



VILLAGE OF CHAMPION CHAMPION, ALBERTA BYLAW 2022-009

CAMPGROUND BYLAW

BEING A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF CHAPION, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND OPERATION OF PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, grants authority to Council to pass bylaws with respect to people, activities, and things In, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act. Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000 grants authority to Council to pass bylaws with respect to the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property.

WHEREAS, Council of the Village of Champion has established public parks and campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Village of champion wishes to establish rules and regulations for the control and operation of its public parks and campgrounds.

NOW THEREFORE, Council of the Village of Champion, In the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

2.0 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

2.1 In this bylaw the following definitions apply:

- (1) **"Animal"** means a domestic animal and includes an animal that is wild by nature but has been domesticated.
- (2) **"Camping Accommodation Unit"** means:
 - (a) a tent.
 - (b) a camper trailer.
 - (c) a 5th wheel camper trailer.
 - (d) a tent trailer.
 - (e) a motor home.
 - (f) a van; or
 - (g) a truck camper.
 - (1) used by a person as shelter equipment while camping.
- (3) **"Council"** means the Council of the Village of Champion.
- (4) **"Chief Administrative Officer"** means the Chief Administrative of the Village of Champion appointed by the Council, will be known as the CAO.
- (5) **"Firearm"** means any device that propels a projectile by means of explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.
- (6) **"Highway"** means a highway as defined in the Traffic Safety Bylaw and the Alberta

- (7) **"Individual Campsite"** means a campsite in a park or campground designated as an Individual campsite under this bylaw.
- (8) **"Motor Vehicle"** means a motor vehicle as defined In the Highway Traffic Act.
- (9) **"Off Highway Vehicle"** means an off-highway vehicle as defined In the Provincial Traffic Safety Act.
- (10) **"Park"** means land designated as park, campground, or recreation area by the Council.
- (11) **"Park Caretaker"** means a person appointed as a Park Caretaker In accordance with this bylaw, or a person employed for the care and maintenance of parks and campgrounds by the Village of Champion.
- (12) **"Community Peace Officer"** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- (13) **"Permit"** means the permit issued by the Park Caretaker providing payment confirmation and permission to occupy a designated area of the park.
- (14) **"Permit Holder"** means the Individual named on the permit.
- (15) **"Weapon"** means including but not limited to, a rifle, shotgun, pistol, handgun, target pistol, air rifle, pellet gun, hunting bow, cross bow, sling shot, and paint ball gun.

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3.1 GENERAL

- (1) A person who enters a park shall comply with:
 - (a) Any lawful orders and instructions made or issued pursuant to this bylaw; and
 - (b) The Instructions, prohibitions and directions prescribed by all lawfully designated and erected signs and notices.
- (2) A person registering to be the Permit Holder for a campsite must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of registration.
- (3) All persons intending to rent a campsite shall register with the Park Caretaker as a Permit Holder when required to do so by a sign or notice at or near the entrance to the park.
- (4) If a park's campsite occupant is involved in a violation of this bylaw, the person who is the registered Permit Holder of the campsite is guilty of an offence.
- (5) If a park's campsite has been vacated and left in an unsatisfactory condition, the person who is the prior registered Permit Holder is guilty of an offence and liable for cost associated with any clean up and repairs as a debt owing to the Village of Champion.
- (6) The campsite referred to in Paragraph 3.5 must be inspected by a Park Caretaker within 8 hours of vacancy for the last registered Permit Holder to be held responsible.
- (7) A person using a park shall keep the land and improvements in a condition satisfactory to a Park Caretaker.
- (8) A person vacating a park shall restore the land as nearly as possible to a clean and tidy condition.
- (9) A person shall ensure they do not have open liquor in any park public place, including roadways and day use areas.
- (10) No person shall interfere with the rights of others to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of a park.
- (11) No person who has been removed or evicted from a park pursuant to this bylaw shall, within the following 72-hour period, enter or attempt to enter the park.
- (12) No person shall enter or remain in any park or portion of a park where travel or access restrictions have been imposed under this bylaw.
- (13) No person shall deface, injure, or destroy any object in a park, whether created by natural means or otherwise.
- (14) No person shall display or post any signs or advertisements in the park other than signs and advertisements approved by the Park Caretaker, or Chief Administrative Officer.
- (15) No person shall remove, deface, damage, or destroy any sign board, sign or notice posted or placed in any park under authority of this or any other bylaw or act.
- (16) No person shall discharge a firearm or use a weapon in a park.

