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**RE: TNR Petition**

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**Mayor** <mayor@medicinehat.ca>  
To: Nicole Frey <nicole@animalfoodbank.org>

Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 2:22 PM

Dear Nicole,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program. I am grateful for, and share, your concerns for our un-homed cat community.

The bylaw that came forward to Council on June 5, 2023, in relation to the TNR program, dealt with multiple matters (see June 5 Council Agenda Package starting at page 116). Part of the bylaw was designed to enable a TNR program in Medicine Hat and part of the bylaw was designed to delegate authority to administration to designate on leash and off leash areas in the City.

Unfortunately, if members of council did not agree with the delegation of authority to designate on/off leash areas, they had to vote down the whole bylaw, even if they agreed the TNR program.

However, a bylaw authorizing a TNR program in Medicine Hat will come back to Council.

The matter was referred to the Public Services Committee so the bylaw could be reworked and brought back to a future Council meeting. On June 12, 2023, Public Services Committee discussed the bylaw and administration committed to bring a TNR bylaw back to Public Services Committee on June 26, 2023. If you are interested, you can attend this meeting virtually or in person.

If approved for recommendation at that meeting, the bylaw will come forward to Council on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. However, if the Public Services Committee deems the proposed bylaw to be insufficient, they may send it back to administration to make the necessary adjustments until it is ready to be presented to Council.

Thank you again for taking the time to reach out.

**Linnsie Clark** BSc, JD**Mayor**

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**From:** Nicole Frey <[nicole@animalfoodbank.org](mailto:nicole@animalfoodbank.org)>  
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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://chnng.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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***\*please note - I am recovering from a brain injury so please excuse any typos or grammatical errors.***

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