



**Public Places, Parks and Recreation Facilities Regulation
Bylaw No. 7854-2022**

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A Bylaw to regulate public buildings, public places, park property and recreational facilities
in the City of Maple Ridge

WHEREAS subsection 8(3) of the *Community Charter* authorizes the Council of the City of Maple Ridge to adopt bylaws to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to municipal services and public places;

AND WHEREAS subsection 154(1) of the *Community Charter* authorizes the Council of the City of Maple Ridge to adopt bylaws to delegate its powers, duties and functions to officers or employees of the City;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and desirable that it exercise these authorities to establish regulations governing the management of Public Places, Parks and Recreation Facilities intended for recreation and community uses and to delegate certain powers to staff regarding the use and conduct therein:

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

Part 1 Citation

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the Maple Ridge Public Places, Parks and Recreation Facilities Regulation Bylaw No 7854-2022.

Part 2 Severability

- 2.1 If any portion of this Bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

Part 3 Previous Bylaw Repeal

- 3.1 Parks and Recreation Facilities Regulation Bylaw No. 7085-2014 is repealed in its entirety upon adoption of this Bylaw.

Part 4 Definitions

- 4.1 In this Bylaw:

“**Ancillary Activity**” means any activity that complements or enhances the primary function of a Park or Recreation Facility.

“**Chattel**” means a moveable item of personal property including, without limitation, a vehicle, a leased or rented dumpster or container, merchandise, fuel, wares of any nature, or signage.

Chief Administrative Officer” means the person appointed by **Council** pursuant to section 147 of the *Community Charter*, or their designate.

“City” means the City of Maple Ridge.

“Council” means the elected members of the Municipal Council of the **City** of Maple Ridge.

“Contaminant” means any substance, whether gaseous, liquid or solid, whether dissolved or suspended, that:

- a) injures or is capable of injuring the health or safety of a person;
- b) injures or is capable of injuring property or any life form;
- c) causes or is capable of causing material physical discomfort to a person; or
- d) damages or is capable of damaging the environment.

“Drug Paraphernalia” means any goods, products, equipment, things or materials 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 Schedules I, II, or III of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* as may be amended from time to time.

“Enforcement Officer” means a Bylaw Compliance Officer, Community Safety Officer, a member of the RCMP, a member of the Maple Ridge Fire Department, a peace officer, and any other person designated to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw by the **Chief Administrative Officer**.

“Natural Park Feature” means a tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf or plant of any kind and all soil, sand, silt, gravel, rock, mineral, wood, fallen timber or other natural material within a **Park**.

“Loiter” means to remain in an area without lawful excuse.

“Off-Site Refuse” means all refuse, garbage, food remains and other waste generated by persons while they are not within a **Park** or **Recreation Facility**.

“On-Site Refuse” means all refuse, garbage, food remains and other waste generated by persons using a **Park** or **Recreation Facility** while they are within the **Park** or **Recreation Facility**.

“Organized Activity” means any activity which is pre-planned, involves a group larger than a single-family unit and which limits general public access to a portion of the **Public Place**, **Park** or **Recreation Facility** or any activity that involves instruction or training.

“Organized Sport” means any game or sport which is played by three or more persons who play and/or practice together regularly as a team in a league or association.

“Park” means and includes any real or personal property within the City used for public park and recreation purposes and includes all buildings and structures situated thereon and shall include any other parcel of land improved, maintained, developed or administered by the City such as school grounds, pursuant to direction from the **Council**.

"Posted Notice" means a sign or written notice which has been posted or affixed to a wall, post or notice board in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** or which has been set out in a brochure or map relating to the **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**.

"Public Place" includes all public plazas, public squares and public buildings, including but not limited to City Hall, any community centre, public library, art gallery, museum, exhibition hall, fire hall, City operations yard and any real or personal property or portions thereof owned by the **City** to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted to be in or on, and includes but is not limited to, the grounds of public facilities or public buildings, public greenways and public parkades or parking lots controlled by the **City**.

"Recreation Facility" means a building, recreation facility or other land improvement, including, but not limited to, recreation centres, public pools, arenas, sports fields, ball diamonds, gymnasium, and other recreation facilities located in a **Park** or on any other land which the **City** owns or controls by means of a lease, licence or other legal instrument, that is intended for athletic, social or recreational use by members of the community.

"Special Event" means any event or activity conducted within a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** which attracts or is intended to attract participants or spectators and, without limiting that definition, includes any **Organized Sport**, festival, sports event, competition or tournament, group picnic, dog show or other animal event.

"Special Event Permit" means a licence issued for the use of a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** or any portion thereof.

"Temporary Shelter" means the use of structures, improvements or overhead shelters, including a tent, lean-to, tarpaulin, plastic, cardboard or other form of shelter.