- (17) No person shall carry on a business in a park unless he has received permission from the CAO for that purpose.

3.2 WASTE DISPOSAL

- (1) No person shall deposit liquid or solid waste in a park except in a receptacle or area provided for that purpose by the Village of Champion.
- (2) No person shall bring commercial or residential waste matter into a park for disposal.
- (3) In areas in a park where waste disposal receptacles or areas are not provided, waste matters shall be carried out of the area for disposal.
- (4) No person shall bath or clean clothing, fish, cooking or eating utensils, vehicles, or other equipment at or near a drinking fountain, standpipe, well or pump in any park.
- (5) No person shall remove water from a park except for the personal use of himself and his party in the camping accommodation unit he is using at the time.

3.3 CAMPING PERMITS

- (1) Permits shall be issued on a first come, first serve basis except in that portion of a park in which a campsite reservation system is in effect.
- (2) No person shall camp overnight in a park except in an area designated for that purpose, unless he is otherwise authorized by the Park Caretaker, and unless he has a valid permit under this bylaw to do so.
- (3) No person shall alter a camping permit.
- (4) No person shall transfer a camping permit to another person.
- (5) The Permit Holder shall keep the permit available for inspection at any time or shall produce it for inspection on the request of the Park Caretaker or Community Peace Officer.
- (6) No person shall camp overnight in a park except in an area designated for that purpose, unless he is otherwise authorized by the Park Caretaker, and unless he has a valid permit under this bylaw to do so.

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3.4 CAMPSITE OCCUPATION

- (1) Where a campground within a park is developed in individual campsites, only the following vehicles and camping accommodation units are permitted to be kept in the campsite unless a Park Caretaker gives written permission to the contrary:
 - (a) one motor vehicle.
 - (b) one motor vehicle and one camping accommodation unit.
 - (c) one motor vehicle and one camping accommodation unit and one tent.
 - (d) two motor vehicles
 - (e) two motor vehicles and one tent.
 - (f) two motor vehicles and one tent and one camping accommodation unit.
 - (g) two motorized camping accommodation units and one tent.
- (2) No person in whose name and Individual campsite is registered shall bring into or permit to remain on the campsite more vehicles or camping accommodation units than are permitted by Paragraph 3.4(1).
- (3) No person who is visiting a person camped in an Individual campsite, shall park his vehicle at the campsite:
 - (a) after 11:00 P.M.
 - (b) in a manner or at a location that impedes traffic; or in a location prohibited by sign
- (4) At the time of issue of a Group Camping Permit, the Park Caretaker may make the permit subject to any conditions considered appropriate.
- (5) Not more than six persons may occupy an Individual campsite unless they are all members of a single-family unit.
- (6) No person shall camp for more than 14 consecutive days in the same campsite in a park without the written permission of a Park Caretaker or the CAO.
- (7) For the purpose of Paragraph 3.4(5), a period of at least 24 hours must elapse after a Permit Holder has checked out of a campsite after the expiration of a **14-day** period before he may again camp in that campsite.
- (8) A campsite shall be considered to be unoccupied when without the written permission of a Park Caretaker, the Registrant:
 - (a) leaves the campsite unattended for a period exceeding 12 continuous hours during the first 24-hour period after the Permit is Issued; or
 - (b) leaves the campsite unattended for a continuous period of more than 24 hours during the period of the permit.
- (9) A camping permit is automatically cancelled if the campsite to which it relates is unoccupied within the meaning of Paragraph 3.4(7).
- (10) A Park Caretaker may cancel a camping permit on written notice to the Permit Holder if the Permit Holder contravenes this bylaw. The Permit Holder shall vacate the campsite within one hour from receiving such notice.
- (11) On the expiry of cancellation of his camping permit, the Permit Holder shall insure that the campsite is vacated and that all shelter equipment and other property belonging to him or persons in his group is

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removed.

