
1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- 2.1 Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement - Blackfalds Town Council acknowledges that we are on Treaty Six Territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDAS**

- 3.1 Regular Agenda for February 11, 2025
3.2 Consent Agenda for February 11, 2025
- a) **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
 - b) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - o Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2025
 - c) **Council Reports**

None
 - d) **Administrative Reports**
 - o Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - January 2025
 - o Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - January 2025
 - e) **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - o Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2024
 - f) **Information**
 - o City of Lacombe Council Highlights - January 27, 2025
 - o Lacombe County Council Highlights - January 30, 2025
 - g) **Correspondence**
 - o Email from J. Morrison Re: Train Horn Cessation – February 7, 2025

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

5. **DELEGATION**

None

6. **BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Council Motion, CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps - *Councillor Appel*
(*Notice of Motion given at the January 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting*)
6.2 Request for Decision, Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee Update
6.3 Request for Decision, Planet Youth Initiative

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

8. **CONFIDENTIAL**

- 8.1 Sanitary Trunk Line - FOIP S. 24(1) - Advice From Officials
8.2 Diversity Awards 2025 Nominations - FOIP S. 29(1) - Information That Is Or Will Be Available To The Public

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Future Meetings/Events:

- Standing Committee of Council Meeting – February 18, 2025
- Regular Council Meeting – February 25, 2025

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on January 28, 2025, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Robert Cote, Fire Chief
Marco Jadie, Information Technology Analyst
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Edna Coulter
Councillor Marina Appel

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2025, indicated that Deputy Mayor Coulter and Councillor Appel had sent their regrets and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six Territory.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Removal of Regular Agenda Confidential item 8.1 Diversity Awards 2025 Nominations – FOIP S. 29 – Information That Is Or Will Be Available To The Public

015/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for January 28, 2025, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

016/25 Councillor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for January 28, 2025, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2025
 - Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2025

MINUTES

- **Council Reports**
 - Mayor Hoover
 - Deputy Mayor Coulter
 - Councillor Appel
 - Councillor Svab
 - Councillor Dennis
 - Councillor Sands
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – January 2025
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2024
- **Information**
 - AUC Bill 19 Franchise Reapproval - December 18, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - January 9, 2025
 - Lacombe City Council Highlights - January 13, 2025
 - Special Event Permit 001.25 - Little of This Market Spring 2025
 - Special Event Permit 002.25 - Little of This Market Christmas 2025
 - Special Event Permit 003.25 - Little of This Market Fall 2025
- **Correspondence**

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DELEGATION

None

BUSINESS

Request for Decision, Subdivision File No. S-05-24, 5220 Duncan Avenue

Manager Tejkl brought forward Subdivision File No. S-05-24 pertaining to 5220 Duncan Avenue for Council's consideration.

017/25

Councillor Svab moved That Council, being the designated Subdivision Authority for the Town of Blackfalds, is satisfied that the proposed subdivision meets the relevant considerations, and moves to APPROVE the subdivision to eliminate Bare Land Units A and B from the existing Condominium Plan 152 3748 and replace them with two new lots, being proposed Lot 35 and Lot 36, with a boundary adjustment of 3 m (9.84 ft.) on proposed Lot 35 that will be consolidated with Units 1-4. Units 1-4, the existing Common Property and the northern 3 m (9.84 ft.) of existing Unit A to remain as Condominium Plan 152 3748 subject to the following conditions:

1. That pursuant to Section 84 of the *Land Titles Act*, the subdivision, as shown on the attached Tentative Plan of Subdivision, is registered by Plan of Survey.
2. That pursuant to Section 654(1)(d) of the *Municipal Government Act*, all outstanding property taxes are to be paid, or some other arrangements satisfactory to the Town of Blackfalds for payment thereof be made.
3. That satisfactory arrangements be made with the Town of Blackfalds for the provision of separate water and wastewater services to individually service proposed Lot 35 and Lot 36.
4. That the drainage right-of-way registered along the western boundary of proposed Lot 35 and Lot 36, Drainage Right-of-Way Plan 122 4516, be cleared of the existing piled granular material to the satisfaction of the Town of Blackfalds to enable proper south to north drainage flow.

MINUTES

5. That the developer enters into a Development Agreement with the Town of Blackfalds concerning the provisions of separate water and wastewater services to individually service proposed Lot 35 and proposed Lot 36.
6. That pursuant to Section 655(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, that the owner/developer register a utility easement right of way as per the requirements of the Town of Blackfalds and/or utility companies concurrent with or prior to registering the subdivisions Plan of Survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1324.25 – Urban Hen Bylaw

Following the recommendation from Standing Committee of Council on January 20, 2025, Manager Tejkl reviewed the Urban Hen Survey results and brought forward Bylaw 1324.25, being the Urban Hen Bylaw for Council's consideration of First, Second and Third Reading.

018/25 Councillor Dennis moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1324.25 Urban Hen Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

019/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1324.25 Urban Hen Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

020/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council give unanimous consent to move to the Third Reading of Bylaw 1324.25, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

021/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1324.25 Urban Hen Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Development Permit Application #347-24: Relaxation – Anna Close

Manager Tejkl brought forward Development Permit Application #347-24: Relaxation pertaining to Anna Close for Council's consideration.

022/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council, approve the application for the east side yard relaxation of 1.50 m (4.9 ft) to allow for a minimum side yard relaxation of 3.0 m (9.84 ft) as presented in Development Permit #347-24, located at 2 Anna Close (Lot 57, Block 14, Plan 162 0173), subject to the following conditions being met to the satisfaction of the Development Officer:

Conditions

1. Development must commence within one (1) calendar year of the issuance of the Development Permit. Failure to commence development within the one (1) year will cause this Development Permit to expire.
2. The applicant shall ensure that the east side yard setback relaxation for the row house w/deck and accessory suite does not exceed 3.0 m.

Prior to Occupancy Conditions:

3. The proposed development shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the approved plans.
4. Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall place on the front exterior of the dwelling the appropriate civic address numbers in a contrasting colour of not less than 6.0in (15.14cm) in height.

MINUTES

5. Prior to occupancy, the applicant shall place on the front exterior of the dwelling an appropriate mailbox.
6. Occupancy is only permitted once all safety codes inspections (building, plumbing, gas and electrical) are completed and all deficiencies are addressed to the satisfaction of the Safety Codes Officer.

General Development Conditions:

7. The exterior of the building, including painting, shall be completed within one (1) calendar year from the date of approval.
8. The applicant is required to submit a “*Final Lot Grading Certificate*” prepared by a professional (e.g., Alberta Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Professional Technologist), acceptable to the Development Authority for approval.
9. All landscaped areas shall be designed to facilitate effective surface drainage consistent with the submitted grading plan. This includes a minimum of 300.0mm (11.81in) of topsoil to facilitate growth.
10. Front yard sod (or other landscaping material approved by the Development Authority), and one (1) front yard tree is required within one (1) year from construction completion.
11. Curb stop must remain visible and at the proper elevation prior to completion of hard surfacing or landscaping.

Ongoing Conditions:

12. An Accessory Suite shall provide two (2) additional Off-Street Parking stalls in addition to the minimum requirements of Section 3.20 of the Land Use Bylaw. Tandem Parking shall not be allowed as a method for meeting the parking requirements for an Accessory Suite.
13. Parking stalls are to be developed as shown on the approved site plan with a minimum width of 2.5 m (8.2 ft).
14. All parking stalls must be hard-surfaced.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1323.25 - Schedule “B” 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran presented Bylaw 1323.25 – Schedule “B” 2025 Water and Wastewater Rate for Council’s consideration of Second and Third Reading.

023/25 Councillor Dennis moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1323.25 – Schedule “B” 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw 1250.20, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

024/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1323.25 – Schedule “B” 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw 1250.20, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1326.25 - Authorized Overdraft Bylaw

Director de Bresser brought forward Bylaw 1326.25, being the Authorized Overdraft Bylaw for Council's consideration of First, Second and Third Reading.

025/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1326.25 - Authorized Overdraft Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

026/25 Councillor Dennis moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1326.25 - Authorized Overdraft Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

027/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council give unanimous consent to move to the Third Reading of Bylaw 1326.25 - Authorized Overdraft Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

028/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council give Third Reading to Bylaw 1326.25 - Authorized Overdraft Bylaw, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Fire Brush Truck Replacement

Fire Chief Cote presented Council with a request to replace the Fire Brush Truck.

029/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council approve the allocation of \$200,000.00 from Capital Reserves for the purchase and outfitting of a new Brush Truck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Command Truck – F150 – Deputy Fire Chief Training and Fire Prevention

Director Morrison brought forward a request for a new Command Truck for the new Deputy Fire Chief Training and Fire Prevention position.

030/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council approve the allocation of \$90,000.00 from Capital Reserves for the purchase and outfitting of a new Command Truck.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Fire Software Upgrade

Fire Chief Cote brought forward for Council's consideration the upgrading to the Fire software program.

031/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council approve allocating \$20,000.00 from Capital Reserves to fund the installation and implementation of "FirstDUE" software.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Regular Council Meeting Cancellation – May 27, 2025

Coordinator Nealon brought forward a request to cancel the May 27, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council due to meeting and conference attendance conflicts.

032/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council cancel the May 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting and direct Administration to post notice of the cancellation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

NOTICES OF MOTION

CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps - Councillor Appel

Councillor Appel's Notice of Motion regarding CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps will be considered by Council at the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

"THAT Council approve reconsidering the CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps sooner than the 6-month time period that it is outlined in the Council Procedural Bylaw."

CONFIDENTIAL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

Kim Isaak, CAO

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services

SUBJECT: **Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - January 2025**

BACKGROUND

Administration provides the Council with monthly updates for activity from the Town's Municipal Enforcement, Fire Services, OHS, Emergency Management and RCMP.

DISCUSSION

The attached documents are a combination of activities occurring during the month of January for Municipal Enforcement, Occupational Health & Safety, Fire Services, RCMP and Emergency Management.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None


ATTACHMENTS

- *Protective Services Monthly Report – January 2025*
- *Municipal Enforcement January Incident Report*
- *Fire January Monthly Incident Summary*

APPROVALS



Kim Isaak,
Chief Administrative Officer



Director/Author

Protective Services Monthly Report

Municipal Enforcement:

The month of January was a very busy month for Municipal Enforcement Officers.

General Overview:

- Peace Officers assisted public works with snow removal as well as proactively issuing notices for icy sidewalks and snow not being cleared.
- **Complaints:** The complaint line received **58** calls for service during the month.
- **Municipal Files:** There were **304** files were created, and **34** registered owner violation tickets were issued through the mail in January.

Files Created:

- **Sidewalk Issues:**
 - 16 files created for failure to clean sidewalks.
 - 34 tickets issued for snow on sidewalks.
- **Other Complaints:**
 - 2 files for community standard noise complaints.
 - 1 found property file.
 - 2 barking dog complaints.
 - 2 files for assisting RCMP.
- **Parking Violations:**
 - 2 tickets issued for parking within 1.5 meters of a driveway or private roadway.
- **Snow Removal Assistance:**
 - 232 files created for helping public works with snow removal.