"Trail" means any footpath, pathway, trail or pedestrian access route in a **Park** or on land owned by the **City**.

"Vehicle" means all conveyances propelled either by motor or muscular power.

Part 5 Application

- 5.1 Every **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** shall be subject to the provisions of this Bylaw and an **Enforcement Officer** shall be responsible for enforcing its provisions.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Bylaw or any other bylaw of the **City** to the contrary, all officers, officials, employees and agents of the **City**, while acting in the exercise and within the scope of their duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Bylaw.

Part 6 Duty of Administration and Enforcement

- 6.1 The grant of any approval or permission or issuance of any permit is not a representation, warranty or statement of compliance with the Bylaw and the issuance thereof in error is not to give rise to a cause of action.

Part 7 Delegation of Powers

- 7.1 The **Chief Administrative Officer** is hereby authorized to grant or refuse any request for a Special Event Permit for the conduct of any Organized Sport, Organized Activity, or Ancillary Activity which requires a Special Events Permit under the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 7.2 The **Chief Administrative Officer** is hereby authorized to establish rules for behaviour and conduct in a **Public Place, Park and Recreation Facility**, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with this Bylaw or other regulations and to establish and enforce the consequences of contravening the rules of behaviour and conduct.

Part 8 Park Hours

- 8.1 **Parks** will be closed to the public between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am the next morning except to persons authorized in writing by the **Chief Administrative Officer**.
- 8.2 The **Chief Administrative Officer** may, at any time as they may deem necessary, temporarily close a **Park** or **Recreation Facility** or any portion thereof to the public.

Part 9 General Public Place, Park and Recreation Facility Regulations

- 9.1 No person, when in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**, shall:
- 9.1.1 Enter or remain in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** when it is closed to the public.
 - 9.1.2 Fail to comply with any sign or **Posted Notice**;
 - 9.1.3 Deposit refuse except in waste receptacles provided for such purposes by the **City**;
 - 9.1.4 Carry, transport or deposit any **Off-Site Refuse** of any kind into waste receptacles located in a Park or **Recreation Facility**;
 - 9.1.5 Carry or discharge any firearm, air gun, sling shot, catapult, bow and arrow, or other weapon or dangerous toy;
 - 9.1.6 Cut, break, bend or in any way injure or deface any turf, tree, shrub, hedge, plant, flower or park ornament;
 - 9.1.7 Climb upon, deface or in any way damage any building, structure, equipment, wall fence, gate, sign, seat, bench, exhibit, cage or any ornament;
 - 9.1.8 Injure, deface or destroy any notice, sign, rule or regulation erected, posted or affixed to any building, structure, fence, seat, bench or **Public Place** by or with the permission of the **City**;
 - 9.1.9 Plug, tamper with or in any way damage any plumbing, lighting, heating, or other fixture or utility servicing;
 - 9.1.10 Start any fire or permit any person under their control to start any fire except in fireplaces provided therein for that purpose; and except where written permission is given by the **Chief Administrative Officer**;

- 9.1.11 Fail to obey any sign or signal lawfully erected for the control of pedestrian or vehicle traffic;
- 9.1.12 Distribute any handbills or circulars or post, place or display any placard, notice, paper, advertising device, or publicity matter of any kind without the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**.
- 9.1.13 Use or permit the use of any advertising vehicle without the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**;
- 9.1.14 Tease, molest, or injure any animal or throw any substance at or near any animal in such a way to cause them alarm or possible injury;
- 9.1.15 Possess any **Drug Paraphernalia**;
- 9.1.16 Offer for sale any article or food, drink, or merchandise or carry on any business unless such person has been licensed to do so by the **City** and has received written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**;
- 9.1.17 Use any blasphemous, threatening, obscene or vulgar language;
- 9.1.18 Conduct oneself in a disorderly, dangerous or offensive manner;
- 9.1.19 Obstruct the free use and enjoyment of a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**;
- 9.1.20 Loiter in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**;
- 9.1.21 Interfere with or obstruct any employee of the **City** in the performance of their duty at or in relation to a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**;
- 9.1.22 Belittle, insult, demean, humiliate or harass any employee of the **City** in the performance of their duty at or in relation to a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**;
- 9.1.23 Expose their genitals except when:
 - 9.1.23.1 in a change room or washroom in a Park or Recreation Facility; or
 - 9.1.23.2 participating in an approved art and drawing program.
- 9.1.24 Excavate in a **Park**;
- 9.1.25 Move or remove any **Natural Park Feature**;
- 9.1.26 Hold a procession, march, drill, parade, political or religious gathering or other public meeting except with the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**;
- 9.1.27 Operate a mechanically powered boat on any lake, pond or outdoor water facility within the boundaries of any **Park** unless the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer** has first been obtained;