3.5 BURNING

- (1) No person shall set, light, or maintain a fire in a park except in a fireplace, pit or other facilities designed for that purpose.
- (2) A person may use any dead vegetation for fuel purposes in a campground.
- (3) Fireworks and the discharge of fireworks are prohibited within Village of Champion operated parks.
- (4) Where the Director Is of the opinion that a fire hazard exists in a park, they may, by erecting signs and notices for the purpose, prohibit the setting, lighting, or maintaining of fires in all or part of the park.
- (5) No person shall leave a fire unattended or allow it to spread.
- (6) 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 by the Park Caretaker
- (7) A person shall extinguish all fires, hot coals, or smoldering materials before leaving them.

3.6 VEHICLES

- (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a park except on a highway.
- (2) No person shall, within a park, operate or ride an off-highway vehicle except in accordance with this bylaw.
- (3) 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 park other than in parking areas designated for that purpose by the Director.
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3.7 ANIMAL CONTROL

- (1) A Park Caretaker or the Community Peace Officer may refuse to admit to a park or require to be removed from a park any animal if he considers it is not under control or may be a nuisance or damage to the life, safety, health, property, or comfort of any person in the park.
- (2) No person having the custody or control of an animal shall bring the animal into a park or allow the animal into the park unless it is in a cage or is restrained by a leash, chain or other device that is not greater than two meters in length.

- (3) No person having custody or control of an animal shall bring into, or allow an animal to enter, or remain in, or on, any area in a 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, public shelter, or other public building or structure; or
 - (d) an area where signs are posted prohibiting animals.
- (4) A Park Caretaker or the community Peace Officer and any other person acting under their supervision may capture an animal running at large in a park.
- (5) When an animal is captured, a Peace Officer shall:
 - (a) make a reasonable attempt to contact the owner or person having custody of the animal.
 - (b) impound the animal
- (6) Where the owner or person having custody claims a captured animal from the impound, they shall pay an impound fee in accordance with Schedule "A" attached to this bylaw.
- (7) When an animal has been impounded for 48 hours and no person claims it, the impound may dispose of the animal in a reasonably humane manner.
- (8) No person shall bring into or permit to enter a park, a horse or pony or beast of burden under his control except on an area of land that has been established for an equestrian use.

4.0 AUTHORITY OF PARK CARETAKERS

4.1 COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- (1) For the purpose of administering this bylaw, a Park Caretaker will collect the following personal information for a person registering to be a Permit Holder of a site in a park:
 - (a) name
 - (b) address
 - (c) contact telephone number
 - (d) license plate number(s) of vehicle(s) and camping accommodation units parking in the park
 - (e) financial information required for payment
 - (f) information relating to any animals accompanying the Permit Holder.
- (2) Ensure the collected personal information is retained in a secure manner which would prevent unauthorized access.
- (3) Request photograph identification from any person registering for a campsite permit should the Park Caretaker believe the person is not 18 years of age or older.

