

Topic: Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association License of Occupation Amendment- County Lands

**Introduction:**

The Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association (PBLACA) has requested an amendment to its existing License of Occupation Agreement with Parkland County to incorporate an additional parcel of Municipal Reserve (MR) land into its current license.

This amendment will allow the Association to expand community-oriented recreational and gathering space to better serve residents in the area.

**Background Information:**

The Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association (PBLACA) is a community league located in the northeast corner of Parkland County, serving the communities of Helenslea, Helenslea Heath (all phases), Lakeshore Estates, Southern Properties, Countryside Ravines, Park Lane Estates, and Country Squire Estates.

PBLACA currently holds a License of Occupation for Municipal Reserve land located within Lakeshore Estates (Reserve Lot 211, Parcel A), where it has developed and continues to maintain a community playground and gathering space.

As membership and community use continue to grow, PBLACA is seeking to expand recreational opportunities within the area by incorporating an additional Municipal Reserve parcel into its existing licensed area. The inclusion of Lot 104MR (Plan 1024439, Block 1, Lot 104MR) located within Parkland Estates would provide opportunities for additional low-impact recreational amenities and enhanced community use of the space.

**Analysis:**

Administration supports this request as it aligns with the Association's mandate and will enable the expansion of community-use opportunities. The proposal is consistent with County Land Policy C-AS53 which supports the use of Municipal Reserve lands for community, recreational, and non-profit purposes.

The addition of Municipal Reserve land under the care of PBLACA will provide community benefit by:

- Expanding available space for gatherings, recreation, and informal programming
- Enhancing the usability of Municipal Reserve lands for residents in the surrounding area
- Supporting the Association's mandate to foster community engagement and social connection

The proposed use is consistent with the intended purpose of Municipal Reserve lands and represents an appropriate expansion of an existing community-serving agreement.

Proposed amenities include:

- A firepit with a non-combustible base and appropriate safety buffer
- Picnic tables
- A volleyball net and posts
- A small storage shed

These amenities are compatible with informal, community-driven recreational spaces and complement the existing facilities on the original parcel.

### **Operational Considerations**

The amendment establishes clear maintenance and operational requirements, including:

- Ongoing debris removal, grass cutting, and weed control
- Tree maintenance and the safe removal of deadfall
- Fire safety requirements and associated restrictions
- Compliance with County permitting, signage, and construction standards

These conditions ensure the additional lands are maintained in a safe, responsible manner for ongoing public use.

### **Alternative Option**

Council can deny the amendment and maintain the current License of Occupation with expansion of lands or amenities.

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