

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

PUBLIC SPACES REGULATION

BYLAW NO. 6059

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Public Spaces Bylaw No. 6059 repeals and replaces Langley Public Spaces Regulation Bylaw 2018 No. 5298 and regulates the use of public spaces in the Township of Langley.

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WHEREAS section 8(3) of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c 26 authorizes Council to, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to, among other things, public places, the protection of the natural environment, trees, animals, and nuisances;

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and desirable to repeal and replace Public Spaces Regulation Bylaw 2018, No. 5298;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Langley, in Open Meeting Assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1: TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Public Spaces Regulation Bylaw No. 6059”.

PART 2: INTERPRETATION

Interpretation

2.1 In this Bylaw:

- (1) words importing the singular number include the plural, and vice versa, and words importing the neutral gender include the masculine and the feminine genders;
- (2) headings given to sections are for convenience of reference only and do not form part of this Bylaw;
- (3) unless expressly stated otherwise, a reference to a “section” is a reference to a section in this Bylaw and a reference to a “Part” is a reference to a Part in this Bylaw; and
- (4) unless expressly stated otherwise, a reference to an enactment is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations promulgated thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time, and a reference to a bylaw or policy is a reference to a Township bylaw or policy, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

Definitions

2.2 In this Bylaw and unless the context otherwise requires, words and terms will have the meaning indicated:

- (1) **“Administrator”** means the person appointed to the position of Director of Engineering and Public Works or its equivalent, and their designates and authorized agents;
- (2) **“Council”** means the elected council of the Township;
- (3) **“Drugs”** means “controlled substance” as defined in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (S.C. 1996, c. 19), as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (4) **“Drug Paraphernalia”** means any product, equipment, thing or material of any kind primarily used or intended to be primarily used to produce, process, package, store, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a “controlled substance” as defined in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (S.C. 1996, c. 19), as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (5) **“Fireworks”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 6061, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (6) **“Geocache”** means a container, usually containing a logbook and small trading items, hidden for persons to find generally through the use of a global positioning system;
- (7) **“Highway”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the *Community Charter* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 26), as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (8) **“Highway and Traffic Bylaw”** means the Highway and Traffic Bylaw 2010 No. 4758, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (9) **“Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle”** means any motorized bicycle, scooter, e-scooter, segway or hoverboard;
- (10) **“Idle”** means operating a Vehicle engine when the Vehicle is stationary and not providing power for authorized work equipment or conducting authorized work activities;
- (11) **“Liquor”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* (S.B.C. 2015, c. 19), as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (12) **“Liquor License”** means a licence issued pursuant to the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* (S.B.C. 2015, c. 19) and its regulations, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (13) **“Outside Waste”** means Waste generated outside Public Space;

- (14) **"Park"** means land and improvements owned, occupied or controlled by the Township dedicated and open for the use, recreation or enjoyment of the general public including, but not limited to, land gifted, dedicated, open and reserved for use as a park;
- (15) **"Prohibited Vehicle"** means:
 - (a) a device designed to be moved by animal power like a horse-drawn carriage; and
 - (b) a recreational vehicle, including without limitation, a go-kart, a golf cart, a motorcross bike, a snowmobile, and an all-terrain vehicle, but does not include a Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle;
- (16) **"Public Space"** means all spaces that are open to the public and are owned or controlled by the Township, and includes, without limitation, all Parks, natural areas, forests, playgrounds, driveways, Highways, roadways, sidewalks, paths, trails, boulevards, beaches, wading pools, swimming pools, spray parks, water playgrounds, skateboard parks, community recreation and other civic facilities, museums, Sport Fields, cemeteries, buildings and structures, and which also includes School Spaces;
- (17) **"Public Space Permit"** has the meaning ascribed to it in section 4.3;
- (18) **"Public Space Permit Application"** has the meaning ascribed to it in section 4.3;
- (19) **"Restriction Notice"** has the meaning ascribed to it in section 4.17;
- (20) **"School District"** means the Board of Education of School District No. 35 (Langley);
- (21) **"School Spaces"** means playgrounds, recreational facilities, trails and parking lots owned or occupied by the School District that are open to the public and that the School District permits the general public to use for recreation or enjoyment, subject to such rules and policies as the School District may impose;
- (22) **"Service Dog"** has the meaning ascribed to it in the *Guide Dog and Service Dog Act* (S.B.C. 2015, c. 17), as amended or replaced from time to time;

