

**TOWN OF CROSSFIELD  
BULLYING BYLAW  
BYLAW NO. 2017-14**

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Being a bylaw of the Town of Crossfield, in the province of Alberta, to control and regulate bullying of minors and/or persons within the Town of Crossfield

WHEREAS, under the authority and subject to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 and amendments thereto, Council may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and

NOW THEREFORE the Council enacts as follows that:

**Part 1 – Definitions:**

- a) **“Bullying”** means repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour by an individual in the municipality, either directly or through any medium whatsoever, where the behaviour results in harm, fear or distress to one or more individuals in the municipality including, but not limited to, physical harm, psychological harm or harm to an individual’s reputation.
- b) **“Offence”** means a breach of a law or rule
- c) **“Public Place”** means any place, including privately owned or leased property, to which the public reasonably has or is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise, within the corporate limits of the Town of Crossfield, including schools, recreational facilities, public parks and sports grounds.
- d) **“Violation Ticket”** means a violation ticket as defined in the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.

**Part 2 – Enforcement:**

**1. No person shall, in any public place:**

- a. Communicate either directly or indirectly, with any person in a way that causes the person, reasonably in all the circumstances, to feel bullied.
- b. While not taking part in any action described in Part 2, Section 1 (a), encourage or cheer on, any person described in Part 2, Section 1 (a).

**2. Any person who contravenes Part 2 Section 1 (a) of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and is liable**

- a. For a first offence\*, to a specified penalty of \$250.00; and
- b. For a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00; and in default of payment of the fine and costs, to imprisonment for six months.

**\*The fine for the first offence will be reduced to \$125.00 if the offender successfully completes an approved anti-bullying counselling session(s) or education programs.**

2. That this Bylaw shall come into effect upon the third and final reading.

Read a first time this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017

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Read a third and passed unanimous consent of Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017



Mayor Jo Tennant



Chief Administrative Officer Ken Bosman