



Council
June 27, 2022

OKOTOKS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FEES AND PENALTIES BYLAW ACCEPTANCE

Issue

The Okotoks Public Library Board's Fees and Penalties Bylaw 01-22 is provided to Council for review and acceptance.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Okotoks Public Library Board's Fees and Penalties Bylaw 01-22 be accepted.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The Okotoks Public Library Board recently undertook a full review of their bylaws and policies in order to bring them up to date and ensure alignment with the *Libraries Act*.

The review lead to the drafting of Fees and Penalties Bylaw 01-22 which was approved by the Library Board at their May 26, 2022.

Under the *Libraries Act*, library boards have the autonomy to write bylaws regarding the safety and use of library facilities, with acceptance by the municipal Council. The *Act* allows Council to accept the bylaw as provided or disallow it.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Excellence

Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements

Libraries Act

Libraries Regulation

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

As per the *Libraries Act* a municipal council may disallow a bylaw passed by a municipal board it has appointed, and may disallow a bylaw if they are not in keeping with comparable municipal bylaws.

CAO Comments

This is an interesting governance role of Council. Essentially the Library Board has complete autonomy for the decisions related to the library. Under the *Libraries Act*, a Municipal Council still has the role of acceptance/non-acceptance of their bylaws.

In review of this bylaw, it is consistent with good governance principles, reflecting the will of the Library Board and Administration recommends it for acceptance.

Attachment(s)

1. Library Board Bylaw 01-22
2. Government of Alberta Publication "Library Boards: Roles and Responsibilities"

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