- (23) **"Smoke"** means:
- (a) to burn a cigarette, cigar, or cannabis cigarette; or
 - (b) to burn or heat any substance, including, but not limited to, tobacco, cannabis, or any other plant or herb, including any oils, e-liquids or e-juices, using any type of smoking device, including, but not limited to, a pipe, a bubbler, a bong, a hookah, an e-cigarette, a vaporizer, an electronic smoking device or a home-made smoking device;
- (24) **"Special Event"** means a gathering at a Public Space which less than 300 but more than 100 persons are expected to attend or any other event otherwise designated by the Administrator as a Special Event in their sole discretion, including, without limitation, any event planned in a Public Space that is pre-planned, where members of the public are invited to attend, and/or where the Administrator has concerns over insurance, safety, capacity, noise, disturbance, nuisance or any other concerns with the event, in their sole discretion;
- (25) **"Sport Field"** means an area in a Public Space used to play one or more outdoor sports and includes, but is not limited to, a soccer field, a football field, a rugby field, a baseball field, a field hockey field, a basketball court, a volleyball court, a pickleball court and a tennis court;
- (26) **"Temporary Shelter"** means a tent or other form of shelter that is not fixed to the ground, which is temporary and portable in nature that is constructed from nylon, plastic, cardboard or other similar non-rigid material;
- (27) **"Township"** means the Corporation of the Township of Langley;
- (28) **"Township Clerk"** means the person appointed by Council to the position having that name, and their designates and authorized agents;
- (29) **"Township of Langley"** means the geographic area subject to regulation by the Township;
- (30) **"Unhoused Person"** means a person who has no fixed address or a predictable residence to return to on a daily basis and who has no reasonable means to acquire a predictable residence;
- (31) **"Unmanned Aerial Vehicle"** means a device or machine capable of flight without an onboard human pilot and includes all drones, with or without camera or video capabilities;
- (32) **"Vehicle"** means a device, other than a Prohibited Vehicle, in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a Highway including, but not limited to:

- (a) a device designed to be moved by human power like a cycle or a skateboard,
 - (b) a Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle, and
 - (c) a device designed to provide mobility to a person with a disability like a scooter;
- (33) **“Vessel”** means any boat or craft designed, used or capable of being used for marine navigation, whether self-propelled or not and without regard to the method of propulsion, and includes a raft or boom of logs or lumber;
- (34) **“Waste”** means any litter, garbage, rubbish, refuse, or other form of waste (including organic waste);
- (35) **“Weapon”** means any thing designed, used or capable of being used to inflict bodily harm and includes, but is not limited to, a firearm, a bow, a crossbow, a knife, a sword, pepper spray, bear spray, a taser, a slingshot, a catapult, and nunchucks; and
- (36) **“Wildlife”** means a species, subspecies, variety or geographically or genetically distinct population of animal, plant or other organism, other than a bacterium or virus, that is wild by nature and includes fish.

PART 3: APPLICATION

Public Spaces

- 3.1 Every Public Space shall be subject to the provisions of this Bylaw except to the extent that the provisions of this Bylaw directly conflict with a condition under which the Public Space was acquired by the Township or the School District.

Exemptions

- 3.2 Other than the prohibition in section 5.25 [*Smoking*], and unless required by the Administrator, the prohibitions in this Bylaw do not apply to:
- (1) a Township officer or employee engaged in the performance of their lawful duties;
 - (2) a Township contractor, agent, volunteer or other invitee engaged in the performance of their lawful duties at the Township’s request or pursuant to an agreement with the Township;
 - (3) a School District officer or employee engaged in the performance of their lawful duties;

- (4) a School District contractor, agent, volunteer or other invitee engaged in the performance of their lawful duties at the School District's request or pursuant to an agreement with the School District; or
- (5) a police officer engaged in the performance of their lawful duties.

PART 4: ADMINISTRATION

Administration

- 4.1 The Administrator is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw.
- 4.2 The Administrator may make rules for the administration, management, use, and protection of Public Spaces.

