

## BYLAW NO. 1573

**BYLAW NO. 1573** A Bylaw of Camrose County in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of control and operation of County Parks.

WHEREAS Pursuant to Section 7 of the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000, Chapter M26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a Bylaw for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; people, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public; services provided by or on behalf of the municipality; and wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them.

NOW THEREFORE Council of Camrose County in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "The Parks Control Bylaw".
2. **DEFINITIONS**
  - 2.1 "**Public Park**" means any public area within the jurisdiction of Camrose County that is used or intended to be used for recreational activities, such as picnics, camping, etc.
  - 2.2 "**Peace Officer**" is a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a Peace Officer appointed under the Peace Officers Act.
  - 2.3 "**Animal**" means a domestic animal and includes an animal that is wild by nature but has been domesticated;
  - 2.4 "**Camping Accommodation Unit**" means
    - (i) a tent,
    - (ii) a trailer,
    - (iii) a tent trailer,
    - (iv) a motor home,
    - (v) a van, or
    - (vi) a truck camperused by a person as shelter equipment while camping;
  - 2.5 "**Highway**" means highway as defined in the Traffic Safety Act.
  - 2.6 "**Individual Campsite**" means a campsite in a Public Park designated as an individual campsite;
  - 2.7 "**Motor Vehicle**" means a motor vehicle as defined in the Traffic Safety Act.
  - 2.8 "**Off-highway Vehicle**" means an off-highway vehicle as defined in the Traffic Safety Act
  - 2.9 "**Park Manager**" means a person appointed by Council or the Park Management Committee; the Manager/Sgt of Protective & Emergency Services or his designate or any other agencies private or public who own or operates a public park

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- 2.10 "**Park Management Committee**" is a committee of Council and/or local community group appointed by Council to manage the day-to-day operations of a public park.
- 2.11 "**Nuisance**" means intoxication; swearing; use of obscene, offensive or insulting language; fighting or disorderly conduct.
- 2.12 "**Quiet Time**" means the period between 11:00 p.m. (2300 hours) and 7:00 a.m. (700 hours).

### 3. **GENERAL**

- 3.1 A person who enters a Public Park shall comply with
  - (a) This Bylaw and each of the provisions herein, and
  - (b) Any lawful orders and instructions made or issued pursuant to this Bylaw, and
  - (c) The instructions, prohibitions and directions prescribed by all lawfully designated and erected signs and notices.
- 3.2 Council may
  - (a) Subject to the Traffic Safety Act, and Municipal Government Act, control and prohibit the movement of vehicular, pedestrian and other traffic by means of signs and notices designated and erected by them, and
  - (b) Designate and erect other signs and notices governing and prohibiting activities that are provided for in the Municipal Government Act or this Bylaw.
- 3.3 A person using a Public Park shall keep the land and improvements in a condition satisfactory to the Park Manager.
- 3.4 A person vacating the Public Park shall restore the land to a clean and tidy condition.
- 3.5 If a nuisance allegedly exists on any site which is the subject of a permit, a Park Manager or a Peace Officer may (in addition to, or without, issuing a warning or charging the person causing the nuisance with an offense) order the person causing the nuisance to abate or discontinue the nuisance, and the person shall forthwith abate or discontinue the nuisance.
- 3.6 Where a person fails to comply with an order made pursuant to subsection 3.5, the Park Manager or Peace Officer may, (in addition to, or without, issuing a warning, or charging the person with an offense) take whatever steps are necessary to abate or have discontinued the nuisance, and such action shall be taken at the expense of the person in default.

### 4. **PROHIBITIONS**

- 4.1 No person shall commit or cause a nuisance in a Public Park.
- 4.2 No person shall interfere with the right of others to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of a Public Park.

