



Town of Ponoka Hires New Bylaw Enforcement Officer

(April 25, 2018 – Ponoka, Alberta) – The Town of Ponoka has hired a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to provide bylaw enforcement services in Ponoka on a part-time, fee-for-service basis. Victor Tam, who has worked in bylaw enforcement for the past five years, will work a varied schedule of 16 hours per week in Ponoka, which will include evening and weekend hours.

“Mr. Tam’s ability to work outside of regular officer hours will make it easier to reach people who aren’t home during the day,” said Wes Amendt, Director of Community Services for the Town of Ponoka.

“Mr. Tam’s focus will be on educating residents about Town bylaws to promote compliance. The issuing of tickets or fines for Town bylaw violations will be a last resort for repeat offenders or for those who do not comply within a reasonable period,” said Amendt. Funding for a part-time Bylaw Enforcement Officer was approved in the 2018 Budget.

Prior to Tam being hired, bylaw enforcement in Ponoka had been managed temporarily by Legislative Services and the Director of Community Services following the departure of a former Town employee who had been appointed by Council to enforce Town bylaws.

If you have a bylaw concern you would like to submit, please do the following:

- Go to www.ponoka.ca and fill out the ‘Bylaw Enforcement Request for Service’ email form.
- Follow the steps indicated on the form, including providing your name, phone number, email address (if applicable) and a brief description of your bylaw concern.
- Then hit ‘submit’ and a Town staff member or the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will contact you as soon as they are able. Due to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer’s part-time schedule, call-backs within the same day will not always be possible.
- OR if you don’t have access to a computer or need assistance submitting a ‘Request for Service’ email form, please phone the Town Office at 403-783-4431 and a staff member will help you.

The Ponoka RCMP will continue to be involved in the enforcement of Town bylaws as appropriate. Animal control bylaw matters will continue to be responded to by Old MacDonald Kennels, which works under contract with the Town to provide animal control services. A complete list of Town bylaws can be found online at www.ponoka.ca/town-hall/town-council/council-agenda-and-minutes

If you have questions, please call the Town Office at 403-783-4431.

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