Public Space Permits

- 4.3 A person may submit an application (a "**Public Space Permit Application**") to the Administrator for a permit (a "**Public Space Permit**") authorizing them to host a Special Event, including engaging in one or more of the activities prohibited under this Bylaw. Where the Administrator has designated an event as a Special Event under this Bylaw, the organizer of that Special Event must submit a Public Space Permit Application.
- 4.4 A Public Space Permit Application must comply with the requirements of any applicable Council policy or rules made by the Administrator.
- 4.5 A Public Space Permit Application for:
 - (1) a Special Event must be submitted to the Administrator at least 30 days prior to commencement of the Special Event; and
 - (2) an activity other than a Special Event must be submitted to the Administrator at least 14 days prior to commencement of the activity in respect of which the Public Space Permit is sought.
- 4.6 The Administrator may consult with Township staff with respect to the merits of a Public Space Permit Application.
- 4.7 Within 30 days of receiving an application under section 4.5(1), or within 14 days of receiving an application under section 4.5(2), the Administrator shall:
 - (1) issue a Public Space Permit, with terms and conditions in the sole discretion of the Administrator; or
 - (2) refuse a Public Space Permit.
- 4.8 A Public Space Permit issued pursuant to section 4.7(1) must be in writing and must specify:

- (1) the activity in relation to which the Public Space Permit is issued;
 - (2) the time period during which the Public Space Permit is effective; and
 - (3) any terms or conditions of the Public Space Permit.
- 4.9 A Public Space Permit which is refused pursuant to section 4.7(2) must be in writing and must specify:
 - (1) the reasons for refusing the Public Space Permit; and
 - (2) the applicant's right to request reconsideration of the decision to refuse the Public Space Permit in accordance with this Bylaw.
- 4.10 An applicant who has been refused a Public Space Permit pursuant to section 4.7(2) may request reconsideration of the decision to refuse the Public Space Permit in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (1) the applicant may apply for reconsideration by Council by providing written notice to the Township Clerk within 14 days of receiving the written decision; and
 - (2) the applicant shall within 14 days of providing written notice to the Township Clerk make written submissions to Council, which submissions must be no more than five (5) pages in length, explaining why a Public Space Permit should be issued to the applicant.
- 4.11 Upon receiving an application for reconsideration under section 4.10, Council shall review the written submissions of the applicant and either:
 - (1) issue a Public Space Permit with terms and conditions in Council's sole discretion; or
 - (2) uphold the decision to refuse the Public Space Permit.
- 4.12 A Public Space Permit issued pursuant to section 4.11(1) must be in writing and must specify:
 - (1) the activity in relation to which the Public Space Permit is issued;
 - (2) the time period during which the Public Space Permit is effective; and
 - (3) any terms or conditions of the Public Space Permit.
- 4.13 A decision made pursuant to section 4.11(2) must be in writing and must specify the reasons for upholding the decision to refuse the Public Space Permit.
- 4.14 A Public Space Permit issued pursuant to section 4.7(1) or 4.11(1) may be revoked by the decision-maker who issued the Public Space Permit, if the decision-maker is of the opinion that the person to whom the Public Space Permit was issued:

- (1) contravened, or permitted a person to contravene, a term of the Public Space Permit or did not comply, or permitted a person not to comply, with a condition of the Public Space Permit;
 - (2) contravened a Township bylaw; or
 - (3) for any other reason, acting reasonably.
- 4.15 No person shall violate, or permit the violation of, the terms or conditions of a Public Space Permit.
- 4.16 Every person who receives a Public Space Permit shall indemnify and save harmless the Township, and its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, demands, suits or compensation arising, directly or indirectly, from the granting of the permission contained in the Public Space Permit.

Restrictions on use of Public Spaces

- 4.17 If a person has contravened this Bylaw more than three (3) times over the course of the period of one (1) year, which period starts from the first contravention, the Administrator, in their sole discretion, may provide the person with a written notice (a “**Restriction Notice**”) which:
 - (1) prohibits the person from using one (1) or more specified Public Spaces for a specified period of time not to exceed one year; and
 - (2) imposes conditions on the person’s use of one (1) or more specified Public Spaces for a specified period of time not to exceed one (1) year.
- 4.18 No person shall violate, or permit the violation of, the terms or conditions of a Restriction Notice.

Seizure and detention of chattels left in a Public Space contrary to this Bylaw

- 4.19 The Administrator may in their sole discretion:
 - (1) seize, remove and store, or cause to be seized, removed, and stored, any chattel placed within a Public Space contrary to this Bylaw or otherwise without written authorization from the Township;
 - (2) seize and remove any chattel left unclaimed within a Public Space for more than twelve (12) hours; and
 - (3) immediately seize and remove any chattel located within a Public Space that, in the opinion of the Administrator in their sole discretion, causes an obstruction, hazard, or which otherwise threatens the safety, security or integrity of the Public Space.

