

Unauthorized Use of County Lands Bylaw – notes in red, identify response to comments

Responses

Number of responses to the online and hard copy survey: 26

Residency

Percent of respondents who identified as residents of Parkland County: 95%

Consideration for a New Bylaw

- Allow permitted fire and camping on country property Allow off road vehicles within small communities (lake properties, etc.) This is allowed on select crown land and developed parks, not on county property identified in this bylaw.
- Along with current permits issued for Haying on MR land, there should be a published process to mow borders and clear deadfall on MR land where the annual buildup creates an extreme fire risk threatening nearby properties While not addressed in this bylaw, we are working on this with our Fire Services Group under the fire smart initiative.
- Bylaws are there for a reason they should therefore be enforced!!!! One of the purpose of this bylaw was to make it simpler for our enforcement officers to enforce these unpermitted items.
- Can you be clearer on the planting, disturbing, or removing vegetation? Would a personal garden fall under this? If so it's absurd. Same with bird houses, drones and signs on private land This bylaw does not impact personal property, only county lands.
- Environmental Reserve, Conservation Reserve and Municipal Reserve will still remain as designated areas within the County. There are portions of Municipal reserve that permit the usage of OHV's and should remain so. There was a Trail Plan Strategy meeting March 22, 23 and no mention of these changes noted at that meeting. The county permits OHV use on MR land, not ER or Environmentally significant lands, unless it has been banned through CAO or Council decision.
- I am assuming that this would encompass all reserve land withing Acreage subdivision - and if not, it should. Regardless, it should be clearly stated that these lands are included – It does include all county land as defined. In subdivision is part of that.
- I don't agree with most of it
- I'm glad that the bylaw is being created but surprised that nothing was previously in place – portions of the bylaw existed in other bylaws. This Bylaw places the information in one location.
- In Ascot Beach between Cottonwood Rd and Birch Rd there is a municipal reserve area that Back Lot owners obtain permits from the County and AER to place docks and Boat lifts. There is as well Elderly residence and residence with mobility issues that use OHV's to access the area to enjoy the water and boating. At the March 29 meeting the question on the use of OHVs in this area was asked of Mr. Dave Cross and was confirmed that no changes to this proposed bylaw would change that current use in that area of Ascot Beach - Correct
- In the proposed information, relative to things people cannot do, camping is mentioned, but lighting a fire (which does not necessarily mean camping) is not specifically mentioned. It should be. It also mentions developing trails, I am assuming this development can only be done by the County and not residents - this should be clearer. this should also highlight the types of trails and/or who has responsibilities for designation of the trail usage – we have added the fires section and provided for clarification on the trail in Section 8(2)

- It's important to protect our municipal reserves to the fullest extent of sustaining natural states. No OHV's or (now the latest abuser-side by sides) should be prohibited on them as they ruin the vegetation, plant life, and quietness. There is no regard or respect as they freely drive anywhere making new paths or roads. I agree with this change – **we still permit OHV on MR land but we have extended this by restricting OHV on not only ER land but also any county land deemed as environmentally significant even if it has not been designated as ER.**
- Parkland County should allow residents and subdivisions to develop green spaces in MR land in a more transparent manner. A lot of focus is but on hamlet revitalization but many of our subdivisions are grouped together and have a lot of population that would benefit by the creation of park space to interact – **Residents can join together become and association or society then apply to the county to develop recreational or social uses on county land. Sections 8 (8) (9)**
- Please make sure it is specified what County land this pertains to since "County land" seems like a very broad definition of inclusion – **we have broken it out in the definition of county land**
- Provincial right of ways is for access. Even if they are under the direction and management of the County, they are not County lands as they are owned by the province and their use for lawful access to property should not be impeded – **this bylaw does not impede on Provincial authority, if the road right of way though, not off of a provincial hwy then it is the local municipalities jurisdiction.**
- Use of County Land - does this include foraging (edible plants and trees) in the "Harvesting" definition. If foraging is included in the prohibited list, I think it may reflect poorly on Indigenous groups who may want to use land responsibly for teaching/survival/cultural significance. Also, day use areas with saskatoon or raspberries would likely be used by anyone. If foraging is included, consideration should be made to outline respectful and responsible foraging - keeping within the damage to vegetation clause – **we do not include foraging as a part of the bylaw. The only time it would be restricted is if the act of it was being conducted in a way that was damaging to the bush, tree or soil of the lands. This would then fall under damaging of vegetation.**
- Where's the entire description of unauthorized use of County land bylaw? **The bylaw was not available at the time of the public engagement. Unauthorized uses are in the bylaw.**
- Yes, that anyone has the right to use a provincial right of way to access their property whether or not they have a permit to do so from the County as per section 618(1)A of the Municipal Government Act – **Approaches to property must comply with other county policies and bylaws based on locations, size and site distances. If the approach has been approved and complies then it would be authorized and not under this bylaw.**
- you actually have items that are land owners included in the County bi law why?? I understand the County ones, but did you know walking ion ground, grass disturbs the earth?? not what you meant?? Be clear and specific in these laws we don't need half of them changed – **this bylaw is only as it pertains to county land, we do not govern the everyday access of walking or running on county land, only items deemed as disruptive and not permissible based on class of land and level of impact.**