4.2 PARK OPERATIONS

- (1) A Park Caretaker may issue individual campsite permits and group camping permits under this bylaw.
- (2) A Park Caretaker may enter on and inspect any land, road structure or work within a park.
- (3) A Park Caretaker shall order the repair, alteration, improvement, or removal of, or addition to, any unauthorized structure or work in a park.
- (4) A Park Caretaker may order any person in a park to cease or refrain from any action, omission or conduct that in the opinion of the Park Caretaker is dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the park by other persons.
- (5) A Park Caretaker may require any person in a park to inform a Park Caretaker of the name and address of a person, and any fact or intention relating to the use of the park by that person.
- (6) A Park Caretaker may remove or evict, or cause to be removed or evicted, from the park, any person:
 - (a) failing to comply with any provision of the bylaw; or
 - (b) creating a nuisance or disturbance or committing a trespass or any other undesirable act.
- (7) A Park Caretaker may operate an off-highway vehicle in contravention of this bylaw for the purpose of performing their duties in the park.
- (8) A Park Caretaker may prohibit the entry of a vehicle into any part of any park.
- (9) If, in the opinion of the Park Caretaker, a nuisance exists, on any site which is subject to a permit, the Park Caretaker shall, in writing, order the person causing the nuisance to abate the nuisance or clean the site, or both.
- (10) Where a person or Permit Holder fails to comply with an order made pursuant to Paragraph 4.2(9), the Park Caretaker shall take whatever steps are necessary to abate the nuisance or

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clean the site, or both, and the cost of doing so is recoverable from the person or Permit Holder as a debt.

- (11) The Park Caretaker may cancel or suspend a permit Issued In accordance with this bylaw If the Permit Holder or their guest(s) contravenes this bylaw, or any of the terms of conditions to which the permit Is subject.

AUTHORITY Of MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

5.1 THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- (1) Subject to the Traffic Safety Bylaw, control and prohibiting the movement of vehicular, pedestrian, and other traffic by means of signs and notices being designated and erected.
- (2) Designate and erect other signs and notices governing and prohibiting activities that are provided for in this bylaw.
- (3) The existence of a sign or notice referred to in Paragraphs 5.1(1) and 5.1(2) Is prima facie proof that it was properly designated and erected under this bylaw.
- (4) The CAO may appoint persons necessary for the administration of this bylaw as Park Caretakers.
- (5) The CAO may cancel or suspend a permit issued under this bylaw If the permittee contravenes this bylaw, or any of the terms of conditions to which the permit is subject.
- (6) The CAO may authorize a business to be operated in a park.
- (7) The CAO may determine If a person shall be prohibited access to any Village of Champion Park and for what duration this prohibition shall last. The Director shall cause this prohibition to be in writing and served on the person in accordance with Section 6.3.1. Should a prohibited person access or be located within the Village of Champion, they have committed a trespass.

6.0 AUTHORITY OF A COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER

6.1 EVICTION

- (1) A Community Peace Officer may remove or evict, or cause to be removed or evicted, from the park, any person who:
 - (a) fails to comply with any provision of the bylaw; or
 - (b) creates a nuisance or disturbance or is committing a trespass or any other undesirable act.

6.2 AUTHORITY

- (1) A Community Peace Officer may operate an off-highway vehicle in contravention of this bylaw for the purposes of performing duties in the park.

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- (2) A Community Peace Officer may seize any vehicle, off highway vehicle, boat trailer or any equipment, appliance or other article or object that is being used in a park in contravention of this bylaw, whether it is found in the possession of the person alleged to have committed the contravention or not.
- (3) That 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 has expired;
or
 - (c) located in the prohibited area.
 - (d) located in an area where parking is prohibited by sign; or
 - (e) is involved in the contravention of this bylaw, regardless of if it is found in the possession of the person alleged to have committed the contravention, or not.