- 9.1.28 Use tobacco, illicit drugs, marijuana or vaping products within 7.5 meters (25 feet) of any entrance to a **Public Place, Park**, sport field, athletic surface, children's playground or water play-park;
- 9.1.29 Discharge any fireworks without a valid permit issued pursuant to and in strict accordance with requirements established by the City of Maple Ridge Fire Works Bylaw No. 6279-2004;
- 9.1.30 Plant trees or shrubs in any **Park** except with the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**;
- 9.1.31 Possess or consume liquor or alcoholic beverages without valid and legally required permits;
- 9.1.32 Use any device which constitutes a hazard to any person;
- 9.1.33 Erect, build, or locate, or cause to be erected, built or located, any structure, trailer tent, shelter or other building of any kind except with the written consent of the **Chief Administrative Officer**;
- 9.1.34 Interfere with or obstruct:
 - 9.1.34.1 any employee of the **City** in the performance of their duty; or
 - 9.1.34.2 contractor while carrying out work authorized by the **City**.
- 9.1.35 Use or operate any device in such a manner as to disturb the enjoyment of the **Park** by other persons;
- 9.1.36 Urinate or defecate except in a public or private toilet facility provided for such purpose;
- 9.1.37 Swim in or skate on any lake, pond, stream or pool or other body of water unless expressly permitted by the **City**.

Part 10 Traffic in Parks

- 10.1 Except as permitted by **Chief Administrative Officer**, no person shall:
 - 10.1.1 Transport goods or **Chattels** over or place or leave **Chattels** upon any boulevard within a **Park** unless the turf of such boulevard is first protected from damage;
 - 10.1.2 Ride or drive a horse, or other animal or drive or keep, propel or permit to be driven or propelled, any **Vehicle** or other mode of off-road conveyance on any boulevard, grass plot or other area within any **Park** other than on the driveways made and provided for such purpose;
 - 10.1.3 Drive any **Vehicle** or ride any animal on a path or other roadway designated and posted by the **City** to be for pedestrian traffic only; or
 - 10.1.4 Drive or propel any **Vehicle** in excess of any speed limit that may be posted within **Park** boundaries.

Part 11 Impoundment and Disposal

- 11.1 The **Chief Administrative Officer** or an **Enforcement Officer** may seize, remove and impound any **Chattel** located in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** in contravention of this Bylaw.
- 11.2 Where a **Chattel** is impounded that has, in the opinion of the person exercising the power set out in Section 11.1, a value of less than \$500.00, that person may dispose of the **Chattel** in a manner deemed appropriate by that person.
- 11.3 Where a **Chattel** is impounded which has, in the opinion of the person exercising the power set out in Section 11.1, a value over \$500.00 that person shall make reasonable attempts to notify the owner of the **Chattel**.
- 11.4 Where a **Chattel** is claimed by the owner, the **Chattel** shall be released to the owner upon:
- 11.4.1 the provision of proof of ownership satisfactory to the **Chief Administrative Officer**; and
 - 11.4.2 the payment of all fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the **City** for the seizure, removal, impounding and storage of the **Chattel** as set out in Schedule B of the Maple Ridge Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 6704-2009.
- 11.5 Subject to Section 11.6, after the expiration of 31 days from the date of seizure of a **Chattel** to which Section 11.3 applies and where no person has claimed the **Chattel**, the **Chief Administrative Officer** is authorized to sell the **Chattel** by auction and the proceeds of the sale shall be the property of the **City**.
- 11.6 Where, abandoned **Chattel** is at a **Temporary Shelter**, comingled with hazards such as toxic substances, needles, waste; or where in the opinion of the **Chief Administrative Officer** it is impractical to dispose of a **Chattel** to which section 11.3 applies by public auction, the **Chief Administrative Officer** may dispose of the **Chattel** in a manner they deem appropriate.
- 11.7 Where a **Chattel** has been disposed of pursuant to Section 11.5 or 11.6 and the sale of the **Chattel** does not cover all of the fees, costs, and expenses incurred by the **City** for the seizure, removal, impounding, storage and sale of the **Chattel**, the **City** may recover those amounts from the owner of the **Chattel** in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

Part 12 Animals in Parks

- 12.1 No person shall:
- 12.1.1 Enter a **Park** or any area of a **Park** with an unleashed dog or other animal, unless the **Park** or area of the **Park** is designated and posted as an off-leash area;
 - 12.1.2 Permit a dog or other animal to enter a **Park** or any area of **Park** where such entry of that animal is prohibited and such prohibition is posted;
 - 12.1.3 Permit a dog or other animal on or within five (5) metres of any playing field, sports surface, children's playground, sports court, tennis court, or water-play park;
 - 12.1.4 Enter a **Park** with a horse unless the **Park** is designated and posted by the **City** as being permitted

for the riding of horses;

Part 13 Sports Grounds

- 13.1 No person shall:
 - 13.1.1 Play any game or engage in any **Organized Activity** or **Organized Sport** within a **Park** not designated for that purpose;
 - 13.1.2 Play any game on any tennis court or bowling green unless the person is:
 - 13.1.2.1 wearing light coloured rubber soled shoes with low heels; and
 - 13.1.2.2 is suitably equipped with the normal equipment for such game.
 - 13.1.3 Play on any tennis court or bowling green in contravention of the rules and regulations for that facility.