- 4.20 If the contact information for the owner of a chattel seized under section 4.19 can be reasonably identified by the Administrator, the Administrator must make reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the chattel and notify them of the seizure and their rights to reclaim the chattel seized under this Bylaw.
- 4.21 If the contact information for the owner of a chattel seized under section 4.19 cannot be reasonably identified by the Administrator, the Administrator is not required to make any efforts to contact the owner of the chattel or to notify them of the seizure or their rights to reclaim the chattel under this Bylaw.
- 4.22 Within seven (7) days of receipt of notification under section 4.20, or if notification cannot be achieved in accordance with this Bylaw, within seven (7) days of seizure of a chattel described in section 4.19, the owner of a chattel seized under section 4.19 may obtain possession of the chattel only after:
- (1) providing the Administrator with proof of ownership of the chattel; and
 - (2) paying the Township a sum equal to all expenses incurred by the Township to seize, remove, and store the chattel.
- 4.23 If the owner of a chattel seized under section 4.19 has not obtained possession of the chattel in accordance with section 4.21, within seven (7) days of receipt of notification under section 4.20, or if notification cannot be achieved in accordance with this Bylaw, within seven (7) days of seizure of a chattel described in section 4.19:
- (1) the Administrator may cause the chattel to be sold by public auction to the highest bidder, or through other reasonable means determined by the Administrator in their sole discretion; or
 - (2) the Administrator may otherwise dispose of the chattel in their sole discretion.
- 4.24 The Administrator must apply the proceeds of an auction or other sale held under section 4.23(1) in the following manner:
- (1) firstly, deduct the costs of the auction or other means of sale;
 - (2) secondly, deduct the expenses incurred by the Township to seize, remove, and store the chattel; and
 - (3) thirdly, pay the surplus, if any, to the owner of a chattel sold, if the Administrator can reasonably locate the owner of the chattel.
- 4.25 If an auction or other sale under section 4.23(1) generates a surplus, and the Administrator cannot reasonably locate the owner of the chattel sold in the auction to pay them the surplus, the Administrator shall:
- (1) hold the surplus for six (6) months from the date of the auction or other sale; and

- (2) pay the amount of the surplus into the Township's general revenues if the surplus is not claimed within six (6) months from the date of the auction or other sale.

4.26 An amount paid into the Township's general revenues under section 4.25(2) is absolutely forfeited to the Township.

Closing Public Space

4.27 The Administrator may close part or all of a Public Space if, in their sole discretion, such closure is necessary to protect the environment or the health, safety or security of the public, or for maintenance, renovation, or other work in the Public Space, or for any other reason determined by the Administrator acting reasonably.

4.28 A Public Space, or a portion of a Public Space, closed pursuant to section 4.27 shall only be closed for so long as the closure is necessary to protect the environment or the health, safety or security of the public or for maintenance, renovation, or other work in the Public Space, or for any other reason determined by the Administrator acting reasonably.

4.29 Unless otherwise authorized by the Township or the School District, a person must not enter or remain in any Public Space, or part of the Public Space, that has been closed under this Bylaw.

PART 5: GENERAL REGULATIONS

Animals

5.1 A person who owns or has custody, care or control of an animal shall ensure that such animal does not do any of the following in a Public Space:

- (1) run at large or be uncontrolled except in an area specifically designated by the Administrator for such activity;
- (2) kill or injure a person or animal;
- (3) harass, disturb or frighten a person or animal;
- (4) bathe or swim in a body of water except in a body of water specifically designated by the Administrator for such activity; or
- (5) damage property.

5.2 Without limiting the generality of section 5.1(1), a person who owns or has custody, care or control of a dog, other than a Service Dog whose owner or guardian has on their person a copy of the required certification for the Service Dog, shall ensure that dogs are leashed in all Public Spaces, except in areas designated by identified signage as off-leash areas.

An owner or guardian of a dog, other than a Service Dog whose owner or guardian has on their person a copy of the required certification for the Service Dog, must also ensure that such dog does not enter onto any Sports Field (with or without a leash), or in any other area of a Public Space where dogs are not permitted on identified signage.