Tickets & Violations:

- **E-Ticketing (Smart Squad):**
 - **109** tickets were issued using the Smart Squad system these consisted of:
- **Traffic Violations:**
 - 71 tickets under the Traffic Safety Act.
 - 23 tickets under the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation.
 - 12 violation tickets issued under the Vehicle Equipment Regulation.
 - Violation tickets under the Operating Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation, and 1 ticket issued under the Land Use Bylaw.
 - \$22,816.00 in fines for the month

Advanced Projects Information System (APIS): (Provincial electronic program)

- 1 suspended driver with mandatory court.
- 1 vehicle towed under Immediate Roadside Suspension (IRS) with the vehicle seized for 60 days.

Municipal Enforcement Statistics attached.

Blackfalds Fire Rescue

January 2025 Monthly Activity Summary Report

During the month of January, we have been mentoring the two new recruits on Tuesday evenings, so they are still able to take part in our Wednesday evening training. January, we started the first training night off with the first of a three-part training session presented by CPKC Rail, this is a free 9-hour training program. The remainder of the month focused on Motor Vehicle responses and the utilization of the vehicles at the rear of the fire hall.

The Fire Department responded to 272 incidents in 2024. 214 of these were responses within the town of Blackfalds, of these 105 were alarm calls. There were 54 responses within Lacombe County, and 4 Mutual Aid calls within the City of Lacombe.

During the month of January 2025, the department responded to Twenty incidents, this is on pace compared to January 2024.

A summary of the types of incidents for January 2025 is included.

Occupational Health & Safety

12 hazard IDs submitted for the month, 3 Near Misses, 6 personal injury/First Aids (4 public members, 2 employees).

Attended 4 toolbox meetings with Public Works and Parks & Facilities. Lead discussions on freeze/thaw cycles and ice/snow hazards. Along with this, three worksite inspections, 1 Public Works and two Parks and Facilities, most common hazard observed was icy/slippery areas, in parking lots and near entrances.

Arranged for an AMSHA instructor to attend and provide in person training to several staff. Those unable to attend will sign up for online training.

Attended "Growing Our Culture Together" workshop, volunteering for the sub-committee as well attended the Managers monthly meeting providing the safety moment.

Held the Joint Health and Safety committee meeting, during which incident reports were reviewed, scheduled work site inspections with team members and managers, and added items to new corrective action log.

Distributed two posts on Motivosity, one relating to winter conditions (slips/trips/falls), the other one reminding staff of our "Scent Free" policy and a facts sheet from CCOHS.

Arranged for a Core Point representative to attend in person and provide me with hands-on training in the Core Point program. Began program modifications, explained program deficiencies worked collaboratively with Core Point rep to ensure thorough functionality of the program.

Attended a random inspection with the facilities team and Alberta OH&S officers at the EBC. The inspection determined some deficiencies that must be corrected, and orders were issued by Alberta OH&S that must be rectified within 30 days. These are all being worked on.

RCMP

Blackfalds RCMP responded to 106 calls for service in the town of Blackfalds.

Examples of some of these calls were: 2 Assaults, 5 Mischief, 1 mischief to motor vehicle, 4 Harassment files, 3 thefts of motor vehicle, 12 motor vehicle collisions, 1 Hit and Run, 3 suspicious person files, 6 Well-being checks, 1 Missing person file, 4 false alarms, 5 Thefts under, 3 Found property, 1 Mental Health Act, 2 disturbing the peace, 1 Breach of Peace, 1 Disturbing the Peace, 1 Theft over \$5000, 1 Roadside Suspension, 1 Fraud, 1 Abandoned vehicle, 2 Provincial files, 1 immigration file, 1 Bylaw file, 3 911 calls, 1 obstruction file, 1 other moving traffic complaint, 1 file relating to an individual unlawfully at large.

Some of the charges laid were: 2 for traffic violations, 1 Damage to Property over \$5000.

RCMP Stats will be supplied in person on the February 18th Standing Committee meeting.

Emergency Management

Met with three representatives of AEMA as well as our LREMP partners. In this meeting the LREMP plan, agreement and possibility of a Ministerial order were discussed. As a result of this meeting further discussions will be had with the LREMP partners moving forward as there may be an alternative to entering into a Ministerial order.

Met with the LREMP Coordinator Contract renewal sub-group. The contract was finalized with some minor changes made moving forward. This will be brought to the Agency for approval and then to the LREMP Committee in March for final approval.

Attended the LREMP Agency budget meeting, the budget was approved in principle, this will still need to go to the committee, as well presented the updated Coordinator contract, this was agreed upon by all. Completed the changes to the contract and provided to the chair for presentation at the March Committee meeting.

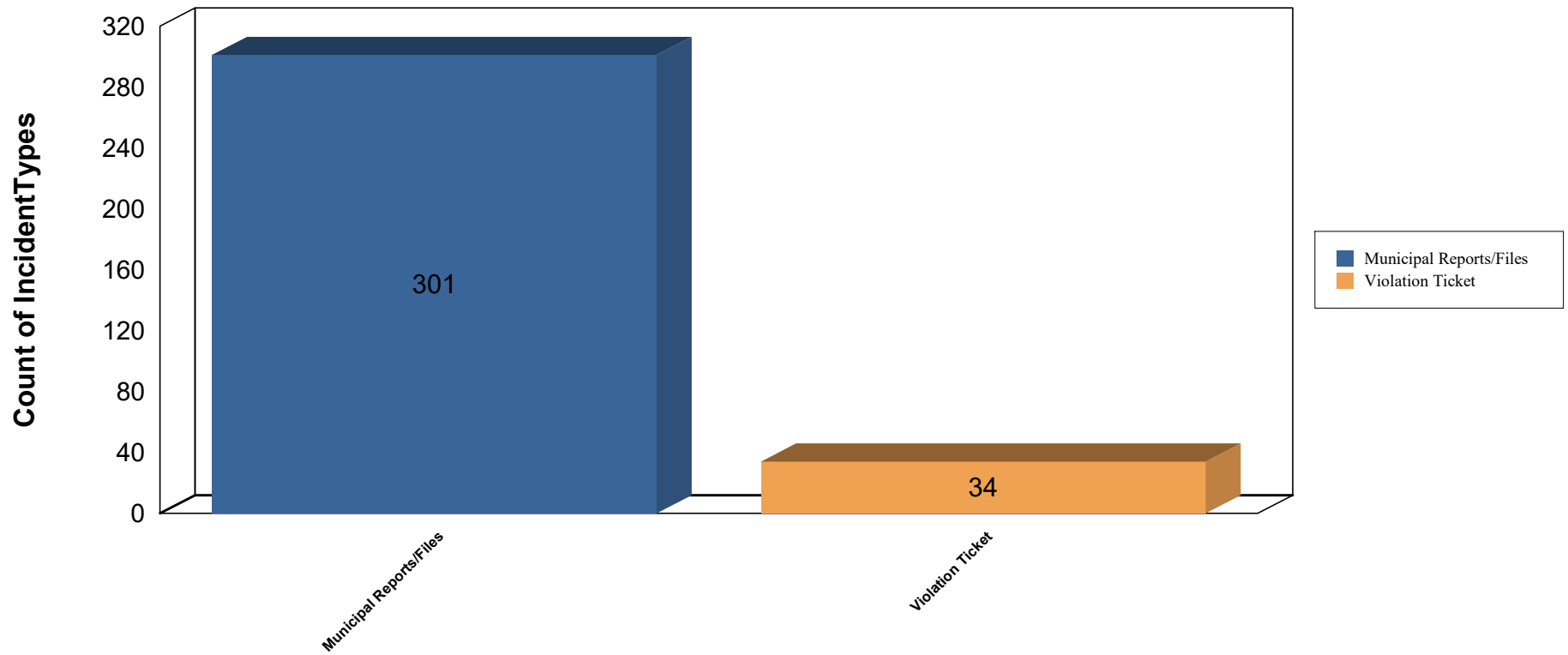
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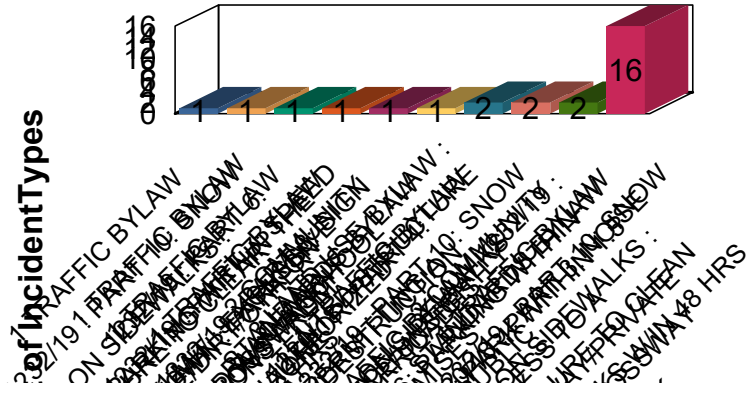
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COMBINE MONTHLY REPORT Statistics from: 1/1/2025 12:00:00AM to 1/31/2025 11:59:59PM

Count of Reports Completed



Count of Incident Types



- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 10: SNOW ON SIDEWALKS : FAILURE TO CLEAR SNOW/ICE/DIRT/OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS FROM HWY W/IN 48 HRS
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 6: PARKING WITHIN THE TOWN : PARK ON CROSSWALK
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 7: SPEED LIMIT : EXCESSIVE SPEED W/IN A SCHOOL ZONE
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 8: SIGN PLACEMENT : UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL/DESTRUCTION OF SIGNS/BARRICADES
- 2 COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW 1220/18 : PART 4: PERMITTING A NUISANCE/UNSIGHTLY PREMISES PRIVATE/PUBLIC PROPERTY
- 3 LAND USE BYLAW : TENTED STRUCTURE
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 10: SNOW ON SIDEWALKS
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 6: PARKING WITHIN THE TOWN : PARK WITHIN 1.5 M OF GARAGE/DRIVEWAY/PRIVATE ROAD/VEHICLE CROSSWAY OVER SIDEWALK
- 2 COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW 1220/18 : PART 3: NOISE
- 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 10: SNOW ON SIDEWALKS : FAILURE TO CLEAN SIDEWALKS W/IN 48 HRS

