visual identity guide

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introduction

THE GOALS OF THE VISUAL IDENTITY GUIDE

- Establishing and enforcing consistent and clear brand identity through the proper design and use of Parkland County's brand.
- Establishing an internal process that will ensure that the County's employees can deliver on the brand's promises and therefore increase association with the Parkland County brand.
- Promoting the brand externally to build a desired image and increase perception about Parkland County.
- Strengthening business retention and expansion through a clear and exciting branding message.

In order to achieve the goals of the Branding Strategy, the Parkland County Corporate Visual Identity Guidelines have been prepared to provide clear and concise reproduction standards for the County's corporate identity (the logo, tagline, and supporting graphic elements).

The Parkland County Corporate Visual Identity Guidelines outlines the rules for using the Parkland County logo, fonts, colours and templates, internally and externally. These guidelines should also be incorporated in any other additional corporate handbooks or other documents where there is reference to use of the Parkland County corporate identity.

ABOUT THE LOGO

The logo consists of two elements: an icon and text





icon element

text element

The boldness of the text reflects that of the County. The green of the logo is fresh and energetic, striking and contemporary in the marketplace.

Separating "park" and "land" with different colours is counterintuitive and striking, emphasizing "land," something we have a lot of here in Parkland County. In addition, the use of lowercase letters is modern and less predictable.

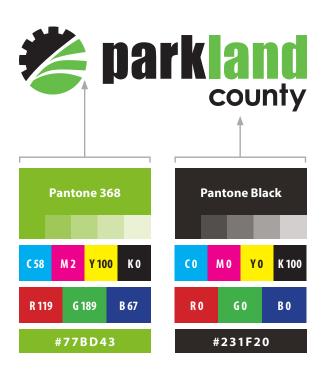
The icon is reflective of both industry and agriculture, evocative of our landbased value proposition and our agricultural roots. Parkland County is an exciting, vibrant community on the rise and we feel the icon depicts that quite nicely.

The logo is offered in two formats for flexibility in use without distorting the image.





LOGO COLOURS



VISION

The vision is a high-level statement that expresses what the future looks like. Our vision has been crafted to be inspiring, energizing and motivating both internally and externally.

One Parkland: Powerfully Connected.

The vision may be displayed with the logo. The font must be Myriad Pro Bold, and it must be centred beneath the logo. The spacing of the vision must be equal to 1½ of the height of the 'a' in the Parkland County logo.



One Parkland: Powerfully Connected.

MINIMUM SIZE

To ensure legibility of text and graphic elements of the visual identity, it is important that the visual identity is not reduced past a certain point.

Minimum size for both formats: Landscape version: 1.4" x 0.4"

Stacked version: 0.93" x 0.67"





There is no recommended maximum logo size.

ICON USE



The logo image with text should always be used as the full corporate logo. However, there are situations where use of the logo in its entirety would not be practical. In these situations, the icon can be used alone, but should be discussed with Communications Services first.

SPACING

It is important to always maintain the minimum protective space around the Parkland County logo. This will maintain consistency and help to create the biggest visual impact in association with the brand.

For the logo, the minimum protective space is equal to the height of the "a" in "parkland".



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UNACCEPTABLE USE

The logo image when used with text should never appear larger or smaller in relationship to each other. The elements should never be re-arranged in a format other than the acceptable reproduction standards outlined in this guide.







Make sure when changing the size of the logo that proportion is maintained. Do not allow the image to become compressed or stretched out of proportion. To prevent this, hold down the Shift key when altering the size to keep the logo in proper proportion.









COLOUR VARIATIONS

Where possible, the logo should be used in full colour as the image will have greater impact. For example, full colour ads are shown to outperform an identical black and white ad by 300%. However, it may be necessary to reproduce the logo in black and white, greyscale, or even a single colour.

Logos in both vertical and horizontal layouts are available in the following colour variations. Image files are available in .eps, .jpg, and .png file formats. Staff should consult with Communications Services to determine the appropriate file format for the intended use.