5.3 A person who owns or has custody, care, or control of an animal shall ensure that:

- (1) they are in possession of means to dispose of the animal's waste in a reasonable and sanitary manner;
- (2) the animal does not enter onto any Public Space where the animal is not authorized to be under this Bylaw or under according to any signage in the Public Space; and
- (3) any waste deposited by such animal in a Public Space is immediately disposed of in a sanitary manner.
- (4) Notwithstanding items (1) through (3), horses are permitted in Public Spaces to the extent that such Public Spaces are designated by the Township or the Administrator as horse trails or are Highways and roadways, and horse manure is only required to be removed by riders where it is safe and practical to do so.

Boats

5.4 No person shall operate a Vessel in a Public Space except on water in a Public Space as authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit.

Commercial activities

5.5 No person shall display, distribute, post, paint, or affix any advertisements or other promotional material of any kind whatsoever in a Public Space except:

- (1) on information boards provided expressly for that purpose;
- (2) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit or a written agreement with the Township; or
- (3) in a School Space as authorized by and in compliance with a written agreement with the School District.

5.6 No person shall offer for sale, or sell, any goods or services, including without limitation, food, in a Public Space except:

- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit or a written agreement with the Township; or
- (2) in a School Space as authorized by and in compliance with a written agreement with the School District.

- 5.7 No person shall offer for sale, or sell, food in a Public Space using materials that are not recyclable, biodegradable or compostable.
- 5.8 No person shall solicit funds in a Public Space for any commercial purpose except:
- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit or a written agreement with the Township; or
 - (2) in a School Space as authorized by and in compliance with a written agreement with the School District.

Conduct

- 5.9 No person shall:
- (1) conduct themselves in an indecent manner or use abusive, profane, or grossly insulting language in a Public Space;
 - (2) harass, disturb, frighten, or endanger any other person in a Public Space;
 - (3) interfere with, obstruct, or impede the lawful free use and enjoyment of any Public Space by any other person;
 - (4) violate any rule, notice or order of the Township which applies in a Public Space, other than a School Space, and which is posted in the Public Space or is otherwise available to the public;
 - (5) make any noise or sound that breaches the noise provisions of the Township's Community Standards Bylaw, as amended or replaced from time to time or that, in the discretion of the Administrator, disturbs, or tends to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of persons in the Public Space, or in the adjacent neighborhood or surrounding properties, whether amplified or not;
 - (6) operate any amplifying system or loud speaker in any Public Space unless permitted under a Public Space Permit or other written authorization from the Administrator;
 - (7) urinate or defecate in a Public Space, except in a facility designed for that purpose;
 - (8) in any way damage, disturb, deface, or otherwise interfere with any natural feature, amenity or facility within a Public Space;
 - (9) violate any rule, notice, or order of the School District which applies in a School Space and which is posted in the School Space or is otherwise available to the public; or

- (10) interfere with, obstruct, or impede within a Public Space:
 - (a) a Township officer or employee in the performance of their lawful duties;
 - (b) a Township contractor, agent or volunteer in the performance of their lawful duties at the Township's request;
 - (c) a School District officer or employee engaged in the performance of their lawful duties;
 - (d) a School District contractor, agent or volunteer engaged in the performance of their lawful duties at the School District's request;
 - (e) a police officer in the performance of their lawful duties; or
 - (f) signage posted or placed in a Public Space by the Township.

Construction of buildings, structures and shelters

- 5.10 No person shall construct, erect, or install a building, structure or shelter of any kind, whether permanent or temporary, other than a temporary canopy that is 3 by 3 metres in size, or less, and which is not be used as a Temporary Shelter, in a Public Space, except:
- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit or a written agreement with the Township; or
 - (2) in a School Space as authorized by and in compliance with a written agreement with the School District.
- 5.11 The Administrator may, in addition to any other authority granted under this Bylaw, and in their sole discretion, remove or cause to be removed from any Public Space, and dispose of or cause the disposal of any Temporary Shelter that is not in compliance with this Bylaw, including any possessions, waste, Outside Waste, and all other materials located in or around the Temporary Shelter.

Drug paraphernalia

- 5.12 No person shall use or consume Drugs or possess or use Drug Paraphernalia in a Public Space or any other place under the ownership, custody, care, operation, or management of the Township of Langley or the School District.

Further, no person shall use or consume Drugs or possess or use Drug Paraphernalia in any area within 15 metres of a Public Space or any other place under the ownership, custody, care, operation, or management of the Township of Langley or the School District, but excluding any property under the ownership, custody, care, operation, oversight or management of a provincial health authority, and any private property,

including private residences, unless under the ownership, custody, care, operation, or management of the Township of Langley or the School District.