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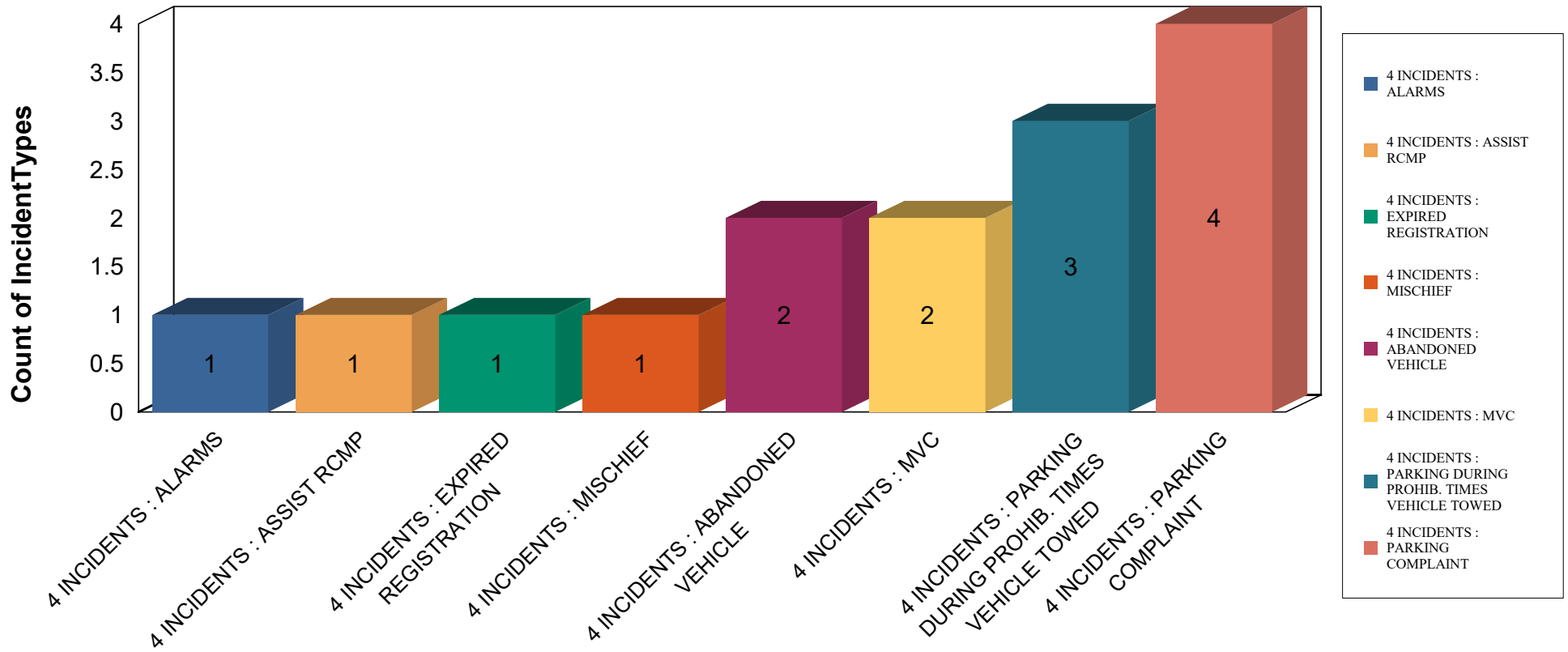
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5.25% # of Reports: 16 Municipal Reports/Files 1 TRAFFIC BYLAW 1232/19 : PART 10: SNOW ON SIDEWALKS : FAILURE TO CLEAN SIDEWALKS W/IN 48 HRS

Count of Incident Types



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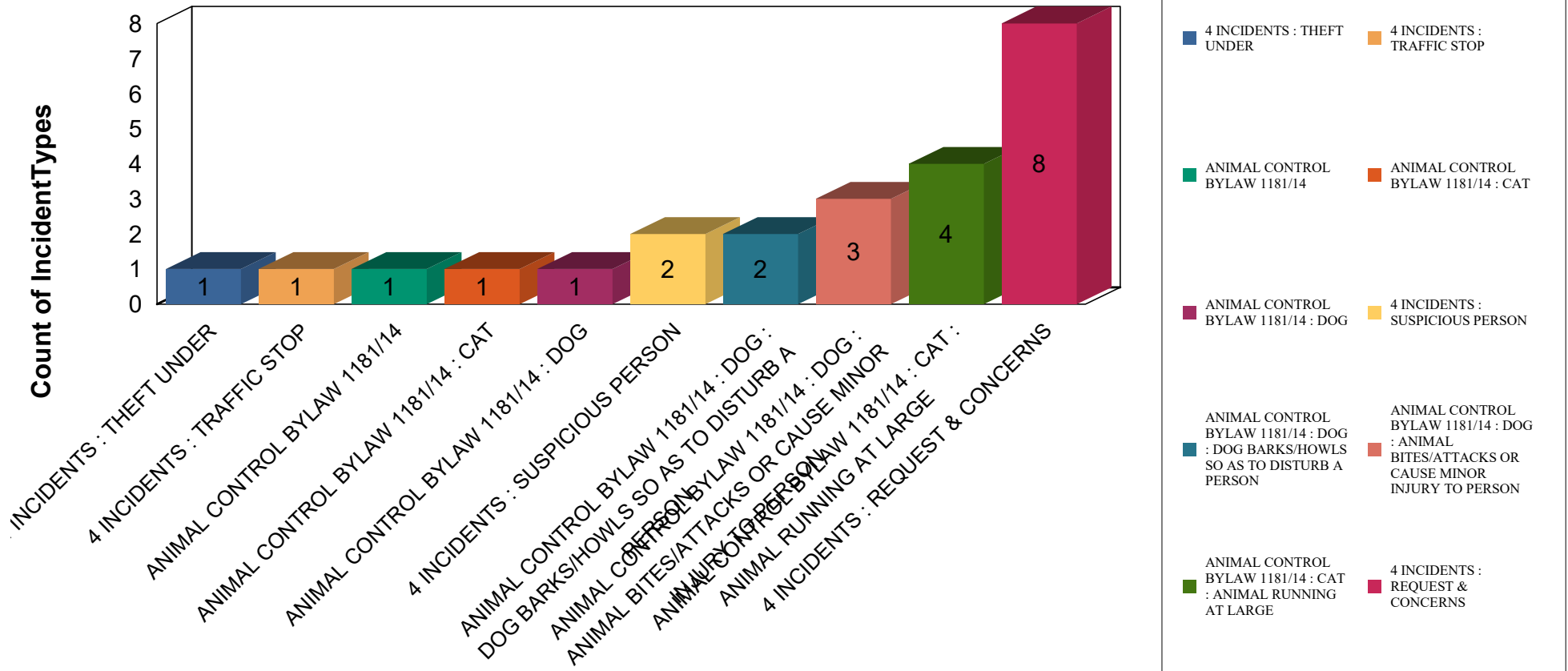
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0.66% # of Reports: 2 Municipal Reports/Files 4 INCIDENTS : MVC

0.98% # of Reports: 3 Municipal Reports/Files 4 INCIDENTS : PARKING DURING PROHIB. TIMES VEHICLE TOWED

1.31% # of Reports: 4 Municipal Reports/Files 4 INCIDENTS : PARKING COMPLAINT

Count of Incident Types



0.33% # of Reports: 1 Municipal Reports/Files 4 INCIDENTS : THEFT UNDER

0.33% # of Reports: 1 Municipal Reports/Files 4 INCIDENTS : TRAFFIC STOP

0.33% # of Reports: 1 Municipal Reports/Files ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW 1181/14

0.33% # of Reports: 1 **Municipal Reports/Files** ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW 1181/14 : CAT

0.33% # of Reports: 1 **Municipal Reports/Files** ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW 1181/14 : DOG

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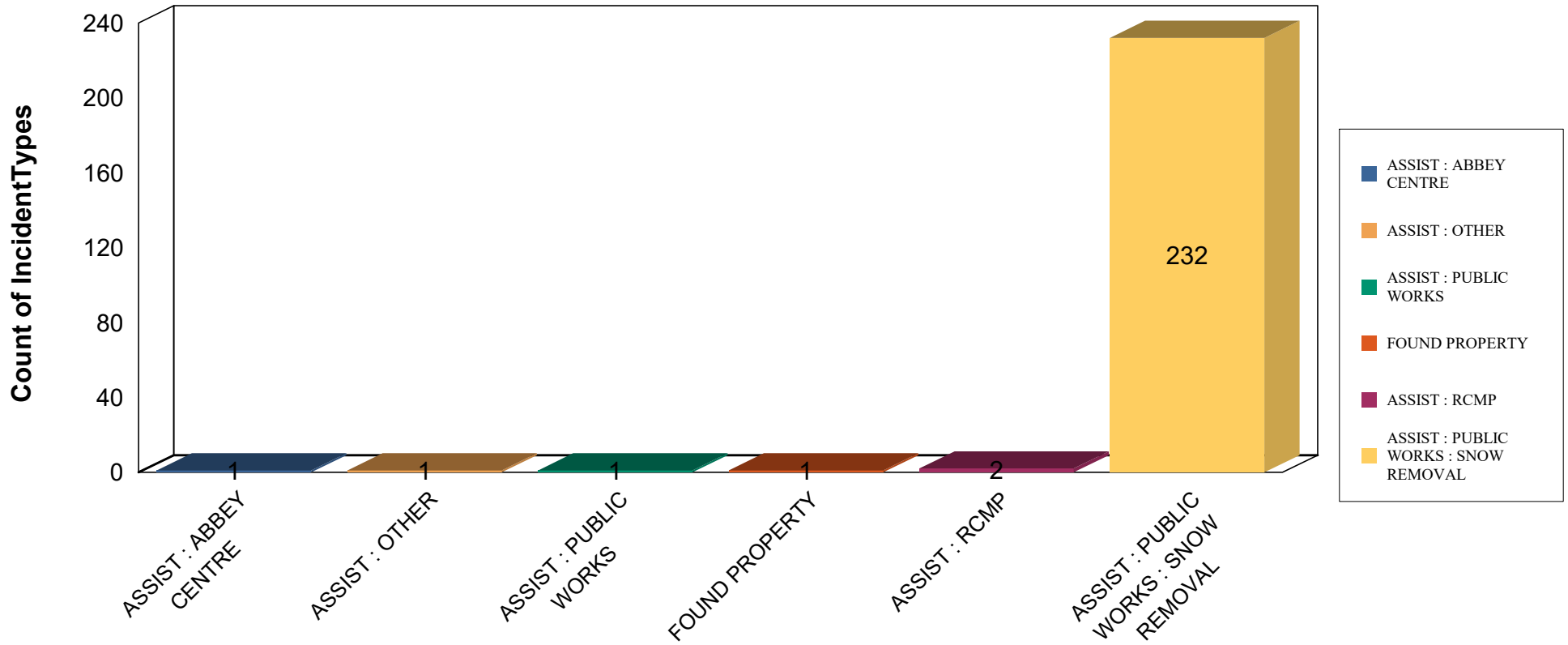
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1.31% # of Reports: 4 **Municipal Reports/Files** ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW 1181/14 : CAT : ANIMAL RUNNING AT LARGE

2.62% # of Reports: 8 **Municipal Reports/Files** 4 INCIDENTS : REQUEST & CONCERNS