- Black
- White
- Colour using Pantone 368
- Colour using RGB

OTHER COLOUR VARIATIONS

When full colour cannot be used, the logo can be reproduced in metallic tones and as a tone-on-tone (i.e. on promotional items such as shirts). Any variations are to be submitted to the Communications Services for approval.

BLACK AND WHITE





LOGO & ICON OVERVIEW

DO: FOLLOW THE SIZE GUIDELINES

DO: KEEP THE COLOURS CONSISTENT

DO: ALLOW ENOUGH PROTECTIVE SPACE

DO: CHOOSE THE CORRECT VERSION FOR EACH USE

DO: CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR GUIDANCE IF YOU ARE UNSURE









Logo colours have been altered.

Logo is too small.

DON'T: REARRANGE THE LOGO ELEMENTS

DON'T: COMPRESS OR STRETCH THE LOGO OR ICON

DON'T: CHANGE THE COLOURS OF THE LOGO OR ICON

DON'T: PUT TEXT OR GRAPHIC ELEMENTS TOO CLOSE TO THE LOGO









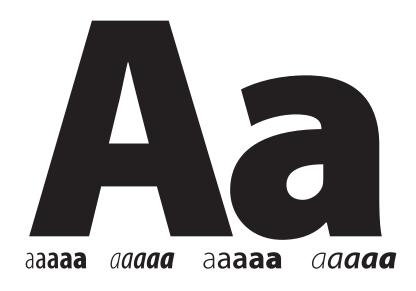


Not enough contrast between logo and photo; too difficult to see.

typography

COLOUR VARIATIONS

To further standardize the appearance and graphic appeal of Parkland County's printed materials, a consistent typeface should be used for supporting text and headlines. MYRIAD PRO was selected due to its modern look, legibility, and its variety in weight and style.



NOTE: This applies to external correspondence (letters) and internal memos as well. All employees are to use the templates for letterhead, word documents, memos, PowerPoint presentations, etc., that have been developed in order to ensure consistency in our communications materials.

Myriad Pro Light

Myriad Pro Light Condensed

Myriad Pro Light Italic

Myriad Pro Light Condensed Italic

Myriad Pro Regular

Myriad Pro Condensed

Myriad Pro Italic

Myriad Pro Condensed Italic

Myriad Pro Semibold

Myriad Pro Semibold Condensed

Myriad Pro Semibold Italic Myriad Pro Semibold Condensed Italic

Myriad Pro Bold

Myriad Pro Bold Condensed

Myriad Pro Bold Italic

MP Bold Condensed Italic

Myriad Pro Black

Myriad Pro Black Condensed

typography

HEADINGS

The font "Myriad Pro Black" can be used for headings and subheadings as utilized in this guide.

Myriad Pro Black

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Myriad Pro Black Condensed
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

SPACING

The approved font is "Myriad Pro" which is the typeface used for the text in this manual. This font is known as a "sans serif" font (a typeface that does not use serifs, the small lines at the ends of characters).

Myriad Pro Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz

Myriad Pro Italic

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Myriad Pro Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Myriad Pro Bold Italic

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Myriad Pro Condensed

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz

Myriad Pro Condensed Italic

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Myriad Pro Bold Condensed

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

MP Bold Condensed Italic

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typography

TYPOGRAPHY OVERVIEW

DO: USE THE SPECIFIED FONTS

DO: MAKE THE FONT SIZE EASILY LEGIBLE FOR YOUR AUDIENCE

DO: USE SIZE AND WEIGHT TO CREATE CONTRAST

DO: REMEMBER THAT LESS IS MORE

DO: CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR GUIDANCE IF YOU ARE UNSURE





Specified font is used; great for consistancy.





Incorrect font is used; inconsistant.





Text size varied to create contrast.





Text too small.



