

Hi Jesse,

I'm looking for support from council members regarding amending the District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw 1368 - 4.14 Fences. The current bylaw restricts the maximum height of residential fences to 1.8 metres high on interior, rear and exterior parcel lines. I'm working toward amending the height to 2.4 metres/ 8 feet for all three. I believe with the cumulative snowfall Mackenzie receives it's a necessary change which would benefit the entire community.

I've lived in Mackenzie for almost 20 years and have been a pet owner the entire time. Every winter my 1.8 metre fence becomes less than a metre tall because of snow. I know I'm not the only resident of Mackenzie with this issue. While it hasn't been nearly as bad in recent years, I believe increasing the height restriction to 2.4 metres will help pet owners prevent their pets from leaving their yards, lower costs of Animal Control call outs and dangerous incidents such as pets being hit by cars, ending up in other people's yards and at the school grounds.

This has been something I've wanted to change since my first winter in Mackenzie. I'm hopeful I can get the support needed to knock this off my bucket list! I look forward to hearing back from you.

The bylaw currently reads:

District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017
Section 4 - General Regulations
4.14 Fences
4. Fences along interior and rear parcel lines (where not adjacent to a highway) in R-zones shall not exceed a height of 1.8 metres.
6. Fences on the exterior parcel line of residential parcel may not exceed 1.8 metres.

Amended to

District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017
Section 4 - General Regulations
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4. Fences along interior and rear parcel lines (where not adjacent to a highway) in R-zones shall not exceed a height of 2.4 metres.
6. Fences on the exterior parcel line of residential parcel may not exceed 2.4 metres.

Sincerely,
Jaimie Coulton