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		Policy Title MUNICIPAL RESERVES – RECREATIONAL USES		
Council Resolutions No. 521-99	GMOS Date: Dec. 14/99	CC	Cross Reference	Effective Date December 14, 1999
Whereas uses of municipal reserves in Parkland County shall only be in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26.1 Section 671(2), namely: a) a public park, b) a public recreation area, c) school purposes, or d) to separate areas of land that are used for different purposes and Whereas it is desirable that public use of municipal reserves for recreational purposes shall exist, and that development of the municipal reserves by local community groups will be encouraged; Therefore Parkland County may entertain proposals from local community groups and individuals for recreational uses of the Municipal reserves. In this policy, municipal reserve shall refer to any lands designated as any one of the following on a plan of subdivision. - MR - Municipal Reserve - MSR - Municipal and School Reserve - R - Reserve - PR - Park Reserve 1. Authorization by County Council shall be required for any recreational use on a municipal reserve involving a facility of any nature. 2. a) Uses on a municipal reserve involving facilities with structures shall only be allowed through a lease between a registered non-profit society and Parkland County. Such structures may include, but not be limited to, playgrounds, ball diamonds with backstops, boarded skating rinks, equestrian rings, washrooms, picnic shelters, and be subject to the following conditions: i) Buildings of a permanent nature shall not be developed on reserves. This will include, but not be limited to, buildings with concrete or wood foundations. ii) A building shall not exceed 144 square feet and be only one storey in height. iii) No services (heat, power, gas, sewer) to the building shall be allowed. b) A requirement of the lease shall be the inclusion of the municipal reserve and all facilities thereon in a liability insurance policy held by the society.				

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3. Uses on municipal reserves involving facilities without structures may be granted permission by resolution of Council, and may not require a lease. Such use may include, but not be limited to, snowbank rinks, trails, parking areas, fish stocking, beautification projects. 4. A written application for use must be submitted to Parkland County Council and shall contain the following: a) demonstrated need for the use b) proof of viability of the group c) financial information of the project d) maintenance plans for the reserve and facilities e) availability of the reserve and facilities for use of the surrounding area residents, and public. Other information may be required by the County. 5. Each application shall be reviewed on an individual basis and on its own merit, in accordance with the items in 4 a-e. 6. The group or individual applying for use shall be responsible for the funding of the project. 7. Approval may be granted by Council for special circumstances regarding recreation uses on reserves.		