DON'T: USE VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL SCALING

DON'T: ADD STROKES OR OUTLINES

DON'T: ADD DROP SHADOWS



Text has not been scaled.





Text has been horizontally and vertically scaled.

colour scheme

CORPORATE COLOURS

The colour scheme has been influenced by some of Parkland County's prominent features; grassy fields, highways, clean water, barns, buildings, and deep lakes.



colour scheme

COLOUR OVERVIEW

DO: CONTROL THE USE OF COLOUR

DO: USE COLOURS THAT COMPLENT PHOTOGRAPHS OR BRACKGROUNDS

DO: USE COLOURS FOR TYOE THAT HAVE ADEQUATE CONTRAST TO PHOTOGRAPHS OR BACKGROUNDS

DO: USE SCREENS OF COLOURS TO PROVIDE CONTRAST

DO: CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS FOR GUIDANCE IF YOU ARE UNSURE



Use of colour makes this easy to read.





Lack of contrast makes this difficult to read.





Use of screen makes this easy to read.





Lack of contrast makes this diffcult to read.



DON'T: USE VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL SCALING

DON'T: ADD STROKES OR OUTLINES

DON'T: ADD DROP SHADOWS



Text colour complements the photograph.





Text colour does not complement the photograph.

service emblems

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES LOGO

Parkland County Enforcement Services has its own official logo to be used or departmental purposes in place of the corporate logo.





FIRE SERVICES LOGO

Parkland County Fire Services has its own official logo to be used for departmental purposes in place of or along with the corporate logo.



stationery

BUSINESS CARDS



NAME

Myriad Pro Semibold Semicondensed

SIZE: 10/12

TITLE

Myriad Pro Semibold Condensed (all caps)

SIZE: 8/9.6 9 PT SPACE AFTER

EMAIL

Myriad Pro Condensed SIZE: 9/11, 2 PT SPACE AFTER

PHONE NUMBERS

Myriad Pro Semibold Condensed

SIZE: 8.5/11

WEBSITE

Myriad Pro Semibold Condensed

SIZE: 9/11

2 PT SPACE BEFORE&AFTER

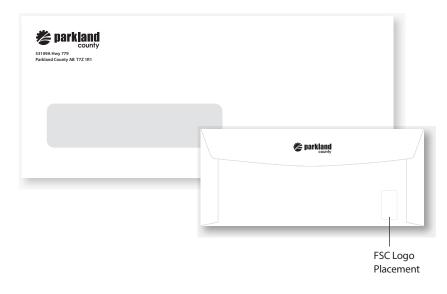
stationery

LETTERHEAD



ENVELOPES

#10 Window or Plain envelopes



FOR POSITION ONLY

print publications

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Communications Services is responsible for maintaining the corporate identity for Parkland County. This includes ensuring all external publications conform to a specific design standard. Communications Services will work alone or with a graphic designer to create the following types of projects:

- Annual Reports
- Brochures
- Flyers
- Newsletters
- Posters
- Other external publications as needed.

Parkland County has templates for various items, including brochures, newsletters, newspaper advertising, and more. These templates are created in Adobe InDesign software, a professional graphic design program compatible with professional printing companies.

Employees should not use such as Microsoft Publisher to create items such as brochures and instead should consult with Communications Services to discuss their communication needs. Communications Services will work with employees to design professional brochures that meet the department needs, are consistent with the County's design standards, and are produced in a format suitable for professional printing.

COMPLEMENTARY COLOURS

Parkland County has identified official colours to be used that are complementary to the green of the logo. These colours are to be used in all the branding and marketing materials.



PRINTING

The printing of communications materials is a vital part of the development process. Photocopied pieces – brochures in particular - look unprofessional, inconsistent, and aesthetically unappealing. Further, although there is the appearance of it being less expensive to print in-house, when calculating the cost of labour and supplies, it is often more cost-effective to have items printed off-site.