A Community Peace Officer may remove, store, and dispose of this item in accordance with this bylaw.
- (4) A Community Peace Officer shall, on seizing anything in accordance with Section 6.2(2) and 6.2(3), shall permit the owner of the item seized to claim it once the Peace Officer has determined the likelihood of recommitment of the offense has passed.
- (5) Where a Community Peace Officer moves or stores an item or causes it to be moved or stored under this section, the cost of the doing so:
 - (a) the responsibility of the owner of the item.
 - (b) constitutes a lien on the item.
 - (c) may be recovered from the owner in an action for debt.
 - (d) must be paid before the item is released to the owner, operator or person in charge of it.
- (6) Should a seized item not be claimed within 60 days it becomes property of the Village of Champion and can be disposed of. EXEMPTION - This section would not apply to a motor vehicle, or trailer, which would be disposed of in accordance with the Province of Alberta Traffic Safety Act.
- (7) A Community Peace Officer may prohibit the entry of a vehicle into any part of any park.
- (8) A notice, in the form commonly called a Bylaw Tag or Parking Tag, may be issued by a Community Peace Officer to any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw, and served in accordance with Paragraph 6.3(1). The tag shall require payment to the Municipal District for the specified amount for that breach of the bylaw.

6.3 DEEMED SERVED

- (1) A Bylaw Tag, Parking Tag or Written Notice shall be deemed to be sufficiently served:
 - (a) if served personally on the accused; or
 - (b) if mailed to the address of the Registered Owner of the vehicle concerned or the person concerned; or
 - (c) if mailed to the address provided by the Permit Holder upon registration for the campsite; or
 - (d) if mailed to the address provided on government issued identification.
 - (e) if attached or left upon the vehicle in respect of which the offense is alleged to have been committed.

7.0 Penalties

7.1 GENERAL PENALTY

Except as otherwise provided herein every person who contravenes any provisions of this bylaw shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars or more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

7.2 SPECIFIED PENALTY

Every person who contravenes any provisions of this bylaw, as enumerated In Schedule "A" herein, Is guilty of an offense and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to the penalty specified therein for such offense.

7.3 PAYMENT RECEIVED

Where payment of a penalty for a Bylaw or Parking Tag is received within 15 days from the date of Issue, the Voluntary Payment shall be reduced by Ten (\$10.00) Dollars

7.4 LATE PAYMENT

If at any time after the expiration of the fifteenth (15th) day from the service of a Bylaw or Parking Tag, a person pays for a Bylaw or Parking Tag issued, the Village of Champion shall accept payment of the appropriate penalty as provided in Schedule "A", and the payment will be accepted in lien of prosecution.

7.5 VOLUNTARY PAYMENT

When a voluntary penalty ticket Is Issued by a Community Peace Officer for an offense when it is not enumerated In Schedule "A" herein, the monetary penalty shall be the minimum fine that may be imposed under Section 7.1 of this bylaw.

8.0 GENERAL

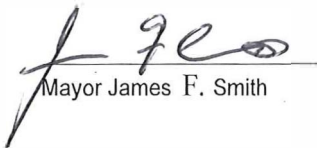
- 8.1 It Is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions, and if any provision of this bylaw be declared Invalid, all other provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.
- 8.2 Schedule "A" attached hereto does not form part of this bylaw and may be amended by resolution of Council.
- 8.3 Bylaw No. 930 is repealed.
- 8.4 This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date of third and final reading by Council.

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Bylaw and any amendments thereto are hereby rescinded.

This Bylaw shall come into effect on the date of its THIRD and FINAL READING.

READ a first time this 15th day of August, 2022.



Mayor James F. Smith



Tim Melnyk, Chief Administrative Officer

READ a second time this 15th day of August, 2021.



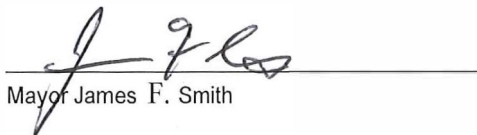
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Tim Melnyk, Chief Administrative Officer

Let the record note that, as per Section 187(4) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), a motion was presented and passed unanimously to provide Third & Final Reading of this Bylaw at this meeting.

READ a third and final time this 15 day of August, 2021.



Mayor James F. Smith



Tim Melnyk, Chief Administrative Officer