Footwear and sporting equipment

- 5.13 No person shall play any organized sports in a Public Space unless wearing appropriate footwear, and using sporting equipment, specifically designed for such activity. For certainty, footwear with metal spikes is not permitted on synthetic turf Sport Fields.

Fires

- 5.14 No person shall light a fire within a Public Space, except in a self-contained propane, white gas or natural gas barbeque or CSA approved fire pit, but only if such device or the use of such device is done safely and in a reasonable manner and is not otherwise banned by the Township, or such other regulatory authority with jurisdiction.

Fireworks

- 5.15 No person shall discharge Fireworks in a Public Space, except as authorized by, and in compliance with, a permit issued pursuant to the Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 6061, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Geocaches

- 5.16 A person placing a Geocache in a Public Space must ensure that:
- (1) the Geocache is marked "Geocache" on the outside;
 - (2) the Geocache contains the person's name and contact information on the inside;
 - (3) the Geocache is not permanently attached to any building, structure or natural feature in the Public Space; and
 - (4) the Geocache is not placed anywhere that will interfere with, obstruct, or impede the lawful free use and enjoyment of any Public Space by any person, or is otherwise in breach of this Bylaw.

Golf

- 5.17 No person shall hit a golf ball or any other object with a golf club in a Public Space, except in an area expressly designated for that activity.

Hours of use

- 5.18 No person shall enter or remain in a Public Space, other than a School Space or an open Highway, roadway or sidewalk, during the hours when the Public Space is closed, as indicated by Township signage or otherwise, or where no hours are posted by the Township, between dusk and dawn, except as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or other written authorization from the Administrator.

- 5.19 No person shall enter or remain in a School Space during the hours when the School Space is closed to the general public as indicated by School District signage or otherwise, or where no hours are posted by the School District, between dusk and dawn, except as authorized by the School District.

Liquor

- 5.20 No person shall possess or consume Liquor in a Public Space, except as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Liquor Licence and a Public Space Permit.

Parachuting

- 5.21 No person shall parachute or skydive into a Public Space except:
- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township;
or
 - (2) in a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

Park facilities and equipment

- 5.22 No person shall misuse, alter, damage, or move any facility, building, structure, equipment, sign, landscaping, art, or ornament located, constructed, or installed in a Public Space.

Plants and vegetation

- 5.23 No person shall, alter, damage, or move any tree, plant, or any other vegetation within a Public Space, or remove any tree, plant, or any other vegetation from a Public Space, except:
- (1) from a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township;
or
 - (2) from a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

Research

- 5.24 No person shall conduct research in a Public Space except:
- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township;
or

- (2) in a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

Smoking

- 5.25 No person shall Smoke within a Public Space, except on an open Highway, roadway or sidewalk, and in accordance with all applicable smoking regulations, whether municipal, provincial, federal, or other regulatory jurisdiction with authority, unless in an area of a Public Space which has been designated by the Township, by signage or otherwise, to permit Smoking. For greater certainty, this provision applies whether or not a person is located within a Vehicle in a Public Space.

Special events

- 5.26 No person shall hold a Special Event in a Public Space except:
- (1) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a permit issued pursuant to the Township of Langley Special Events Bylaw 1997 No. 3733, as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - (2) as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit; or
 - (3) in a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

Swimming and bathing

- 5.27 No person shall change into or out of a bathing suit in a Public Space except in an area specifically designated by the Township or the School District, as applicable, for that purpose.
- 5.28 No person shall enter, bathe, or swim in any body of water in a Public Space without a bathing suit.
- 5.29 No person shall enter, bathe, or swim in any body of water in a Public Space except:
- (1) in an area specifically designated by the Township or the School District, as applicable, for that purpose;
 - (2) in compliance with rules and signage of the Township or the School District, as applicable; and
 - (3) in compliance with the directions of any person charged by the Township or the School District, as applicable, with managing, controlling or supervising the body of water, including without limitation, bathing or swimming in the body of water.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

- 5.30 No person shall operate an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle in a Public Space except as authorized by and in compliance with the *Aeronautics Act* (R.S. 1985, C. A-2) and its regulations, and any applicable codes, regulations, rules, and conditions imposed by Transport Canada with respect to the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, as amended or replaced from time to time, and:
- (1) in an area of a Public Space specifically designated for such activity;
 - (2) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township; or
 - (3) in a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

