

Parks Bylaw

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 13

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 100%

Considerations for an Updated Bylaw

- Ban drones.... Total breach of privacy
- Do I understand this correctly. If I am at a park with my leashed dog, I can't sit at a picnic area?
- Give the bylaw strict and clear rules to enforcement. This has been ignored for too long. Clean up the unsightly properties a lot be fined
- Good to see updates to being done to the bylaws
- I routinely use Chickakoo trails. A lot of users of these trails routinely disregard the requirement to keep dogs leashed. On one occasion three aggressive unleashed dogs attacked my one leashed dog. When the owner wandered by, she commented I should not be concerned because my dog was not badly hurt. My dog was not seriously hurt but was traumatized by the incident. Can the bylaws include occasional patrols and penalties for owners of unleashed dogs. I am afraid we will start to see incidents between dogs and small children. I would like to see a bylaw restricting creation of ad-hoc trails by users including signage. Again at Chickakoo there are several very good County created trails with lots of room for everyone by over the last 10 years I have seen and explosion of users creating ad-hoc trails, tromping down a lot of undisturbed fauna. Please clamp down on unleashed dogs
- I want to see bylaw have more power to fine people who keep their property unsightly. Old boats, rvs, junk, cars, garbage. Trailers and RVs are not homes and should not be allowed in a hamlet. A hamlet is like a town. I can't park an rv in a city on an empty lot, so why is allowed in a hamlet or town
- Municipal Reserve land located in Ascot Beach between Cottonwood Rd and Birch Road is used and permits obtained by County and AER to place docks and Boat lifts by back lot owners. Access to this area in the Virtual Meeting March 29 is not going to be effected and the use of OHVs will be permitted in this area of Municipal Reserve
- No open liquor while in Park. - It has now become common in most major cities to allow open liquor in parks. Maybe the County should consider this
- Some of the County Reserve lands that are small paths and in forested areas and near waterways need to be kept in their pristine condition. Make it easy for a resident to request that a natural area be kept free from OHVs and other motorized vehicles that would potentially run down existing natural vegetation, trees and shrubs. and to erect easy for a resident to request that a natural area be kept free from OHVs and other motorized vehicles that would potentially run down existing natural vegetation, trees and shrubs. and

to erect signage in these delicate areas to keep these pathways free from these vehicles/motorbikes/etc. So many places in this County need to be Environmental Reserves, to allow nature to do its own bidding, and for the preservation of wild animals

- The area of Municipal Reserve has a current trail located in Ascot Beach that is from Cottonwood Rd to Birch Rd and is used to access the water and docks and boat lifts. There are elderly and as well residence with mobility issues that need the use of OHVs to access the usage of the beach and docks within this municipal reserve
- The corresponding process to apply for permits to do listed activities should be publicized and be transparent on the number of applications/approvals
- There should be more parks created and the County should publish a process that allows neighborhoods to build out park space on MR land to help build local community resilience that would help alleviate inter-neighbor disputes and combat rural crime. Parks don't necessarily mean play structures but can be as simple as green space and picnic tables
- This Bylaw review is much needed in Parkland County, as some people who move here think that this is a free for all place to live - do what I want, when I want, how I want. No, there is a reason that we have rules. So, if Bylaws are in place, clear and concise, not open to interpretation, hopefully this County will be a great place to continue to reside. Please don't try to make the County a big Tourist Attraction either - there are places for that - lakes, campgrounds, picnic areas, the Devonian pathways, wildlife sanctuaries already in place, we don't need to be developing more spaces if the present need is not there
- Under: 1.) Reserved Areas should the wording be change to: The County may issue a permit granting a person (party/parties?) exclusive use (a non-for-profit or business may want to reserve the area and want it in the party name). 2.) Animals - "Unless otherwise permitted by this Bylaw no person shall allow any animal under their control, or for which they are responsible, to be on Park land." YET Dogs in parks are allowed if they are leashed and 10 m away from any developed playground or picnic site. What about service dogs, and companion dogs for individuals such as members of the military or emergency services afflicted by PTSD. 3.) Rivers and Waterways - "No Person shall swim, wade or bathe in any lake, pond, or other similar body of water unless the area is designated by the County for this activity." Given that under the Public Lands Act, the provincial government is the presumptive owner of all of the beds and shores or natural occurring water bodies in the Province of Alberta, and under Canadian law navigable waterways like lakes and rivers may be freely traversed by anyone, does the County have jurisdiction to impose such restrictions?
- Were statistics related to parks complaints and enforcement used to guide/inform the proposed changes? Was municipal benchmarking and best practice research undertaken?