Count of Incident Types



0.33% # of Reports: 1 Municipal Reports/Files ASSIST : ABBEY CENTRE

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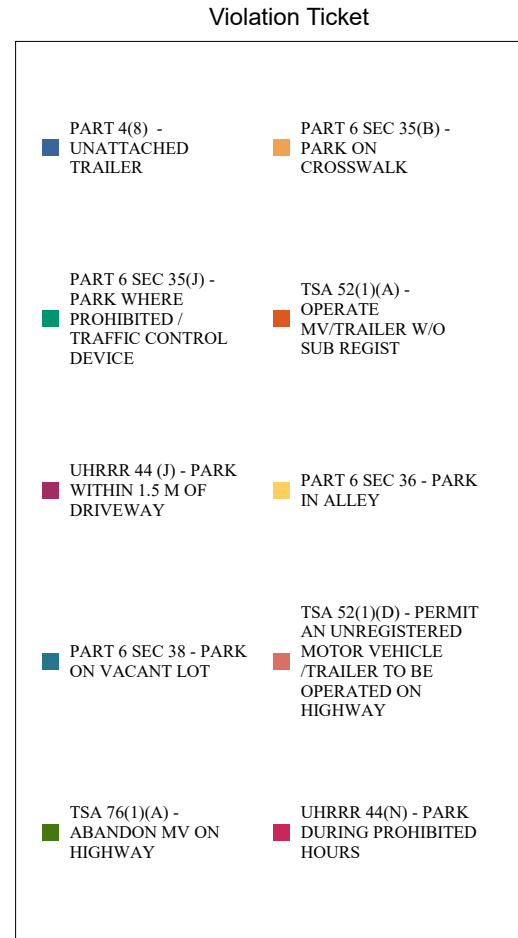
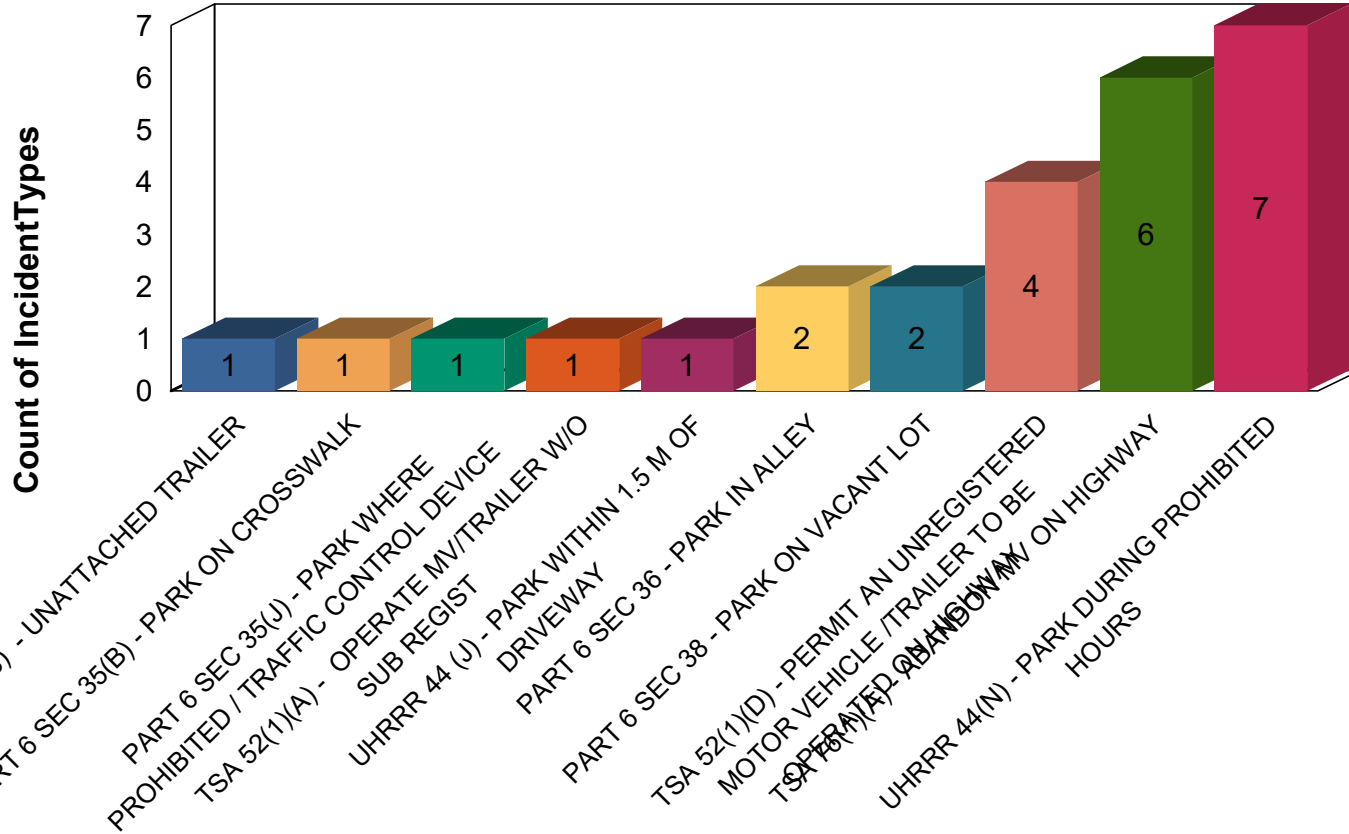
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0.66% # of Reports: 2 Municipal Reports/Files ASSIST : RCMP

76.07% # of Reports: 232 Municipal Reports/Files ASSIST : PUBLIC WORKS : SNOW REMOVAL

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 305 Total # of Reports: 301

Count of Incident Types



2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket PART 4(8) - UNATTACHED TRAILER

2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket PART 6 SEC 35(B) - PARK ON CROSSWALK

2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket PART 6 SEC 35(J) - PARK WHERE PROHIBITED / TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket TSA 52(1)(A) - OPERATE MV/TRAILER W/O SUB REGIST

2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket UHRRR 44 (J) - PARK WITHIN 1.5 M OF DRIVEWAY

5.88% # of Reports: 2 Violation Ticket PART 6 SEC 36 - PARK IN ALLEY

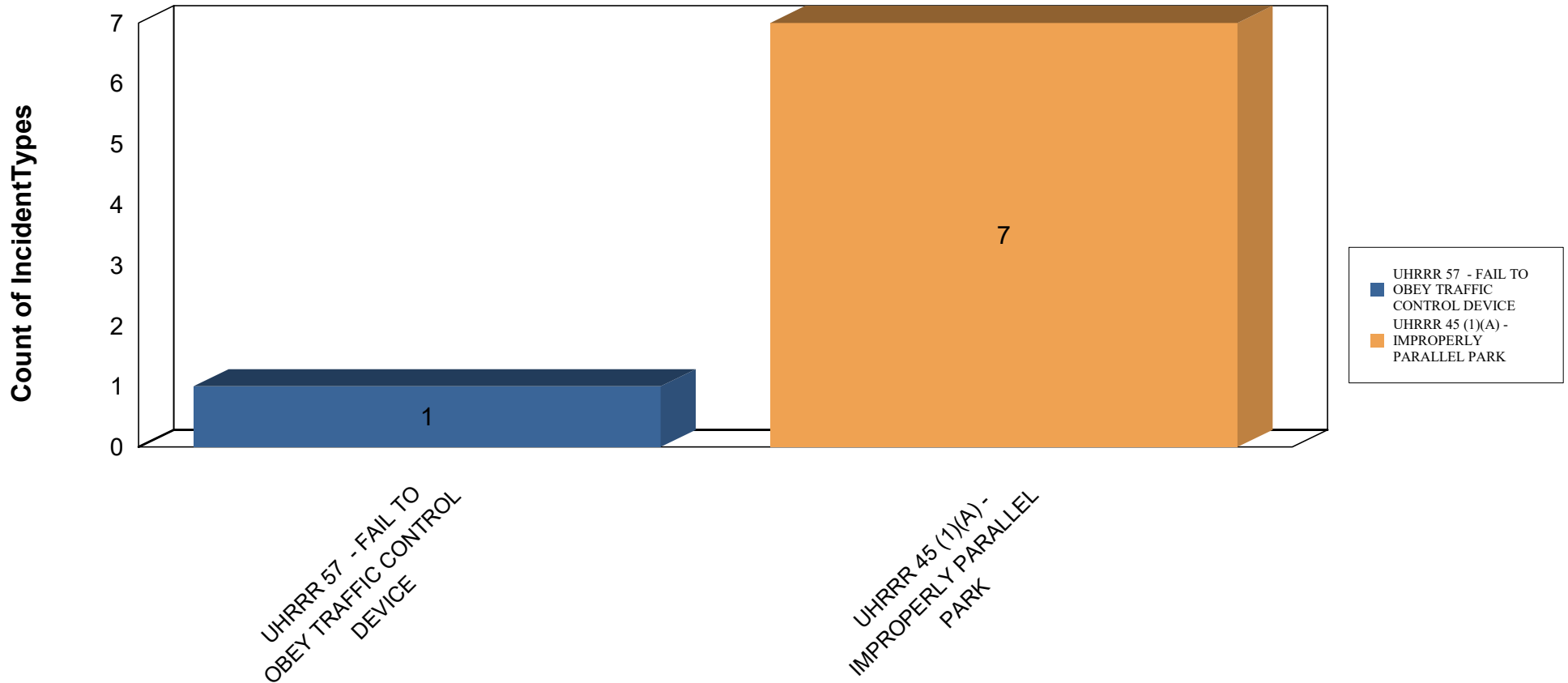
5.88% # of Reports: 2 Violation Ticket PART 6 SEC 38 - PARK ON VACANT LOT

11.76% # of Reports: 4 Violation Ticket TSA 52(1)(D) - PERMIT AN UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE /TRAILER TO BE OPERATED ON HIGHWAY

17.65% # of Reports: 6 Violation Ticket TSA 76(1)(A) - ABANDON MV ON HIGHWAY

20.59% # of Reports: 7 Violation Ticket UHRRR 44(N) - PARK DURING PROHIBITED HOURS

Count of Incident Types

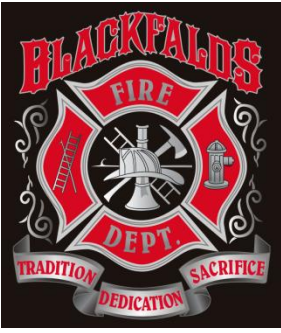


2.94% # of Reports: 1 Violation Ticket UHRRR 57 - FAIL TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

20.59% # of Reports: 7 Violation Ticket UHRRR 45 (1)(A) - IMPROPERLY PARALLEL PARK

Grand Total: 100.00% Total # of Incident Types Reported: 34 Total # of Reports: 34

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January 2025 Monthly Activity Summary Report

During the month of January, we have been mentoring the two new recruits on Tuesday evenings, so they are still able to take part in our Wednesday evening training. January, we started the first training night off with the first of a three part training session presented by CPKC Rail, this is a 9 hour training program free. The rest of the month we have been focused on Motor Vehicle responses and the utilization of the vehicles at the rear of the fire hall.

A review of the incident responses for 2024 the department respond to 272 incidents. Responses. Within the Town of Blackfalds, we responded to 214. Of these there were 105 Alarm calls.

Responses within Lacombe County were 54.

Response for Mutual Aid within the City of Lacombe were 4.

During the month of January 2025, the department responded to Twenty incidents, this is on pace compared to January 2024.

A summary of the types of incidents for January 2025 is included.

Sincerely,

Robert Côté

Fire Chief, Blackfalds Fire/Rescue Department

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager

SUBJECT: **Development & Building Monthly Report – January 2025**

BACKGROUND

Attached is the January 2025 Development & Building Permit Report and Comparison for 2023-2025 year to date. We also have shown the comparison for the year-to-date figures for 2024 on the comparison report.