Part 14 Loss of Access Rights

- 14.1 Where an **Enforcement Officer** has reasonable grounds to believe that a person, while in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**, is in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw, the **Enforcement Officer** may:
 - 14.1.1 Direct the person to comply with the Bylaw;
 - 14.1.2 Direct the person to leave the **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**; or,
 - 14.1.3 Issue a Banning Order to that person in a form as determined by the City from time to time.
- 14.2 A person who is directed to leave the **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** or to whom a Banning Order is issued must:
 - 14.2.1 Immediately leave the **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility**; and
 - 14.2.2 Refrain from entering the **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** in contravention of the terms of the Banning Order.
- 14.3 A Banning Order may be revised or rescinded by an **Enforcement Officer** or the **Chief Administrative Officer**.

Part 15 Commercial Services and Activities

- 15.1 No person shall conduct any business or commercial activity in a **Public Place, Park or Recreation Facility** without the written authorization of the **Chief Administrative Officer**.

Part 16 Special Event Permit

- 16.1 The **Chief Administrative Officer** is authorized to issue or refuse to issue a **Special Event Permit**, in the form as determined by the **City** from time to time, in their sole discretion, upon receipt of the application, applicable fee and information required and may:
 - 16.1.1 Establish terms and conditions for the Permit, and

- 16.1.2 Require the applicant to insure the event or activity in an amount and form satisfactory to the **City**.
- 16.2 The denial of a **Special Event Permit** may be appealed within five (5) days to the **Chief Administrative Officer** and must be made by filing a written, request setting forth the grounds for appeal and including any relevant documents.
- 16.3 Unless a **Special Event Permit** has been issued for the specific activity, and only in compliance with the terms and conditions of such Permit, no person, when in a **Park or Recreation Facility**, shall:
 - 16.3.1 Carry out any **Organized Sport, Organized Activity, Special Event, or Ancillary Activity**;
 - 16.3.2 Engage in activities involving high speed projectiles, including golf, war games, radio-controlled aircraft or cars;
 - 16.3.3 Camp overnight; or
 - 16.3.4 Enter a **Park** with a horse unless the **Park** has been designated as for the riding of horses.
- 16.4 Every person using a **Park or Recreation Facility** under the authority of **Special Event Permit** shall:
 - 16.4.1 Comply with any terms and conditions set out on the **Special Event Permit**; and,
 - 16.4.2 Acquire and maintain insurance as required by the **Special Event Permit**.

Part 17 Temporary Shelter – Public Places and Parks

- 17.1 No person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a **Temporary Shelter** between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in any **Public Place** or **Park** within the **City**.
- 17.2 Notwithstanding Section 17.1, no person shall place, secure, erect, use or maintain a **Temporary Shelter** at any time in the Civic Centre/Memorial Park, Nokai Park or Raymond Park or in, on or within: playgrounds, spray parks or pools; horticultural display areas or ornamental gardens; skateboard bowls, tennis courts or other sports courts; sports fields, stadiums or dugouts; stages or bleachers; washroom facilities, picnic shelters, or gazebos; areas of a **Park** that have otherwise been issued a **Special Event Permit** pursuant to this Bylaw; **Recreation Facilities**; cemeteries; golf courses; or pathways, bridges, docks or wharves within the **City**.

17.3 Any **Temporary Shelter** found to be placed, secured, erected, used or maintained between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any **Public Place** or **Park** within the **City** shall be unlawful and subject to enforcement, removal, and disposal, including any possessions, **Chattels**, wastes and other incidental materials located within and around the **Temporary Shelter**.

Part 18 Offences and Penalties

18.1 Every person who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.00 plus the costs of prosecution, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months, or both.

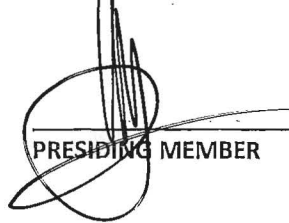
18.2 Each day the offence continues shall be deemed to be a separate offence.

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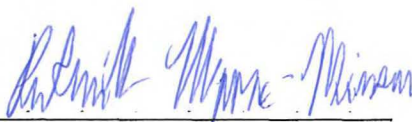
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ADOPTED the 28th day of ~~JUNE~~, 2022.



PRESIDING MEMBER



CORPORATE OFFICER