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New Community Safety Officer Appointed

Council appointed Kevin Galbraith as the City's first Community Safety Officer (CSO) at the August 7, 2018 Council Meeting. Officer Galbraith, who has been a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for over 10 years, will begin his new position August 8th. To support the development of the CSO program, a bylaw enforcement officer has been recruited, with the objective of eventual CSO status for that individual.

"The City is restructuring the Bylaw enforcement office increasing the responsibilities of the existing positions," said Mayor Bob Maloney. "Our new Community Safety Officer has the ability to enforce the *Traffic Safety Act*, the *All-Terrain Vehicle Act* and *Snowmobile Act* and other provincial acts as well as City of Yorkton Bylaws," he said. "While initially the new officer will be issuing warnings and focusing on public education, he will be able to issue tickets for speeding and other traffic offences such as enforcing where heavy trucks can travel within the city, use of engine retarder brakes and monitoring school zone traffic for safety concerns," said the Mayor.

The City had heard concerns from citizens regarding heavy trucks within city limits and potential damage to roadways, trucks using retarder brakes within city limits and vehicles speeding through school zones. The goal of the program is improve safety in the community. The CSO will also be in charge of enforcing the City Bylaws, such as the Animal Control Bylaw, Property Standards Bylaw and Traffic Bylaw

For more information on the new Community Safety Officer program, City Bylaws and enforcement please contact Bylaw Services at 306-786-1725.

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