Vehicles

- 5.31 No person shall operate, stop or park a Prohibited Vehicle in a Park or School Space, unless authorized by the Administrator.
- 5.32 No person shall operate, stop or park a Vehicle in a Park or School Space except:
- (1) in an area specifically designated by the Township or the School District, as applicable, for that purpose;
 - (2) in a Park in compliance with Township signage and during operating hours for the Park or as otherwise authorized by and in compliance with a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township;
 - (3) in a School Space, in compliance with School District signage or as authorized by and in compliance with a written agreement with the School District;
 - (4) if applicable, in compliance with the Highway and Traffic Bylaw; or
 - (5) if authorized by the Administrator.
- 5.33 No person shall operate a skateboard or Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle in a Public Space except in accordance with all provincial regulations for the operation of a skateboard or Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle, including, without limitation all restrictions related to weight, speed limit, use of a helmet, and any applicable age and licensing requirements.
- 5.34 No person shall ride or use a bicycle, roller skates, roller blades, Hoverboard or Motorized Cycle or skateboard in any Public Space:
- (1) contrary to a posted Township sign; or

- (2) without wearing a Helmet, unless that person is a person for whom the wearing of a Helmet would interfere with an essential religious practice.

5.35 No person shall Idle a Vehicle in a Public Space for a period greater than one (1) minute.

5.36 No person shall clean a Vehicle in a Public Space, other than on a Highway or other roadway directly affronting private property where the person is an owner or an occupier and where the Vehicle is legally parked.

Water

5.37 No person shall travel on or across any body of water in a Public Space which is frozen or appears to be frozen.

Weapons

5.38 No person shall use a Weapon in a Public Space except:

- (1) in a Park as authorized by and in compliance with the Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 1991 No. 3001, as amended or replaced from time to time, if applicable; or
- (2) in a Park as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit.

Waste and combustible materials

5.39 No person shall transport Outside Waste into a Public Space for the purpose of depositing it in the Public Space.

5.40 No person shall deposit Outside Waste in a Public Space.

5.41 No person shall deposit Waste in a Public Space except:

- (1) in receptacles specifically provided by the Township or the School District, as applicable, for that purpose;
- (2) composted organic waste in a community garden in a Park for the purpose of growing plants;
- (3) in a Public Space, other than a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a Public Space Permit or written agreement with the Township; or
- (4) in a School Space, as authorized by, and in compliance with, a written agreement with the School District.

5.42 No person shall deposit any lighted match, cigarette, cigar, or other burning substance in a Public Space, except in a receptacle specifically provided by the Township or the School District, as applicable, for that purpose.

Wildlife

- 5.43 No person shall feed, molest, harass, disturb, frighten, injure, hook, trap, or snare any Wildlife in a Public Space, except as authorized by, and in compliance with, a federal or provincial permit, unless catching fish in a Public Space designated for such use, and in accordance with all municipal, provincial and federal regulations.

PART 6: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 6.1 A person who violates a provision of this Bylaw or a Restriction Notice, commits an offence under this Bylaw.
- 6.2 In the case of a continuing offence, each day that the offence continues constitutes a separate offence under this Bylaw.
- 6.3 A person who commits an offence under this Bylaw is subject to any remedies or penalties available to the Township under provincial law including, but not limited to:
- (1) a bylaw notice fine issued under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 2008 No. 4703, as amended or replaced from time to time; and
 - (2) a fine of up to \$10,000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 3 months upon summary conviction.

PART 7: GENERAL

- 7.1 If any part, section, subsection, or sub-clause of this Bylaw is, for any reason, held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed and the validity of the remaining provisions of this Bylaw shall not be affected.
- 7.2 In the event there is any conflict between this Bylaw and the Highway and Traffic Bylaw, the provisions of the Highway and Traffic Bylaw shall in all cases take precedence.
- 7.3 Public Spaces Regulation Bylaw 2018, No. 5298, and all subsequent amendments, is hereby repealed.
- 7.4 This Bylaw is to come into force and take effect on the date of its adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME the 28 day of April , 2025

READ A SECOND TIME the 28 day of April , 2025

READ A THIRD TIME the 28 day of April , 2025

ADOPTED the 12 day of May , 2025

Mayor

Township Clerk

