws will need to be updated due to the *Municipal Affairs Statute Amendment*. The Bylaws and specific sections can be found below. The *Municipal Affairs Statute Amendment* has made these sections null and void. Council does not need to formally amend or repeal these bylaws.

| Bylaw/ Policy No | Title | Repeal, Amend, No Change | Section(s) |
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| B-10/2024 | Procedure Bylaw | Amend | Sections - 3, 17(2), 74, 79, 80, 81, 82(1) |
| B-44/2022 | Citizen Members Code of Conduct | Repeal | All |
| B-43/2022 | Elected Officials Code of Conduct | Repeal | All |
| B-11/2024 | Committees Bylaw | Amend | Sections – 15, 20, 23, 24, 62. |

| B-07/2025 | Policing Committee | Amend | 28(1), 28(2), 28(4) |
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Municipal Affairs is currently working with municipalities across the province to develop a solution for the lack of Code of Conducts. Administration is actively reviewing and developing formal process to cover legislative gaps as a result of the Municipal Affairs Statute Amendment Act and will return to Council in the fall of 2025.

Council Committee Routed Through:

This agenda item was not routed through any Council Committee.

Administration Recommendation:

That Council accepts the Bill 50 Report for information.

Alternatives/Implications:

There are no alternatives to consider at this time.

Budget Implications:

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

Communications and Engagement:

No communication or engagement is associated with this report.

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the report entitled "Bill 50", for information.

Kallen Morrison, Legislative Officer II

Staff Presenter: Kallen Morrison

External Presenter: N/A

Department: Legislative Services Reviewed by: Karen Jiang, Charlotte Satink Attachments: #1: Abridged Police Committee Bylaw

#2: Abridged Citizen Member Bylaw #3: Abridged Procedure Bylaw