District Parks Management Tools

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- Parks Regulation Bylaw
- DNV Municipal Alcohol Policy
- Demand Management

Parks Regulation Bylaw Recommendation

That the proposed Park Regulation Bylaw, 8310 & Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 7458 be referred to a Regular Meeting of Council to be given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD Reading

Park Regulation Bylaw Goals

- Management of parks
- Protect park assets
- Public enjoyment
- Public safety
- Public conduct
- Park stewardship





Existing Park Control Bylaw

Why do we need a update?

- Created in 1961 out of date
- Does not address park community & usage issues
- Limited management and regulatory capability
- New trends in recreation & park use
- Requests for commercial use or special events
- Enforcement & fines need updating





New or Expanded Sections in Bylaw

- Protection of natural areas
- Unauthorized construction trails, structures, cabins
- Nuisance issues & public conduct – noise, littering, fires, graffiti camping
- Alcohol in parks
- Encroachment & storage of materials in parks



New or Expanded Sections in Bylaw

- Firearms, hunting & explosive materials
- Swimming & boating
- Games & sports in parks
- Homeless & overnight camping
- Removal & impounding unauthorized items
- Parks Hours





New or Expanded Sections in Bylaw

- Bicycling, skateboarding etc
- Vehicles & Motorized Traffic Park
- Move to a Park Use permit system to regulate activities
- References Commercial Use & Special Events in Parks
- Section on Authority of Park Manager
- Enforcement and Ticketing/Fines





Other items in the works:

- E-bikes
- Drones





Developing the Park Regulation Bylaw

- Research other municipal park bylaws
- Municipal legal review for best management practices
- Consult with DNV Bylaws
- Parks staff & ranger input
- RCMP & Fire Services review
- PNEAC review
- Council workshops



Key benefits of new bylaw

- Address broader range of park issues
- Provide clearer direction & definition
- Provide authority for bylaw & ranger staff
- Protect community park assets
- Regulate some activities thru Park Permit system
- Provide some flexibility under park manager
- Bylaw can be amended, as required

Comments & Questions

Municipal Alcohol Policy for Parks & Open Spaces

Recommendation

That the proposed District Municipal Alcohol Policy in Parks & Open Spaces be referred to a Regular Meeting of Council for approval

Proposed Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) for Community Events in Parks

Why is policy update required?

- DNV Public Special Occasion Liquor License Policy out of date
- New Provincial Liquor Control & Licensing Regulations (2017)
- Municipality no longer issues permits for alcohol at private events
- Municipality continues to handle requests for alcohol in parks
- New MAP policy reflects modifications in application & regulatory process for alcohol in parks



Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) for Parks & Open Spaces

Objectives:

- Guide process to manage requests for alcohol at non- profit community events or DNV directed events
- To align with provincial Liquor Control regulations
- To support & align w Community Event in Parks policy
- Establish criteria to evaluate park event for alcohol
- Ensure health & safety and protection of park property Harm Reduction Plan
- Profits support DNV facilities, charities, volunteer programs etc



New Park Permit Process

Two steps:

1) Permit application submitted to DNV first

DNV Parks review & approve or deny

2) If approved applicant applies to:

 BC Liquor Control & Licensing Branch (LCLB) – on line for Special Event Permit (SEP)

Criteria to determine eligible parks

- Park size & proximity to adjacent residences
- Type of park & availability of on-site amenities
- Size, type & duration of event
- Options for safe transportation to & fro
- Public safety
- Ability for beverage service area to be defined & secured from casual park user areas

Harm Reduction Plan & Strategies

- No under age consumption
- Impact to local neighborhoods (noise, litter, pkg)
- Supply food & non alcoholic beverages as options
- Transportation options for event attendees
- Security appropriate to event
- Responsible Beverage Serving Training
 - Special Event Servers (under 500)
 - Serving it Right (over 500)

Questions and Comments