Therefore, as often as possible, communications pieces should be professionally printed and produced. Communications Services will work in conjunction with Purchasing Services to ensure your projects are printed for the best price, by a reputable company, and on the appropriate paper stock.

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION Parkant county TITLE SUBTITLE SUBTITLE

templates

WORD DOCUMENT



Word document

This is a word document template. Use it for your documents.

Using the template

PRE-SET STYLES

Along the top of the "Home" tab, there area multiple pre-set styles, including:

- Title
- Heading 1
- Heading 2
- Heading 3Heading 4
- Normal

CUSTOMIZING

You can make use of the pre-loaded Parkland County colour scheme in the colours palette, and be confident the stylings are in line with our Visual Identity Guide.

Feel free to customize the header and footer to contain any text you need to keep consistent throughout your pages.

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templates

3-PANEL BROCHURE





History of Parkland County

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Built on a solid foundation

History of Parkland County

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promotional items

The following guidelines should be used to further standardize the appearance and graphic appeal of Parkland County's promotional materials.

Departments are permitted to purchase clothing and accessories and brand the items with the logo and the website address or the vision. There are different options regarding the appearance and placement of the logo on promotional clothing.

SHIRTS & GOLF SHIRTS

it is acceptable to have the logo be placed on the left sleeve with "tone on tone" colouring.

For situations when we want the logo to stand out more, including for those representing Parkland County at events such as a tradeshow, the logo should be placed on the front left side of the shirt in full colour.



JACKETS

The logo can be placed on the front left side of the jacket, sleeve, cuff, or on the back at the neckline depending on the situation and purpose of the item.

BALL CAPS

The logo can be placed on the front or the back of a ball cap and be in either full colour or tone on tone depending on the situation and purpose of the item.

NON-CLOTHING ITEMS (PENS, BAGS, ETC.): Placement of the logo including inclusion of the tagline is dependent on the product. The logo should be placed where aesthetically pleasing on the product. Use of full colour or tone-on-tone is dependent on cost, applicability and purpose of the promotional item.

logo use

USE BY INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

Parkland County's logo cannot be used unless it adheres to this visual identity guide, with approval adhering to the approval matrix.

BRANDING COMPONENT	APPROVAL REQUIRED	COORDINATED THROUGH
ADVERTISEMENTS	DEPARTMENT	COMMUNICATIONS
BRAND STANDARDS GUIDE	CAO/EC	COMMUNICATIONS/EC
BRANDED MERCHANDISE	COMMUNICATIONS	DEPARTMENT
BROCHURES	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATE LOGOS	CAO/EC	COMMUNICATIONS
DECALS	EC/COMMUNICATIONS	ORIGINATING DEPT.
DOCUMENTS/FORMS	DEPARTMENT/COMMS	COMMUNICATIONS
E-NEWSLETTERS	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS
INTRANET	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS
ONLINE MARKETING	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS
PRODUCT BRANDS/LOGO	CAO/EC	COMMUNICATIONS
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	COMMS/DEPARTMENT	ORIGINATING DEPT.
SIGNAGE	CAO/EC	COMMUNICATIONS
STATIONERY	EC	COMMUNICATIONS
TRADESHOW BOOTH	COMMS/EC/DEPARTMENT	ORIGINATING DEPT.
UNIFORMS	EC	DEPARTMENT/COMMS
VIDEO PRODUCTION	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS
WEBSITE	COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNICATIONS

OUTSIDE USE OF LOGO

Parkland County will often receive requests by outside organizations to use the Parkland County logo. It is important that these requests be reviewed and monitored to ensure outside use of the logo does not contradict Parkland County's brand image. Therefore, all inquiries to use the logo should be forwarded to Communications Services.

Communications will review the request to ensure compliance with the Visual Identity Guidelines. If permission to use the logo is granted, Communications will forward the appropriate digital version of the Parkland County.

NOTE: This does not include requests for our logo to prepare materials on our behalf at our request, ie. promotional items, signs, etc.