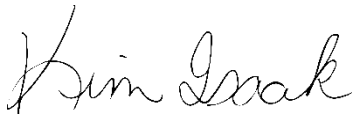
For Council's information, the "other" category captures the following types of residential permits:

- Shed
- Garage & deck. On occasion both a garage and deck will be applied for under the same development permit and when that happens, it will be captured as "other")
- Hot tub
- Ensuite addition to Master Bedroom. This type of development is not appropriate to capture under "addition" because it does not entail a structural alteration as it's changing the interior of the home
- Shed & deck. Occasionally these two developments will be applied for under the same development permit. When that happens, it will fall under "other"
- Grading permits

ATTACHMENTS

- *January 2025 Development/Building Permit Report*
- *2023 – 2025 Development/Building Comparison Report*

APPROVALS



Kim Isaak,
Chief Administrative Officer



Department Director/Author

File No.	Civic	District	Development	Decision (otherwise pending)	Date of Decision
1-25	66 Westview Crescent	R-1M	Side yard relaxation of existing detached garage and shed		
2-25	10 Pioneer Way	R-1M	Home Business	approved	8-Jan-25
3-25	4501 Womacks Road	DC-3	Sign	approved	10-Jan-25
4-25	5825 Park Street	R-1M	Basement Reno	approved	27-Jan-25
5-25	41 Churchill Place	R-1M	Shed		
6-25	5821 Panorama Drive	R-1M	Basement Reno		
7-25	5001 Broadway Avenue (Unit D)	C-1	Change of Occupancy/Use		
8-25	10 Coachman Way	R-1S	Basement Reno		
9-25	10 Aura Drive	R-1L	SFD		
10-25	41 Valmont Street	R-1M	Basement Reno		
11-25	92 Almond Crescent	R-1S	Basement Reno		
12-25	4914 Broadway Avenue	C-1	Change of Occupancy/Use		
13-25	83 Palmer Circle	R-2	Basement Reno		

Town of Blackfalds Development/Building Permit Comparison 2023 to 2025

2024 YTD

	2023		2024		2025		January	
	Number of Permits	Dollar Value	Number of Permits	Dollar Value	Number of Permits	Dollar Value	Number of Permits	Dollar Value
Residential								
SFD	21	\$ 7,037,626.70	38	\$ 13,213,080.00	1	\$ 530,000.00	2	\$ 800,000.00
Duplexes	6	\$ 1,060,000.00	20	\$ 4,774,000.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Manufactured Home	2	\$ 250,000.00	11	\$ 1,751,566.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
4-plex	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
8-plex	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Townhouses	11	\$ 1,790,000.00	157	\$ 36,667,435.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Apartment	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
SFD w/Accessory suite	0	\$ -	8	\$ 3,495,000.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total Res. Dwellings	40	\$ 10,137,627	234	\$ 59,901,081	1	\$ 530,000	2	\$ 800,000
Garage	9	\$ 293,000.00	24	\$ 788,152.61	0	\$ -	1	\$ 30,000.00
Deck	9	\$ 102,000.00	11	\$ 105,100.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Basement Reno	40	\$ 865,700.00	49	\$ 1,339,000.00	6	\$ 102,000.00	1	\$ 35,000.00
Addition	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Accessory Suite	0	\$ -	1	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ -
Home Business	21	\$ -	20	\$ -	1	\$ -	3	\$ -
Other	44	\$ 1,232,115.84	68	\$ 20,325,799.71	2	\$ 25,000.00	4	\$ 937,081.00
Commercial	27	\$ 5,190,341.00	47	\$ 4,594,822.26	3	\$ 3,160.00	5	\$ 219,000.00
Industrial	4	\$ 200,000.00	5	\$ 2,504,073.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Institutional	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Agricultural	1	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Public Facility	4	\$ 192,300.00	13	\$ 38,078,150.00	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
TOTAL PERMITS	199	\$ 18,213,083.54	472	\$ 127,636,178.58	13	\$ 660,160.00	17	\$ 2,021,081.00
General Yearly Notes:		1 - 2,500,000 Vista Trail Commercial						
		1 - 1,000,000 Dental Office						

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Sands – Vice Chairperson, Town of Blackfalds Deputy Mayor
Brenda Dennis, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Richard Poole, Member at Large
Alex Garcia, Member at Large

OTHERS ATTENDING

Billie Scott, Development Officer II

REGRETS

Laura Svab – Chairperson, Town of Blackfalds Councillor

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Sands welcomed all attending and called the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

37/24 Member Garcia moved that the Municipal Planning Commission approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chairperson Sands read a Land Acknowledgement to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six territory.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

38/24 Member Poole moved that the Municipal Planning Commission approve the Minutes from August 2, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Application 278-24 – Change of Use – Similar Use
4911 Broadway Avenue (Lot 10, Plan XV11 (RN17))

Administration provided background information on the proposed development.

39/24 MOVED by Member Dennis that the Municipal Planning Commission APPROVE the application for Change of Use – Youth Centre for afterschool programming and events as presented in Development Permit 278-24, located at 4911 Broadway Avenue (Lot 10, Plan XV11 (RN17)) and subject to the following conditions being met to the satisfaction of the Development Officer:

CONDITIONS

1. Development must commence within one (1) calendar year of the issuance of the Development Permit. Failure to commence development within the one (1) year will cause this Development Permit to expire.

General Development Conditions

2. The proposed development shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the approved plans.
3. Unless specifically exempted from the requirements to obtain a Development Permit, all signs, including relocation, enlargement, or modification to a sign, require a separate development permit.

NOTES

MINUTES

1. *Prior to occupancy a fire inspection must be completed by the Town of Blackfalds Fire Department. Please call 403.885.4144 to schedule an inspection time.*
2. *This permit indicates only the development for which it relates is authorized.*
3. *Final approval **may** be required from Alberta Health Services (AHS) prior to operation of the approved use. Contact Alberta Health Services for more information. Please forward a copy of approval to the Town of Blackfalds Planning & Development Department, if applicable.*
4. *The requirements of the Land Use Bylaw does not exempt any person from compliant with any federal, provincial, or municipal legislation, code, or statute.*
5. *A person is responsible for complying with the requirements of other Town Bylaws, policies, easements, covenants, conservation agreements, development agreements, or provincial or federal statutes or regulations.*
6. *Nothing in this permit or the Land Use Bylaw exempts a person from any requirements of, or excuse or authorize the violation of any regulation, bylaw or act administered by this or any other agencies or levels of government that may affect the proposed development.*
7. *The Development Authority may, in accordance with the Land Use Bylaw in force and Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), take such actions as necessary to ensure that the provisions are complied with.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

40/24

Application 300 - 24 - Rear Yard Setback Relaxations
42 Aurora Heights Boulevard (Lot 36, Block 7, Plan 142 1784)

Administration provided background information on the proposed development.

MOVED by Member Garcia that the Municipal Planning Commission APPROVE the application for relaxation of rear yard for the proposed detached garage as presented in Development Permit 300-24, located at 42 Aurora Heights Boulevard (Lot 36, Block 7, Plan 142 1784)) and subject to the following conditions being met to the satisfaction of the Development Officer:

CONDITIONS

1. The applicant shall ensure that the rear yard setback relaxation for the detached garage does not exceed 1.74 m.
2. Any changes to the approved application shall require a separate permit application.

General Development Conditions

3. The proposed development shall be undertaken and completed in accordance with the approved plans.
4. Approved accessory buildings shall consider the principal building appearance to ensure compatibility and incorporate similar exterior colours and materials.
5. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that no development or portion thereof shall be located over municipal lands, road rights-of-way or municipal easements.
6. An Accessory Building or Structure shall not be constructed over an Easement or right of way.

Ongoing Conditions:

MINUTES

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7. Where access is gained directly from a paved road, driveways and parking areas shall be hard surfaced.
 8. All off-street parking areas, where entered onto by a paved road, shall be hard surfaced as defined in the Land Use Bylaw in force.


NOTES

1. *The applicant is to provide any revised drawings clearly indicating any changes to the approved drawing set.*
2. *This permit indicates that only the development to which it relates is authorized, with the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw and in no way relieves or excuses the applicant from complying with the Land Use Bylaw or any other Bylaw, orders and/or regulations affecting such development.*
3. *The requirements of the Land Use Bylaw or this approval does not exempt a person from compliance with the requirements of other Town Bylaws, policies, easements, covenants, conservation agreements, development agreements, provincial or federal statutes or regulations.*
4. *The Development Authority may, in accordance with the Land Use Bylaw in force and Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), take such actions as necessary to ensure that the provisions are complied with.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Sands adjourned the Municipal Planning Commission Meeting at 6:24 p.m.



Jim Sands, Vice Chairperson



Billie Scott, Recording Secretary/Development Officer II





City of Lacombe

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 27th, 2025

Regular Meeting of Council

2. Review of Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

- Council approved the Request for Information & Response Policy 12.152.01 2025ADP and rescinded the Citizen Request and Response Policy 11/152.01. Council rescinds the Public Complaints Policy (23/201.01 (10).
- Council gave first readings to Bylaw 405.4 and Bylaw 400.70, as presented, and scheduled a public hearing for Bylaw 405.4 and 400.70 for Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- Council give first reading to Bylaw 506.1.
- Council gave first reading to Bylaw 514.1.

3. Open Forum

3.1 Encroachment Bylaw 513 – Infraction

Melrose and Beverley Randell presented an Open Forum presentation to Council on an Encroachment Bylaw 513 infraction.

Council requested Administration return the matter to Council with a supporting Request for Decision on the Encroachment Bylaw 513 Infraction.

4. Presentations

4.1 Affordable Housing Committee – The Housing Continuum

Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, Kim Willington, presented to Council on The Housing Continuum.

4.2 Broomtree Foundation Update

The Broomtree Foundation's Tamara Noordhof, Co-Founder & Program Director, Donna Abma, Founder & Executive Director, and Chelsea Felt, Attainable Housing Coordinator, provided an update to City Council.

6. Requests for Decision

6.1 Letter of Support for Broom Tree Foundation

The Broom Tree Foundation is intending to apply for funding through the Affordable Housing Partnership Program with the Government of Alberta and the Affordable Housing Fund through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) as they work towards securing financing for future housing projects they wish to construct.

The Broom Tree Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving women and their families in Central Alberta. A letter of support will assist the Broom Tree in applying for funds from the provincial and federal governments.

Council will provide a letter of support for the Broom Tree Foundation's funding applications to the provincial and federal governments to secure financing for future housing projects.

6.2 Infill Development – Infrastructure Funding Options

The Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP) area grew by 24 units (2%) in 2024, which is in line with historical population growth. A comprehensive study of the existing road, water, and sanitary sewer infrastructure in the DARP area confirmed it is capable of continuing to support moderate infill densification.

However, some segments of the downtown stormwater collection system are currently at capacity and risk being overwhelmed if unmanaged infill development occurs in those areas.

Although infill development does not trigger major road or municipal utility upgrades, nearby residents often express concerns and complaints, perceiving densification as a reduction in their quality of life and property values. Enhancing streetlights, sidewalks, and select lane improvements in areas where infill development occurs provides a tangible benefit, offering visible and meaningful improvements directly within neighborhoods where infill occurs.

Administration explored and analyzed funding options for improvements to streetlights, sidewalks, and select lane improvements triggered by infill development and presented two options:

1. An infill development levy of up to \$2,735 for each additional infill unit in the DARP area, or
2. A contribution to the General Capital Reserves of \$65K/year.

Council moved that Administration include, for Council's consideration during 2026 budget deliberations, a \$65,000 increase to the General Capital Reserve.

6.3 Train Whistle Cessation – Wolf Creek Drive

As part of the 2024 Capital Works Program, the City completed the installation of a pedestrian crossing across Highway 2A and the CPKC rail line connecting the sidewalk along Woodland Drive to the trail to Len Thompson Fish Pond.

