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## PARKS BYLAW

OCT 24, 2023

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## Purpose of the Bylaw

- To regulate the use of Parks and Trails within Parkland County

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## Summary

...current usage of the county parks system.

- Changes were made to align this bylaw with other county bylaws.
- Clarity in language provided to help both end users and enforcement in ensuring parks provide an enjoyable environment for all.
- Feedback from public engagement and the legal review were incorporated into the final version of the bylaw.

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## Definitions:

- The section has been significantly updated to reflect current uses and updated language.

## Public Access and Enjoyment:

- This **outlines** when activities are permitted in a Park.

## Safe and Courteous Behaviour:

- This **outlines** behaviour that is unacceptable as well as expected behaviour of all park user i.e. respectful, reasonable, and responsible behaviour.

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## Activities Allowed in Designated Areas Only:

- This **outlines** activities allowed only in designated areas; Including but not limited to tobogganing, disc golf, horseback riding, hockey and operating remote control toys.

## Activities requiring Permits:

- This **outlines** park activities that must have permits. Including but not limited to placing signs in the park, art installations, selling or distributing goods, drop-in fitness classes, hot air balloons, winter storage of dock, boat lifts and swim platforms on Park land and camping or erecting a tent or other structure.

## Reserved Areas:

- These are park areas that can be reserved with a County permit. Reserved areas include but are not limited to Parks, picnic areas, campgrounds

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## Park Rules:

- **This** outlines park rules and regulations pertaining to geocaching, bicycles, E-bicycles and E-Scooters, drones, watercrafts, trails and pathways, camping, waste, fires, and vehicles.

## Seasonal Storage:

- **This** articulates the storing of docks, boat lifts and swim platforms on Park land between October 1 – May 31.

## Environmental Protection :

- This addresses the protection of water, wildlife, vegetation, and encroachment.

## Enforcement and Penalties:

- This addresses Offences, Enforcement and Penalties.

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## Enforcement & Penalties

- Penalties
  - To be included in the Fees & Charges Bylaw
  - Based on a review of our current penalties as well as a municipal scan of penalties
- Enforcement
  - The Bylaw allows for the officers to use discretion, mediation and awareness
  - The Bylaw also includes the requirement for remediation if required

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## What we heard

- What we heard report
  - Use of drones in parks
  - Clarity to dogs on leash
  - Ensure bylaw is enforceable
  - Open liquor in Parks
  - Transparent permit process
- Additional Comments
  - Education of the bylaw
    - Parks vs Other County lands
    - Fire pits in Parks



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QUESTIONS?