

Introducing the new Lakeland Municipal Enforcement Program

The District of Lakeland is making an important change to how we approach municipal enforcement.

Following a comprehensive review and feedback from community engagement, Council has made the decision to **formally discontinue the Community Safety Officer (CSO) program**. The program offered some important contributions, but we see greater opportunities to serve our residents by taking a new approach.

A New Direction: The Lakeland Municipal Enforcement Program

In its place, we will be launching the **Lakeland Municipal Enforcement Program**—a more focused and effective model that prioritizes proactive bylaw enforcement, public education, and increased officer visibility across the District.

Key features of the new program will include:

- **Regular Patrolling & Visibility**
Municipal Enforcement Officers will conduct consistent patrols throughout the District to maintain community standards and ensure a visible presence.
- **Proactive Bylaw Enforcement**
Officers will respond to complaints, conduct inspections, issue warnings, and, when necessary, deliver notices of violation or summons. Moving forward, enforcement will emphasize areas such as environmental protection and land use compliance.
- **Education & Outreach**
Public awareness is essential. Officers will work to educate residents and visitors on municipal bylaws to encourage voluntary compliance.
- **Collaboration with RCMP**
Officers will coordinate closely with the Prince Albert and Waskesiu RCMP Detachments, who remain our local law enforcement authority agency.

Why This Matters

This new enforcement model reflects our ongoing commitment to building a **safe, respectful, and environmentally responsible community**. It will allow us to:

- Respond more effectively to community priorities
- Ensure fair, consistent bylaw enforcement
- Improve safety and quality of life for all residents

Feedback from our recent **community engagement survey** indicates strong support for this direction.

Together, we're building a stronger, safer Lakeland.

FAQs Regarding CSO Program Discontinuation

1. What's the reason for the change?

After a comprehensive review of the CSO Program and feedback from community engagement, Council made the decision to formally discontinue the Community Safety Officer Program. The new municipal enforcement program will provide a greater benefit to our residents.

2. What did the comprehensive review show?

Both the review and our engagement study showed a new approach to education and enforcement would be of great benefit.

3. Who do we call for service for traffic safety concerns, break-ins, criminal activity, etc?

Please continue to contact the RCMP – if it is an emergency call 911, if it is not an emergency 310-RCMP

4. Who do we contact for noise complaints, bylaw infractions, dog complaints?

Please continue to call 306-982-4466

5. What changes can we expect?

We don't anticipate much change, RCMP will continue to provide service for the District and all municipal concerns will continue to be addressed by District of Lakeland staff. Under the Municipalities Act, staff have the authority to continue acting as bylaw enforcement officers.

6. What is the cost of the new change?

Projections show the new program will successfully operate at a significantly lower cost than the previous model.