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- 4.3 No person who has been removed from a Public Park pursuant to Section 9 of this Bylaw shall within the following 72-hour period, enter or attempt to re-enter that Public Park.
  - 4.4 No person shall remove, deface damage or destroy any signboard, sign or notice posted or placed in a Public Park.
  - 4.5 No person shall play or operate or permit to be played or operated any radio, television, record or tape player or musical instrument, (any of the foregoing or any other apparatus for the production or amplification of sound being referred to in this Bylaw as any "apparatus") at any time in a Public Park in such a manner as to cause unreasonable or excessive noise, having regard to the rights of others to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of a Public Park.
  - 4.6 No person shall play or operate or permit to be played or operated any apparatus at any location in a Public Park during Quiet Time.
  - 4.7 No person shall shout or otherwise make or cause or permit to be made any noise in a Public Park during Quiet Time, in such a manner that such noise can be easily heard by an individual or member of the public who is not on the individual campsite registered to such person or a member of his group. The provisions of this Section 4.7 shall in no way restrict or limit the provisions of Section 4.6 of this Bylaw.
  - 4.8 No person shall consume any alcohol, except within a camping stall and in compliance with all provincial and federal regulations.
  - 4.9 No person shall consume cannabis, in any form (ex: smoking, vaping, edibles), in a Public Park.
5. **ANIMALS**
- 5.1 No person having the custody or control of an animal shall bring the animal into a Public Park or allow the animal to enter or remain in a Public Park unless it is in a cage or is restricted by a leash, chain or other device that is not greater than 2 meters long.
  - 5.2 No person having custody or control of an animal shall bring the animal into or allow the animal to enter or remain in or on any area in a Public Park that is
    - (a) a designated swimming area,
    - (b) a beach area adjacent to a designated swimming area,
    - (c) a public washroom, change house, concession, picnic shelter or other public building or structure, or
    - (d) an area where signs are posted prohibiting animals.
  - 5.3 A Park Manager or Peace Officer may refuse to admit to a Public Park, or require to be removed from a Public Park any animal if he considers it is not under the control specified in this Bylaw, or if it may be a nuisance or a danger to the life, safety, health, property or comfort of any person in the Public Park. Any person having the custody or control of an animal that is required to be removed in accordance with this section shall forthwith remove the animal from the Public Park. If the person allegedly defaults in removing the animal, the Park Manager or Peace Officer may (in addition to, or

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without, issuing a warning or charging the person with an offense under this Bylaw) remove the animal at the expense of such person.

### 6. **FIRES**

- 6.1 No person shall set, light or maintain a fire in a Public Park except in a fireplace, pit or other facility provided for that purpose.
- 6.2 No person shall leave a fire unattended or allow it to spread.
- 6.3 No person shall deposit or dispose of hot coals, ashes, embers or any other burning or smoldering material in a place other than a stove, fire pit or other place provided for that purpose.
- 6.4 A person who lights a fire shall extinguish all fires, hot coals and smoldering materials before leaving them.

### 7. **VEHICLES**

- 7.1 No person shall, within a Public Park operate or ride an off-highway vehicle or any other such specialized means of conveyance, whether motor driven or propelled by human power, except
  - (a) on a trail or in an area set aside, designated by Council or identified by regulatory signs, notices, or trail markers posted as a trail or area for the use of such conveyances,
  - (b) to cross a highway in the manner permitted under the Off-Highway Vehicle Act,
  - (c) Subsection (7.1) does not apply to bicycles.
- 7.2 No person shall park or leave a motor vehicle, boat, trailer or camping accommodation unit, or permit a motor vehicle, boat trailer or camping accommodation unit to be parked or left in a Public Park other than as permitted by Section 8.8 of this Bylaw or in parking areas designated for that purpose.
- 7.3 No person, unless authorized by the County Administrator or their designate, shall develop, place, construct, extend, erect a building, structure, fixture, road, excavation or other development, whether on, above or below ground within a Public Park or lands under the direct control of Camrose County.
- 7.4 A Park Manager and/or Peace Officer may prohibit the entry of a vehicle into any part of any Public Park.
- 7.5 (1) In this section "abandoned" means left standing at a location for more than 72 consecutive hours other than pursuant to
  - (a) a license, permit or other similar authorization, or
  - (b) prior authorization of a Park Manager.
- (2) If a motor vehicle, off-highway vehicle, aircraft, boat trailer, equipment, appliance article or object
  - (a) is abandoned,
  - (b) remains in an area after the authorization to be in that area expires, or

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(c) is located in a prohibited area,

A Park Manager or Peace Officer may order the owner, operator or person in charge of the item to move the item to a location determined by the Peace Officer and within the period of time determined by him. If the owner, operator or person in charge cannot be located, notice under this Section may be given in writing affixed to or as near as is reasonably practical to the item.

