

BYLAW No. 1109/AC/2026

A BYLAW FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRVIEW IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PET THERAPY WITH ANIMAL-ASSISTED INTERVENTION PILOT

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people, the protection of people and property, wild and domestic animals and certain activities in relation to them; and

Whereas, Council deems it desirable to regulate the keeping of Livestock for the purpose of Pet Therapy in the Fairview Long Term Care Facility;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Fairview, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

1.1. This bylaw shall be cited as the "Pet Therapy with Animal-Assisted Intervention Pilot".

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish a pilot program permitting Rabbits and/or Ducks in controlled animal-assisted therapy and activities within the designated long-term care setting to enhance resident well-being, social engagement, and quality of life.
- 2.2. This Bylaw applies exclusively to the Fairview Long-Term Care Facility and approved therapy animals and handlers participating in the pilot.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. Animal-assisted activities: Informal interactions with animals for recreation or socialization.
- 3.2. Animal-assisted therapy: Goal-orientation interventions delivered as part of a care plan.
- 3.3. Handler: Individuals responsible for the control and care of animals.
- 3.4. Livestock: A domesticated animal approved for participation in healthcare settings.
- 3.5. Peace Officer: a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Town of Fairview appointed Bylaw Enforcement Control officer.

4. Authority and Compliance

- 4.1. All activities in this Bylaw shall comply with:
 - Bylaw 1077/ AC/2022 Animal & Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw of the Town of Fairview;
 - A Town of Fairview Animal licence must be obtained annually for each annual term the program is offered to a maximum of 1 Animal Unit;
 - All activities comply with Alberta Health Services (AHS) best practice recommendations and applicable provincial legislation; and

- Program Administration of the pilot shall be coordinated by the facility recreation therapy, volunteer services, or designate.

5. Permitted Animals

- Animals permitted with written approval by Environmental Public Health (EPH) and the Facility Administrator or designate: Rabbits and/or Ducks

6. Enforcement

- 6.1. The Facility reserves the right to revoke prior approvals, refuse entry of animals, or require immediate removal of any animal where concerns arise.
- 6.2. Peace Officers may require the immediate removal of any animal where a contravention of a bylaw occurs and shall make recommendations to Council regarding the continuation or cancellation of the Pilot.

7. Pilot Duration and Evaluation

- 7.1. The pilot term shall be 12 months from adoption of the Bylaw.

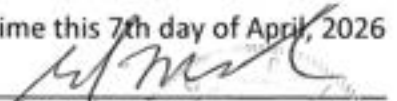
8. Severability

- 8.1. Council may amend or terminate the pilot based on non-compliance or inspection results.
- 8.2. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion shall be severed.


9. Effective Date

- 9.1. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third and final reading and is duly signed.

Read a first time this 7th day of April, 2026



Mayor Gordon Macleod



CAO Daryl Greenhill

Read a second time this 7th day of April, 2026

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY MOVED TO PROCEED WITH A THIRD READING

Read a third time this 7th day of April, 2026



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