



WHAT WE HEARD
REPORT

Bragg Creek Commercial Property Owners

October 2025

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Rocky View County is exploring solutions to better manage and reduce wildlife attractants in Bragg Creek. In Spring of 2025, the County conducted public engagement with the broader Bragg Creek Community on this matter and received over 300 comments from over 165 participants. The key takeaways from the engagement were:

- 92% of participants self-reported storing their garbage inside or in a secure bin outside.
- 81% of participants felt they had the information needed to understand how to coexist with wildlife.
- A top concern was overflowing garbage in communal areas, particularly in commercial and tourist spots.
- Participants also mentioned concerns with tourists and newcomers feeding wildlife.

The findings of the engagement were presented to Rocky View County's Governance Committee on July 17, 2025. The committee directed Administration to engage directly with the business property owners in Bragg Creek.

Business Chambers

Following Council's direction, Administration gave a presentation and spoke with the Bragg Creek Business Chambers. During the meeting, Administration heard from businesses that they would be willing to adopt more wildlife safe practices, but emphasized the need for support from commercial property owners.

The Chamber provided Administration with a list of major property owners in Bragg Creek and, using a combination of emails, phone calls, and voice mails, Administration contacted 13 property owners based on the Chamber's list and utility billing records.



KEY FINDINGS:

Initial Engagement

In the previous public engagement conducted in Spring 2025, nine respondents self-identified as business owners. All nine self-reported either storing their garbage inside or in wildlife secure bins. When asked whether garbage was a wildlife attractant, seven of the respondents said it was, with two of those respondents specifically citing unsecured garbage as the primary issue.

Current Engagement

As part of the follow-up engagement, seven property owners responded with feedback on their experiences with wildlife, current waste management practices, and their openness to adopting new solutions.

All seven respondents indicated that they have not experienced issues with wildlife being attracted to or accessing their own garbage. A couple respondents noted they had observed birds going through other commercial bins in the community. Some also expressed a willingness to make changes to reduce potential risks.

Four respondents reported that they currently lock their garbage bins and dumpsters. Two respondents said they do not, expressing doubt about the effectiveness of locking bins. A concern raised regarding locks was that employees sometimes lose the keys or the locks themselves, and owners have had locked bins broken into by people seeking to illegally dump their waste, making the process impractical.

The primary concern raised by five of the respondents was not related to wildlife, but rather to illegal dumping. They reported issues such as members of the public disposing of household waste in commercial bins and public park bins, including campers leaving garbage at the end of a weekend.

One respondent suggested altering the County's waste disposal programs, as the limited hours and expense could be the reason members of the public dispose of their household waste in the commercial bins and public park bins.





NEXT STEPS & THANK YOU

The project team will present the findings to Council to get further direction.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this phase of engagement. Your input is helping shape how the County moves forward with wildlife solutions in Bragg Creek.