This was the final step required to apply to CPKC for whistle cessation. Administration included this crossing in the notifications sent to all relevant associations and organizations, as determined by Transport Canada October 26th, 2023. Administration has also completed the required public notifications for this crossing through newspaper advertisements on January 16th and January 23rd, 2025 and notices on the City's website. The final steps to achieve whistle cessation are:

1. Council to pass the resolution to discontinue the use of trail whistles Wolf Creek Drive
2. Administration to notify the rail company of the resolution once it has passed
3. The rail company to confirm whistling has stopped at the crossings within 30 days

Council declared the discontinuation of train whistle use at the Wolf Creek Drive rail crossing, located at Leduc Subdivision mile 19.36 in Lacombe, unless an emergency situation arises.

6.4 Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application - Regional Recreation Facility

Through Council resolutions, the municipalities of the City of Lacombe, Lacombe County, and the Town of Blackfalds have expressed interest in exploring a shared Regional Recreation Complex. This has been further supported by a resolution from representatives from all three municipalities, who met late in 2024.

A tri-municipal facility strategically located in Lacombe County could provide shared high-quality recreation infrastructure and contribute to long-term financial viability for all three communities. The long-range plans of all three municipalities support the exploration of shared service provision. The municipal representatives of the tri-party IDP/ICF Committee unanimously passed a resolution to recommend the respective Council's support an application to the ACP Program, for a Feasibility Assessment.

The report asked Council to pass a resolution authorizing an application to the Alberta Community Partnership Program, as the 'managing partner'.

Council directed Administration to prepare and submit an Alberta Community Partnership Grant application to explore the feasibility of a Regional Recreation Facility, as the managing partner, in collaboration with Lacombe County and the Town of Blackfalds.

8. In Camera

8.2 Land (FOIP Section 16)

Council directed Administration to finalize and execute the tri-party Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Wolf Creek Public Schools and Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools.

Council directed Administration to finalize and execute the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with Greater North Central Francophone Education Region.

8.3 Labour (FOIP Section 21)

Council directed the Senior Manager of People Services to proceed with the administration of the annual performance review for the Chief Administrative Officer as discussed In Camera for item 8.3.

****The next scheduled Council Meetings:
- Monday, February 10th, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – City Hall***

- **Monday, February 24th, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – City Hall**
- **Monday, March 10th, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – City Hall**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 30, 2025

ADVOCACY FOR AMENDMENTS TO PROVINCIAL OFFENCES PROCEDURE ACT

Council approved a resolution advocating for amendments to section 31(5) of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act to allow for the service of bylaw offence notices via ordinary mail, and authorized its submission to 1) the February 7, 2025 Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta meeting, and 2) the Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2025 Spring Convention. Administration was directed to further engage with the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officer (AACPO) and the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association (AMEA) to seek their support in advancing the initiative to amend the POPA.

ENDORSEMENT OF CLEARWATER COUNTY RMA SPRING RESOLUTION

Council agreed to second the Clearwater County resolution titled "Improving Community Peace Officer Support and Safety", which will be presented at the Central Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Zone meeting on February 7, 2025, and, if approved, will be submitted for consideration at the RMA 2025 Spring Convention.

RURAL MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBERTA BOARD GOVERNANCE REVIEW MEMBER SURVEY

Council directed that the Council completed Rural Municipalities of Alberta Board Governance Review Member Survey be submitted.

SHOWCASE ALIX RAPID RESPONSE FABRICATION

Council received a presentation and tour of the new Alix Rapid Fire Rescue truck.

DISC GOLF PRESENTATION

Council received a presentation on the Rosedale Valley Disc Golf course.

RC(1) APPLICATION – TOWN OF BENTLEY SOCCER FIELD

Council approved \$360,917 of in-kind labour, equipment time and material toward the construction of two soccer fields and amenities at the Bentley Sportsfield, with this work to be funded from the County's operating budget allotment for road construction.

BDO LLP AUDIT PLANNING REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council received an overview of BDO Canada LLP's plan for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of Lacombe County for the period ended December 31, 2024.

2025 TAX YEAR COPTER APPLICATIONS

Council directed that a bylaw exempting from property taxation those properties owned by the Birch Bay Boat Club and the Central Alberta Sailing Club be drafted.

2024 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update regarding the 2024 Environmental Action Plan.

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

An overview of the 2025 Environmental Action Plan was presented to Council.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) meeting and approved recommendations as follows:



SUCCESS GROWS HERE!

- That Lacombe County Council send a letter to Alberta based Senators identifying concerns with Bill C-293 and the livestock industry.
- That Lacombe County Council direct the County Manager to prepare a report and recommendation regarding the development of a bylaw to regulate the raising of wild boards in the County for consideration at a future meeting.
- That the 2025 Provincial Agricultural Service Board Resolutions be received for information.
- That the 2024 Insect Surveillance Report be received for information.
- That the 2025 Agricultural Extension Activities Report be received for information.
- That the ASB Provincial Committee meeting update be received for information.
- That the Rahr Malting Co. Achieves FSA Gold Level document be received for information.
- That the Environmental Farm plan 2023-2024 Annual Report be received for information.
- That the January 15, 2025 Lacombe County Agricultural Service Board meeting minutes be approved as presented.

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION – REGIONAL RECREATION FACILITY

Council agreed to participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application with the City of Lacombe and the Town of Blackfalds to explore the feasibility of a Regional Recreation Facility. The City of Lacombe will be designated as the managing partner for the project.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Council directed the County Manager to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, during the 2025 RMA Spring Convention.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING WITH THE RCMP COMMANDING OFFICER AT RMA

Council directed the County Manager to submit a meeting request for Council to meet with the RCMP Commanding Officer during the 2025 RMA Spring Convention.

LACOMBE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION AWARDS NIGHT & BANQUET – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

Council approved the sponsorship request from the Lacombe Fish and Game Association to purchase a table of 8 for the Awards Night & Banquet event, scheduled for March 29, 2025 at the Lacombe Memorial Center.

**Next Regular Council Meeting is
February 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
April 1, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**

Subject: Train horn cessation

-----Original Message-----

From: jeff Morrison FOIP 17(1)
Sent: February 7, 2025 8:02 AM
To: Danielle Nealon <DNealon@blackfalds.ca>
Subject: Re: Train horn cessation

Dear Mayor and council

This letter is regarding the discussion of train horn cessation and my concern with it possibly not happening. I came forward with my concern about the horn and how it negatively affects people living in Blackfalds as well as drives away people from possibly wanting to move to town in 2023. Since that time there has been work done and studies completed, but it still sounds like it may not happen even though most of the work needed to legally stop the horn will be completed anyway, and this is not only a disappointment to myself but everybody I talk to in town.

I have been living in Blackfalds for 6 years and I honestly love everything about it... except trying to sleep with the train. I live on the east side far away from the tracks, and I still have major issues (especially in summer trying to sleep with windows open and not run AC all the time) trying to sleep. There are a large amount of operators that obviously celebrate the fact that they can wake people up and hit the horn as long as possible at night strictly for the purpose of waking people (it is much more aggressive at night with many operators). This has given Blackfalds the negative reputation that of being a place that would be good to live "but you have to listen to that train" (true statement I have heard many times).

It's obvious to me that this isn't about cost for the town because most of what's needed to make it legal is getting done anyway, and from what I have read the insurance impact for liability reasons is only \$1,000/year once the work is complete so the financial impact isn't an issue that can be brought forward and have anybody take it seriously. I would like to say that although I would love it stopped all together, the real issue is at night.

To close I would like you to please remember the giant chicken coop that was a black eye on the town once upon a time. I would also like you to picture how much smaller our town would be if it were still here because of how many people wouldn't want to live in that smell, and ask yourself how much less development there would be here (both commercial and residential) if it were still here. After picturing this I would like you to ask yourself if you feel removing the last "black eye" that Blackfalds has (train horn) would have a similar positive impact on development and attracting people to move here and help grow this community.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PRESENTED BY: Councillor Marina Appel

SUBJECT: **CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps**

At the November 18, 2024, Standing Committee of Council Meeting, a report was provided by Administration on the Whistle Cessation Study. This \$50,000 expenditure for this study was approved by Council through the 2024 operating budget. Council discussed this report in depth and while the majority of Council were in support of implementing the safety features of the report, the following recommendation was defeated:

Mayor Hoover moved That Standing Committee of Council recommend Administration to move forward with the next steps in the whistle cessation process, including:

- *Consulting with CPKC to confirm the feasibility of whistle cessation in Blackfalds;*
- *Notifying all relevant associations and organizations (based on Transport Canada requirements); and*
- *Issuing a public notice which says that the Town intends to pass a resolution to stop train whistling at the railway crossings.*

As a result of the above motion being defeated, a Notice of Motion was required for Council to reconsider the matter sooner than the 6-month time period outlined in the Council Procedural Bylaw if Council wishes Administration to proceed with the associated safety features of the Whistle Cessation.

Notice for the following motion was given at the January 28, 2025, Regular Council Meeting to be brought forward to the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council for discussion, debate, and Council's consideration.

MOTION

1. Councillor Appel moved THAT Council approve reconsidering the CPKC Train Whistle Cessation Next Steps sooner than the 6-month time period that it is outlined in the Council Meeting Procedural Bylaw.



Marina Appel, Councillor

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer

PRESENTED BY: Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: **Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee Update**

BACKGROUND

At the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council a report was brought forward by Administration on the establishment of a Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee. Council subsequently approved the Terms of Reference and resolved the following motion.

070/24 *Councillor Appel moved That a Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Ad-Hoc Committee be established with the membership as outlined within the approved Terms of Reference AND That the following Council members be appointed:*

- *Mayor Hoover*
- *Deputy Mayor Dennis*
- *Councillor Appel*

DISCUSSION

Due to difficulty finding elders who were available to meet with Town representatives, the first meeting was not held until January 30, 2025. The Committee was honoured to welcome area elders Charlene Burns, Russel Burns and Darryl Lickers to this first meeting. Council members and Administration were able to share their perspectives on what the Land Acknowledgement represented to them and take guidance from the Elders on how to conduct a meaningful review. In addition to the valuable knowledge shared on Indigenous culture, it represented the start of an ongoing dialogue on how the Town can work and connect with our Indigenous neighbours to foster collaboration and reconciliation. Council and Administration look forward to continuing to build upon these important and valuable relationships.

Following this meeting, Council and Administration will review the Town's Land Acknowledgment through the lens of the shared knowledge and guidance provided by the Elders, along with their suggested resources.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the following motion:

1. That Council receive the Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee Update report for information.

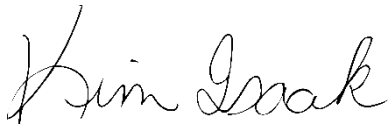
ALTERNATIVES

- a) That Council refer the Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee Update back to Administration for additional information.

ATTACHMENTS

- *Treaty Six Territory Land Acknowledgement Review Committee – Terms of Reference*

APPROVALS



Kim Isaak,
Chief Administrative Officer

Department Director/Author

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

PREPARED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services

PRESENTED BY: Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: **Planet Youth Initiative**

BACKGROUND

The Planet Youth initiative is a youth-focused program that promotes the health and well-being of adolescents while reducing negative behaviours among this population. The program originated in Iceland and focuses on improving young people's health, safety, and future prospects by fostering healthier environments and better societal behaviours.

