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**Fwd: TNR Petition**

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**From:** Nicole Frey <nicole@animalfoodbank.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 8:38 AM  
**Subject:** Re: TNR Petition  
**To:** Allison Knodel <allkno@medicinehat.ca>

Thanks so much. Unfortunately, I can't join this morning as I have my four year old beside me who isn't super good at being quiet and letting me listen, but am happy to provide any information that is needed/address any questions that come up from this meeting. We have connections all over Canada around pet rescue, spay/neuter programs and around advocacy and lobbying around important issues such as this and would be happy to provide any information that Council feels they need in order to make TNR a reality.

Will the City be releasing a statement today after this meeting outlining the course of action?

Nicole

On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 8:32 AM Allison Knodel <allkno@medicinehat.ca> wrote:

We will have the opportunity to discuss this topic at the end of Public Services this morning (happening right now - started at 8AM).

You are welcome to tune in if you are curious how the discussion goes. Please note that it would be observation only, though.

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**From:** Nicole Frey <nicole@animalfoodbank.org>**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 8:28 AM**To:** Allison Knodel <allkno@medicinehat.ca>

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Hi Allison,

Thank you for your reply - I appreciate it.

What is the City's plan to support the cats and the organizations like ours while we await the six months?

Council was woefully (and disgracefully) unprepared for the subject matter despite the item being on the agenda, and now the cats have to suffer because of it. Waiting another six months because of the dysfunction of Council is appalling.

I'm sure there's a way to expedite this - I hope you can find it.

And I'm sure there's a way to provide support to the community who are helping these cats in the meantime.

I look forward to seeing what you all come up with, and a statement to the media by the City. We all know APARC is overflowing, the SPCA is as well. AFB doesn't have funding. You've all had this on your radar for ten years. So six months doesn't cut it. It's time to do something.

Thanks,

Nicole

On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 8:21 AM Allison Knodel <[allkno@medicinehat.ca](mailto:allkno@medicinehat.ca)> wrote:

Hi Nicole,

Please know that I am aligned with your perspective and voted in favour of moving TNR forward.

Where we are right now, is that - because this bylaw was defeated at the last council meeting - it cannot, in it's existing form, come back to council for 6 months. However, it has been placed on the Public Services Outstanding Items List. This will allow for further conversation around revisions to this bylaw. One of the issues with this document is that it was twofold - it dealt with not only TNR but also wildlife issues. Council felt it was missing some important information on both sides - which is part of why it was defeated.

My understanding is that it being on the Public Services Outstanding Items List will allow for conversation around how to effectively move forward. I am hopeful with some open dialogue - as well as the community's advocacy in favour of TNR - that we can get this program in action (SOON).

Thank you for the time that you put in to serve and support animals, Nicole. Your care and concern is **so** valuable... and please continue to use your voice.

Take care,

Allison



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**From:** Nicole Frey <[nicole@animalfoodbank.org](mailto:nicole@animalfoodbank.org)>**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 7:43 AM**To:** Mayor <[mayor@medicinehat.ca](mailto:mayor@medicinehat.ca)>; Robert Dumanowski <[ROBDUM@medicinehat.ca](mailto:ROBDUM@medicinehat.ca)>; Cassi Hider <[cashid@medicinehat.ca](mailto:cashid@medicinehat.ca)>; Darren Hirsch <[darhir@medicinehat.ca](mailto:darhir@medicinehat.ca)>; Allison Knodel <[allkno@medicinehat.ca](mailto:allkno@medicinehat.ca)>; Andy McGrogan <[AndMcG@medicinehat.ca](mailto:AndMcG@medicinehat.ca)>; Ramona Robins <[RamRob@medicinehat.ca](mailto:RamRob@medicinehat.ca)>; Shila Sharps <[shisha@medicinehat.ca](mailto:shisha@medicinehat.ca)>; Alison Van Dyke <[alivan@medicinehat.ca](mailto:alivan@medicinehat.ca)>**Cc:** [chatnews@pattisonmedia.com](mailto:chatnews@pattisonmedia.com) <[chatnews@pattisonmedia.com](mailto:chatnews@pattisonmedia.com)>; Kendall King <[kking@medicinehatnews.com](mailto:kking@medicinehatnews.com)>**Subject:** TNR Petition

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Good Morning,

We continue to be disappointed in this City's administration and their lack of urgency around the matter of feral cat colonies in Medicine Hat.

The community clearly shares our concern, **as we surpassed 1,000 signatures in under 72 hours with our petition** - <https://chnq.it/tyNdKGS6wg> and still no acknowledgement from the City about this initiative.

I invite you to read the comments. Community members are using their voice. Yet, the City remains silent. There are grumbings in our community about how dysfunctional this council is and you are not doing anything to dissuade this. There are grumbings about what the Mayor does, or doesn't do, - as she is never in the public eye and never seems to be "for the people". Your Council has an opportunity to make change here and end the suffering of community cats. Yet you all remain silent and seem to want to do nothing to become informed. I'm still appalled that a council member didn't even take the time to look up what feral meant prior to last Monday's meeting. There was a community member there wishing to speak about this issue, and you didn't even bother to come to the meeting prepared - that is not supporting your community.

I respectfully ask for you to advise your plan of action around this. Will this item be first on next weeks Council agenda? Are you planning a special Council meeting for this topic? Are you inviting any stakeholders to speak to the importance of TNR programs? Have you done any research on the matter? If you are not prepared to allow TNR programs, are you going to provide more funding to APARC and the SPCA and other organizations in Medicine Hat who continually have to work to deal with the consequences of your inaction? We (all 1,000 of us) want to know.

It is shameful for you to allow your community members to have to deal with the outfall of your continued inaction, with our own money, resources, time and tears, while you sit on Council and do nothing.

This seems to be a pattern with the City - I've been trying to get a conversation going with the City about leasing the old food bank building for our Animal Food Bank for almost a year but am continually ignored - all while it sits vacant and I have to store copious amounts of food in my garage. Food that is supporting the community, SPCA and even APARC - along with Alberta wildfire relief. Animal welfare seems to be something this administration doesn't care about. I hope I'm wrong, and moreso I hope you are willing to prove I am wrong.

The feral cats have been waiting ten years for you to take action. The suffering and death of innocent cats is on your hands with each day you continue to delay.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Nicole Frey

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