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**Re: TNR Petition**

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**Shila Sharps** <shisha@medicinehat.ca>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 4:54 PM

To: Nicole Frey &lt;nicole@animalfoodbank.org&gt;

Cc: Kendall King &lt;kking@medicinehatnews.com&gt;, Brendan Miller &lt;brendan.miller@pattisonmedia.com&gt;

Nicole

Yes, you are correct this conversation appears to be mute. I try to answer all emails and give us much fact as possible so once again, I am in favour of this bylaw, but it will be done properly, that's not hiding; that's fact.

Your assumption on a lack of funding is just that an assumption.

Have a great evening

Shila Sharps CPHR, SMRM-SCP,RCIC  
Councillor  
City of Medicine Hat

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**From:** Nicole Frey <nicole@animalfoodbank.org>**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 4:48 PM**To:** Shila Sharps <shisha@medicinehat.ca>**Cc:** Kendall King <kking@medicinehatnews.com>; Brendan Miller <brendan.miller@pattisonmedia.com>**Subject:** Re: TNR Petition

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Shila,

You are missing the point. I don't need a lesson on how to draft bylaws. I am not on Council. Apparently you all may need a lesson though, on how to work for your community, versus hiding behind governance.

This has been on the City's radar for ten years. You continue to fail to answer my questions and instead appear to be a right fighter. I'm uninterested in anything more than what are you going to do to get the TNR program allowed in Medicine Hat, and what funding will you provide to organizations left to pick up after you all while you do it.

Unless you can provide answers on that, I have nothing left to discuss with you.

Nicole

On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 4:43 PM Shila Sharps <shisha@medicinehat.ca> wrote:

Hi Nicole, I'm just boarding a flight, but would like to respond to you. It is really important to understand that we do not draft bylaws as council, and we are not allowed to. We are purely governance under the municipal government act and can actually not get involved in writing of the bylaws. It is our role to pass them or send them back for clarity, and we can provide guidance to administration, but it would be highly unethical for us to attempt to write a draft.

As far as the petition, I'm actually out of the country and I knew nothing about it. Like I said before I was one of the councillors that has been pushing for this to be at the table, but it still has to be done properly.

I appreciate your frustration as I too want this completed.

Shila

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**From:** Nicole Frey <[nicole@animalfoodbank.org](mailto:nicole@animalfoodbank.org)>  
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Hi Shila,

Thank you for taking the time to email me to correct me with what you believe to be true. With all due respect, we will have to agree to disagree. Whatever your reasons around why you "had" to defeat it, it really doesn't matter at this point. Ten years this has been on the radar of the City. If we had not made this public and 1,100 people had not signed our petition, you all would still be sitting quietly waiting for your six months to pass, while cats continue to suffer and die.

I remind you that one of your fellow council members didn't even bother to look up the word feral prior to the meeting. Do you think this shows a commitment to this on his part?

It's time for Council to take action and stop making excuses. If you can't pass a bylaw because of how you allowed it to be drafted and brought forth, then are you going to put more money to the organizations tasked with caring for these cats and kittens while you figure out how to draft a passable by law? Or can you all work together to find a way through? I would hope our Council was capable of problem solving and thinking outside of the box when needed.

The cats, and our community, depend on it.

Nicole

On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 4:23 PM Shila Sharps <[shisha@medicinehat.ca](mailto:shisha@medicinehat.ca)> wrote:

Good afternoon Nicole thank you for your email. I think it's unfortunate that people do not watch the council meeting. It was not defeated because we didn't want to pass that it was defeated because it was not properly written.

It is absolutely our responsibility to make sure these byelaws can be upheld. It was me that sent it back and asked for a separation between dogs and cats primarily because if there is a requirement to update the Offleash area, both bylaws would be held in suspension... that does not make any sense to me.

This will come back to the council table after it is written properly. And just for your records, it was actually me that's been reporting information up to Administration this program, asking it for to be brought to the table.

I encourage you to watch the last council meeting recordings of waiting for Kevin Harty as it was not defeated for any other reason other than Administrative.

Shila

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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://chng.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 grumblings in our community about how dysfunctional this council is and you are not doing anything to dissuade this. There are grumblings 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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