The initiative is grounded in research and evidence-based practices. Planet Youth surveys youth to gather data on their habits, attitudes, and behaviours. This information is used to guide interventions and strategies aimed at reducing substance use (like alcohol, tobacco, and drugs), mental health issues, and other negative behaviours while promoting positive actions such as physical activity, healthy eating, and strong social connections.

DISCUSSION

Members of the community, Administration, local schools, Alberta Health Services and the Mayor attended a virtual meeting with Planet Youth to discuss this initiative. Leading up to the discussion, the Planet Youth team provided the videos below:

Introduction to Planet Youth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb98okVSifM>
Working with Planet Youth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwDkTe7WZHo>

One of the initial steps in moving forward with this program involves gathering data to gain an understanding of the current situation for youth in our community. Once the key issues affecting youth are identified, our community leaders can collaborate and create a plan for how to move forward with preventative programming under the Planet Youth framework. This plan may include school-based programs, family support initiatives, community workshops/programs, etc.

Administration is prepared to work with our local school divisions and community leaders to obtain the initial data and help engage the community in this initiative.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the following motion:

1. That Council directs Administration to work with the local school divisions to obtain information to provide to Planet Youth for the purposes of establishing future programming priorities for youth and families in Blackfalds.

ATTACHMENTS

- *Planet Youth Presentation*

APPROVALS



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Improving Lives Based on Evidence


What is the Planet Youth Guidance Program?

- The Planet Youth Guidance Program is a population-wide primary prevention process designed to have a long-term impact in communities by reducing youth substance use.
- The Planet Youth Guidance Program is based on the Icelandic Prevention Model
- Instead of discussing the facts and faults of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use with adolescents, Planet Youth treats society as “the patient.”

Community Approach

- Planet Youth believes that building a community that delays the onset of substance use as long as possible is an effective approach to reducing the long-term health problems related to youth substance use.
- Planet Youth has been working with municipalities, schools, community and youth-serving organizations, and sports clubs to change our children's environment so they will be at lesser risk of substance use.
- A collaborative community-based approach with involvement from a wide variety of community sectors is recommended.



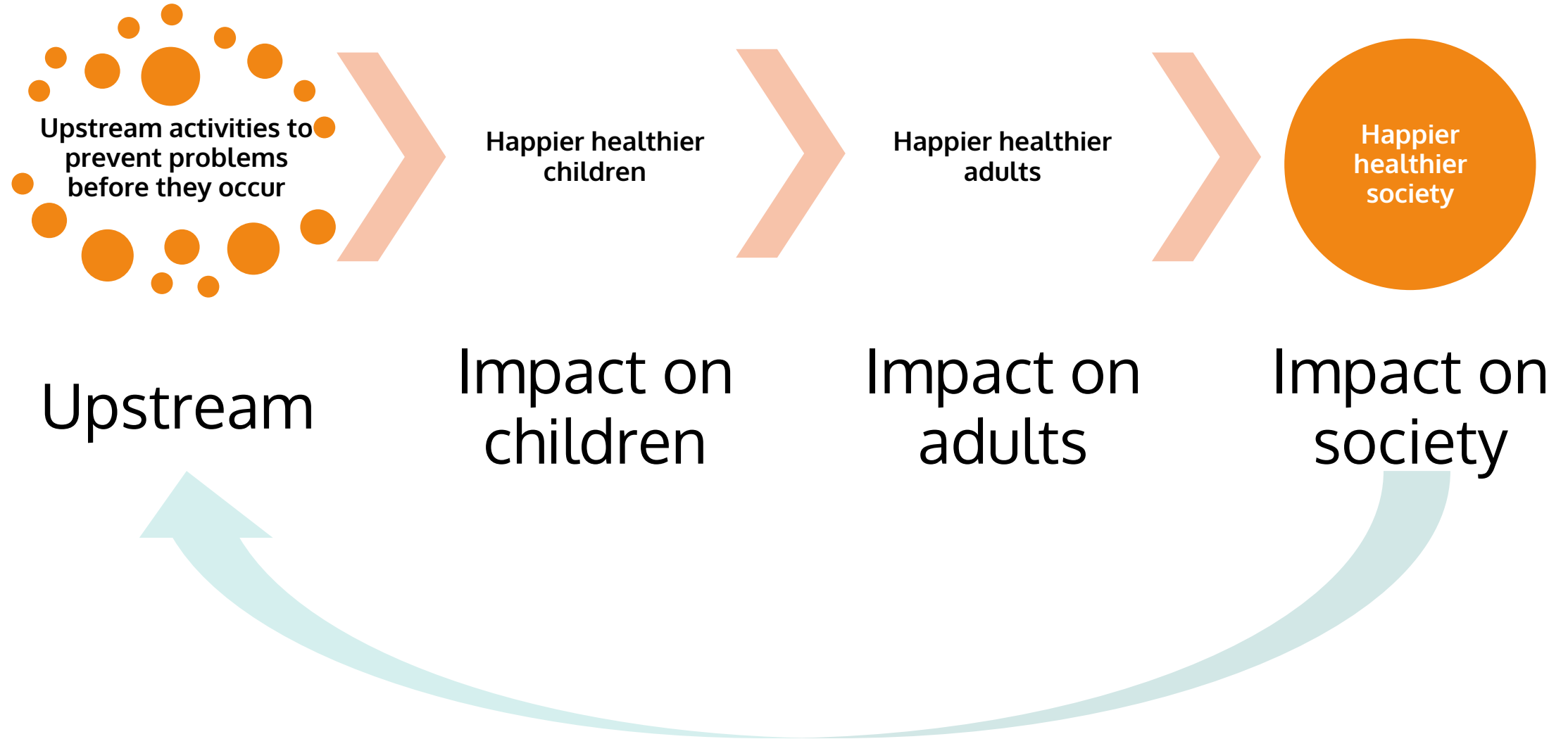


The community knows their resources and capacity best. They often know the avenues that are needed to reach intended outcomes. Let the community lead the way.

Upstream thinking

... as a social innovation





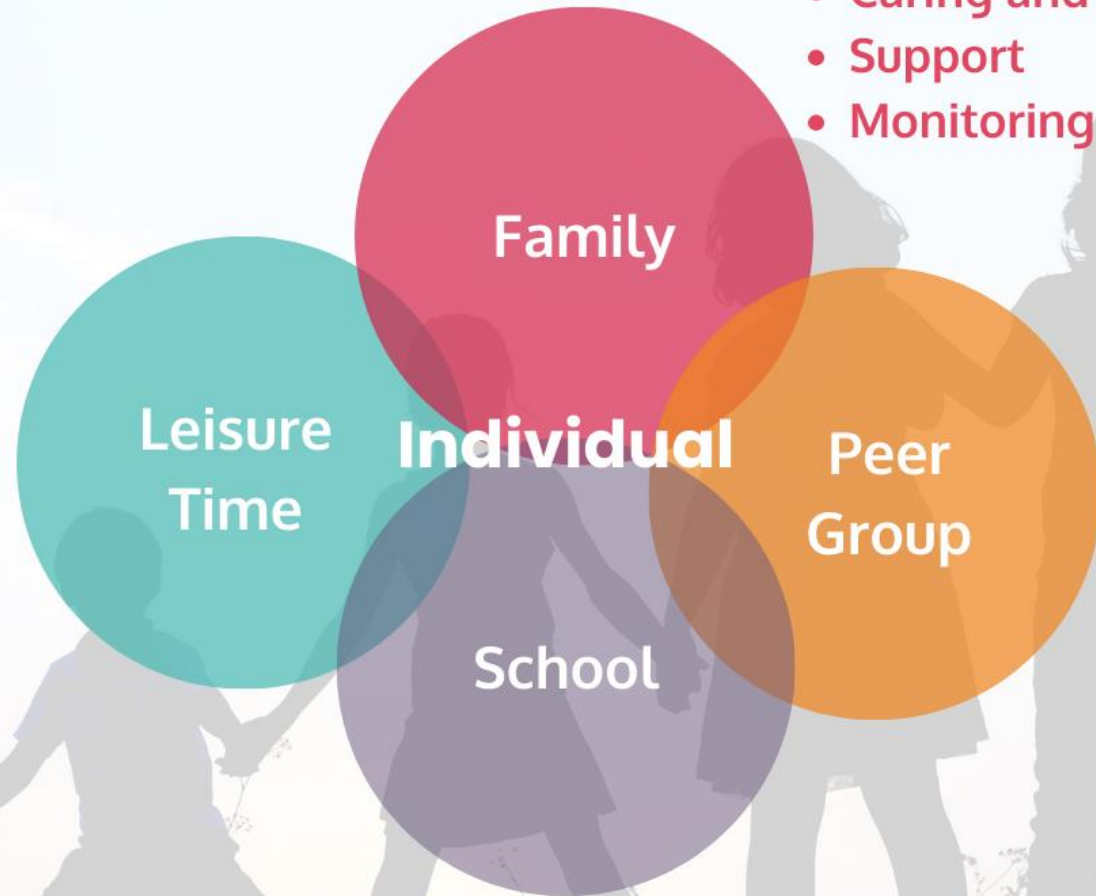
Our focus is *primary - universal* prevention

- Primary prevention, preventing the development of substance use before it starts
- Researchers, policymakers, parents, caregivers, people working with and for children have joined forces.



Icelandic Prevention Model

- Quality organized activities vs. unorganized activities



- Time spent with parents
- Caring and warmth
- Support
- Monitoring

- Positive and negative effects
- How we as parents approach the peer group
- Staying outside late

- Bullying (inside and outside of school)
- Safety
- Attitudes toward studies

The core elements of the Icelandic prevention model

Evidence base

To know where we are going, we have to know where we stand! Based on solid research.

Community approach

With a focus on changing the social circumstances of young people and through that influencing their behavior.

Research – policy – practice

To create and maintain a dialogue between research, policy and practice



The Five Guiding Principles of Planet Youth Guidance Program

1

Apply a primary prevention approach that is designed to enhance the social environment.

2

Emphasize community action and embrace public schools as the natural hub of the neighborhood/ efforts to support child and adolescent health, learning, and life success.

3

Engage and empower community members to make practical decisions using local, high quality, accessible data and diagnostics.