- (3) Where the owner, operator or person in charge of the item fails to comply with the order of a Park Manager or Peace Officer under subsection (2), a Peace Officer may (in addition to or without issuing a warning or charging a person with an offense under this Bylaw or any other applicable statute or Bylaw, and in addition to any other action he may take under any other Bylaw or statute) move and store the item or cause it to be moved and stored.
- (4) If the item removed and stored is a vehicle as that term is defined in the Motor Vehicle Administration Act, the provisions of that Act with respect to costs of removal and storage, lien for costs, enforcement of the lien, and disposition of the vehicle and sale proceeds shall apply.
- (5) If the item removed and stored is not a vehicle as defined in the Motor Vehicle Administration Act, then the provisions of Section 610 of the Municipal Government Act with respect to unclaimed property shall apply.

### 8. **CAMPING**

- 8.1 All persons entering a Public Park shall register when required to do so by a sign or notice at or near the entrance to the Public Park.
- 8.2 Council may provide for and cause to be designated areas within Public Parks for camping and day use purposes.
- 8.3 No person shall camp overnight in a Public Park
  - (a) except in an area designated for that purpose, unless he is otherwise authorized by the Park Manager,
  - (b) unless he has a valid permit under this Bylaw to do so.
- 8.4 Permits for overnight camping shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and at a fee established by Council or the owner/operator of the Public Park.
- 8.5 No person shall alter a camping permit.
- 8.6 No person shall transfer a camping permit to another person.
- 8.7 The holder of a camping permit shall keep it available for inspection at any time and shall produce it for inspection on the request of a Park Manager and/or Peace Officer.
- 8.8 (1) Where a campground within a Public Park is developed for individual campsites, only the following vehicles and camping accommodation units are permitted to be kept in an individual campsite unless a Park Manager gives written permission to the contrary.

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- (a) 1 motor vehicle.
  - (b) in addition to the motor vehicle referred to in clause (a) 1 camping accommodation unit of any kind, including a camping accommodation unit that is a motor vehicle.
  - (c) in addition to the motor vehicle referred to in clause (a) and the camping accommodation unit referred to in clause (b) 1 tent.
- (2) No person in whose name an individual campsite is registered shall bring onto or permit to remain on the campsite more vehicles or camping accommodation units than are permitted by subsection (1).
- (3) No person who is visiting a person camped in an individual campsite, shall park his vehicle on the campsite
- (a) after 11:00 p.m., or
  - (b) in a manner or at a location that impedes traffic.
- 8.9 Not more than 8 persons may occupy an individual campsite unless they are all members of a single-family unit. Two family units of not more than a total of eight people may occupy an individual campsite.
- 8.10 (1) No person shall camp for more than 16 consecutive days in the same campground in a Public Park without the written permission of a Park Manager.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a period of at least 24 hours must elapse after a person checks out of and vacates a campsite after the expiration of a 16-day period before he may again camp in that campground.

### 9. **ENFORCEMENT**

- 9.1 In addition to any other penalty or remedy, a Park Manager or Peace Officer may cancel a camping permit without prior notice to the permittee if the permittee contravenes this Bylaw and the permittee shall vacate the campsite within 1 hour from having been requested to do so.
- 9.2 On the expiry or cancellation of his camping permit, the permit holder shall ensure that the campsite is vacated and that all shelter equipment and other property belonging to him or persons in his group is removed.

### 10. **POWERS OF A PEACE OFFICER**

- 10.1 For the purposes of administering this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may
- (a) Enter on and inspect any land, road, highway, structure or work in a Public Park;
  - (b) Order any person in a Public Park to cease or refrain from any action, omission or conduct that is or might reasonably be considered to be dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the park or recreation area by other persons;

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- (c) remove from a Public Park
  - (i) any person making an unauthorized use of the park,
  - (ii) any person failing to comply with any provisions of this Bylaw, or
  - (iii) any person creating a nuisance or disturbance or committing a trespass or any undesirable act.

**11. PENALTIES**

11.1 A persons who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw either by doing something that is prohibited or by failing to do something which he is required to do, is guilty of an offense and, except as provided in section 11.2, is liable in the case of a first offense to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$200.00 and in default of payment imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days, and in the case of a 2nd or subsequent offense to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$2,500.00 and in default of payment imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months.

11.2 A person who contravenes Sections 3.5, 5.3 or 9.1 of this Bylaw by failing to comply with an order or requirement of a Park Manager or Peace Officer is guilty of an offense and is liable in the case of a first offense to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 and in default of payment imprisonment for a period not exceeding 30 days, and in the case of a second or subsequent offense to a fine of not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$2,500.00 and in default of payment imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months.

12. Bylaw No. 1438 is hereby rescinded.

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2025 A.D. IN THE CITY OF CAMROSE, \*  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA \*  
\*(COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR)

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