

# DISCOVER GRANDE PRAIRIE

## MODULE 2



### Bylaws

**This is a comprehensive overview. Modules will incorporate material from the content below but may not cover everything due to time constraints.**

The "Bylaws" module is designed to educate students about the importance, creation, and implementation of bylaws within a municipality. Students will learn what bylaws are, why they are necessary, and how they are created and enforced. The module includes interactive elements such as a mock council meeting where students can experience the process of proposing, debating, and passing or rejecting a bylaw.

### Curriculum Outline

#### 1. What is a Bylaw and Why Do We Need Them?

- **Overview Presentation:** Introduction to bylaws, their purpose, and their importance in maintaining order and safety in the community.
- **Discussion:** Examples of common bylaws and their impact on daily life.

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#### 2. How Does Council Create a Bylaw?

- **Step-by-Step Explanation:** Breakdown of the process from proposal to adoption of a bylaw.
- **\*\*Interactive Session:** Collaboration with municipal enforcement, featuring a visit from a real bylaw officer to discuss their role and answer questions.

\*\*Subject to availability. Requests to include a bylaw officer must be made a minimum of 1 month in advance.

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#### 3. Council Meeting Simulation

- **Preparation:** Instruction sheet for teachers available for download prior to the visit to prepare students.
- **Mock Council Meeting:** Students participate in a simulated council meeting where they propose a bylaw, debate its merits, and then vote to pass or reject it.
- **Debate Guidelines:** Clear rules and structure provided to ensure an engaging and educational experience.

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#### Learning Objectives

- **Understand what a bylaw is** and why bylaws are essential for community governance.
- **Learn the process of how a bylaw is created** by the city council.
- **Explore the roles of municipal enforcement officers** in implementing and enforcing bylaws.
- **Participate in a simulated council meeting** to experience the process of proposing, debating, and deciding on a bylaw.