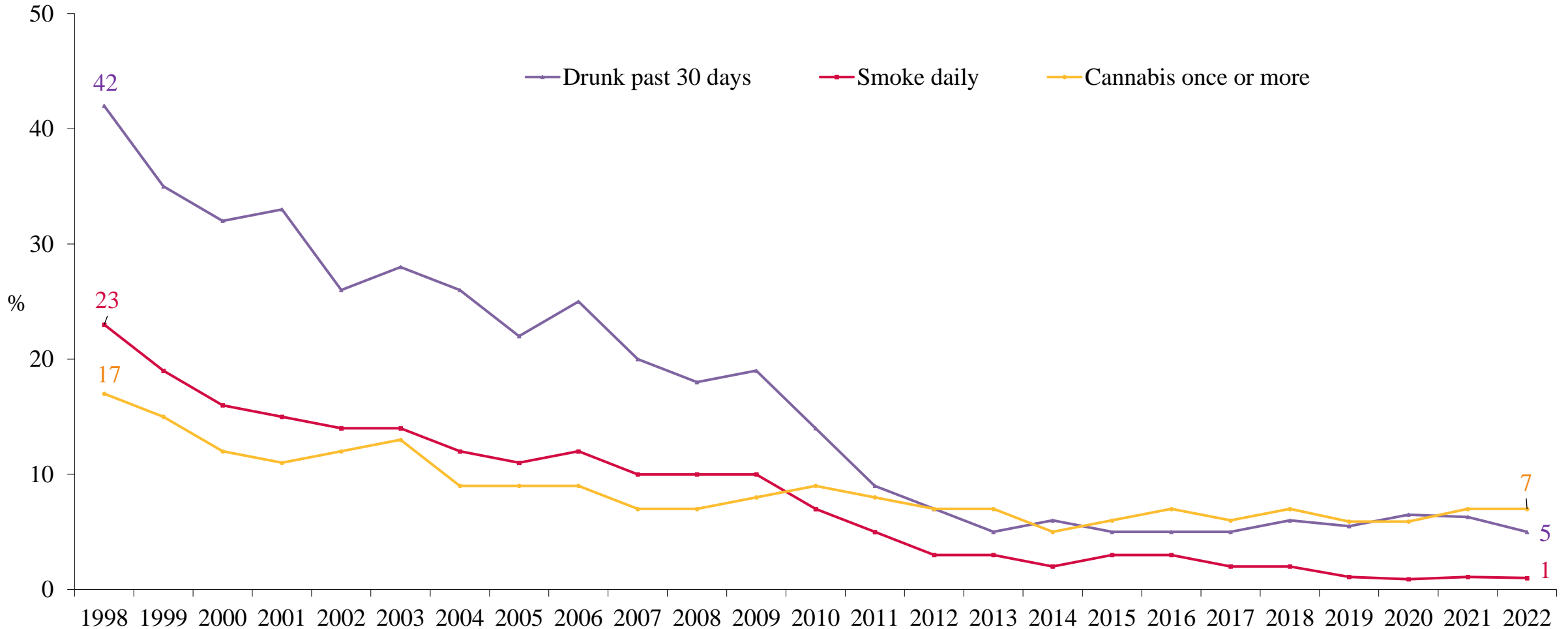
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Integrate researchers, policy makers, practitioners, and community members into a unified team dedicated to solving complex, real-world problems.

5

Match the scope of the solution to the scope of the problem, including emphasizing longterm intervention and efforts to marshal adequate community resources.

Iceland: From the highest to the lowest in substance use – 15/16 year old students



COMMON SURVEYING AGE:
15-16 YEAR OLDS

60-70
QUESTIONS

BIENNIAL
SURVEY

SCHOOLS ARE THE HUB
TO REACH STUDENTS

REPORTS ARE
DELIVERED TO
MUNICIPALITIES AND
SCHOOLS

DATA PROCESSED IN
6-8 WEEKS

STUDENTS SHARE
SEVERAL FACTORS
IN THEIR LIVES



**BUILDING ACTION
ON DATA USING
KNOWLEDGE TO
BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE FOR
CHILDREN**



Indicators

local community networks

parents and family

anxiety

Sleep

peer group economic and psychological issues

negative life events and strain

physical health status

values and attitudes

internet gambling

depressive symptoms

lifestyle and leisure time activities

Health status indicators

substance USE

studies and school

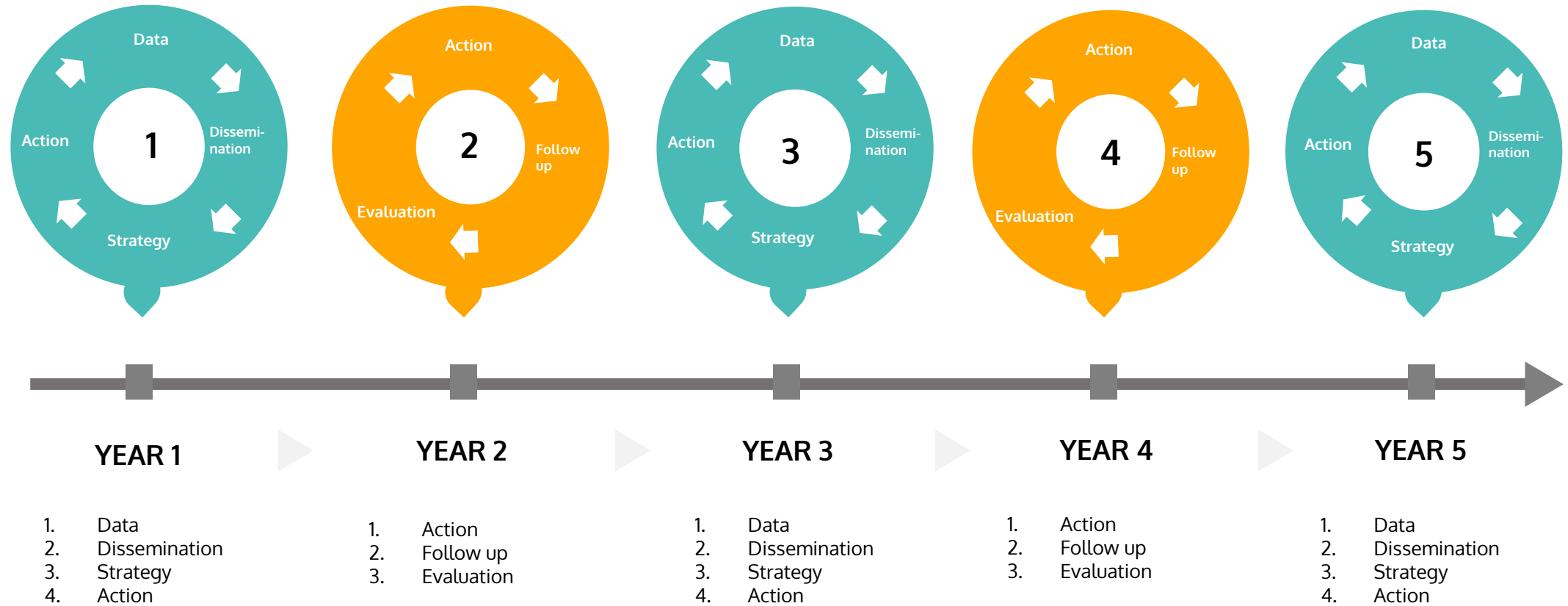
violence and delinquency,
and more ...

WHY IS THIS DATA IMPORTANT?

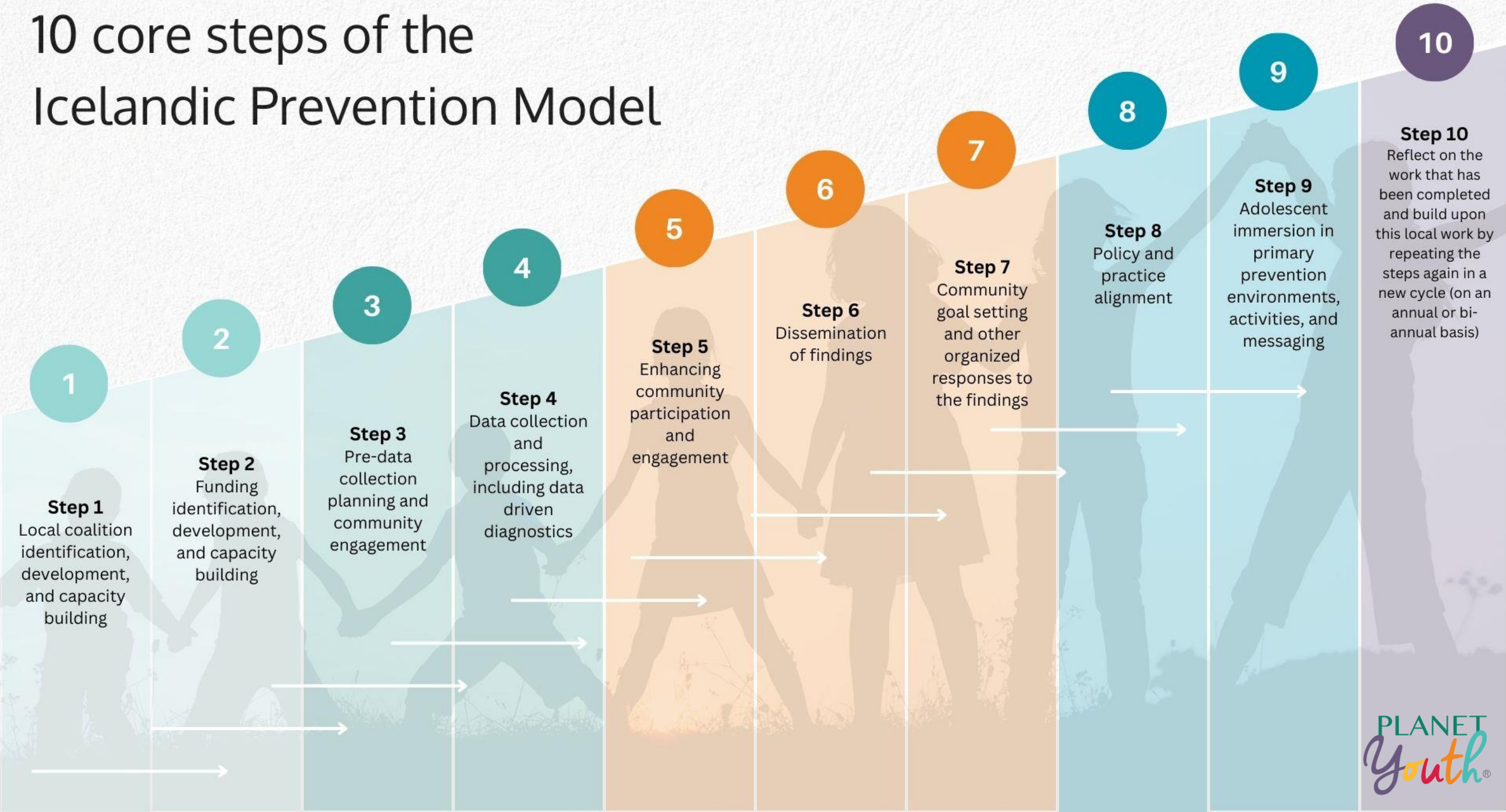
- Data allows community partners to understand the situation in the community.
- To take informed actions to increase protective factors, decrease risk factors, and ultimately change the environment of children and youth.



The Planet Youth 5-year guidance program overview



10 core steps of the Icelandic Prevention Model



The Planet Youth Organization

- A **global organization.**
- Engaged in **social innovation.**
- The mission is to **empower communities to create healthier environments for children.**



EXAMPLES OF WHAT PLANET YOUTH SPECIALISTS DO

- Advising on community implementation including coalition building, capacity building, and intervention and strategy development
- Training including coalition building, data collection, using the results, creating action plans, and speciality topics such as parent engagement
- Data analysis and reporting
- Project management
- Developing community implementation tools and support
- Evaluation of the process



Planet Youth Partners Around the World



OUR RESPONSIBILITY



Planet Youth is not a project



- ✓ It's about changing the way we think and then acting in a different way
- ✓ Time - We don't change things overnight