

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board

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From: Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Regional Parks

File No: 3920-20-1500, 2018

**Subject: Fraser Valley Regional District Parks Regulations, Fees and Other Charges Establishment Bylaw No. 1500, 2018**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings and adoption to the bylaw cited as Fraser Valley Regional District Parks Regulations, Fees and Other Charges Establishment Bylaw No. 1500, 2018.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship  
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community  
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

### PRIORITIES

Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

### BACKGROUND

The existing Parks Regulation Bylaw provides the Fraser Valley Regional District the rules of the parks and the prescription of administrative fees for park functions. With the addition of new Electoral Area community parks, and three new parks in the Sub-Regional Parks Service, the existing bylaw was reviewed to ensure that the practices and terminology was up to date which would accurately reflect park operations. Through this review, significant amounts of housekeeping changes were identified, and as such, a new bylaw No. 1500, 2018 is being proposed.

### DISCUSSION

The preparation of the bylaw included a thorough review with of the current bylaw with staff, and discussion with stakeholders. This new proposed Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1500, 2018 replaces the existing Bylaw No, 1273, 2014 as there have been a

significant amount of changes in administration since the bylaw was enacted. These administrative changes include the removal of repeated items, and general moving around of some sections/sub-sections for clearer reading and logical grouping, updating terminology, and the inclusion of all new park additions. Highlights from specific sections are as follows:

### Section 2 Definitions

Definitions which are redundant in the bylaw and/or those already defined in legislation are eliminated and several definitions are further clarified and defined as follows:

- 'Authorized Personnel' was clarified to include contractors acting on behalf of FVRD;
- 'Group' was changed from 12 to 30 persons;
- 'Park Pass' to was changed 'Parking Pass' to prevent confusion with 'Park Permits';
- 'Radio-Controlled Device' was changed to 'Remote-Controlled Device' to reflect technological changes in recent years;
- 'Special Event' was removed as a definition to prevent confusion with Special Events Bylaw;
- 'Under Control' definition was changed to discern between circumstances for off-leash and on-leash areas.

New definitions were added for 'Facility', 'Mobility Aid', 'Park', 'Smoke or Smoking', and 'Electronic Smoking Device'.

### Section 3 Area of Application

This section is added to clarify the areas where this bylaw applies to as there is a separate bylaw for Vedder River Campground.

### Section 7 Conduct

There are several changes which include:

- The removal of the reference to on-site caretakers as we have none;
- The removal of prohibiting slow sliding devices as sledding is a popular and appropriate activity in some of our parks;
- The addition of Section 7.14 to ban smoking from our Parks. This is congruent with existing bylaws in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

### Section 8 Preservation of Natural Features

There are several changes which include:

- 8.3 All parks are included in prohibition of angling from a boat launch, not just Island 22;
- 8.5 Depositing raw animal remains in parks including in waste receptacles is added to address the fish remains which often are deposited in the garbage.

### Section 9 Animals

There are a number of revisions made in this section:

- 9.4 is added as an explicit prohibition that dogs should not be off leash in areas not designated as such;
- 9.5 is updated by removing Neilson Regional Park from the list of Parks where there is a prohibition of animals;
- 9.6 is reworked to clarify that animal feces are not to be deposited in Park except if waste receptacles are provided;
- 9.9 is added for horse riders to obey posted notices.

#### Section 10 Motor Vehicles

This entire section is updated to exempt Mobility Aids for persons with disabilities from specific sections.

#### Section 11 Vessels

11.3 is added to clarify mooring of vessels in Parks.

#### Section 14 Parking Passes

There are several clarifications which include:

- 14.2 Parking Passes are honoured interchangeably at all FVRD Parks;
- 14.4 Parking Passes will only be re-issued if original pass is returned.

#### Section 15 Park Permits

There are several areas where clarification is added:

- 15.1 is added delegating authority to issue Park Permits to Parks Manager;
- 15.2 is added to identify when Park Permits are required and additional requirements and regulations (Municipal, Provincial, etc.) which may apply;
- 15.4 is added to clarify fee payment requirements;
- 15.8 gives permit holders 48 hours after event to have their event cleaned up (previously was 14 days).

As a part of the Bylaw review, the fees were not changed, and will be a part of a more comprehensive fee review to include boat launch, permit and parking fees. This is planned to take place in the next several months and brought back to the board for consideration.

#### **COST**

There are no new costs associated with the Bylaw.

#### **CONCLUSION**

With the addition of new Electoral Area community parks, and three new parks in the Sub-Regional Parks Service, the existing bylaw was reviewed to ensure that the practices and terminology was up to date which would accurately reflect park operations. Bylaw 1500, 2018 is proposed to replace the existing Bylaw to address these housekeeping changes.

**COMMENTS BY:**

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Reviewed and supported.

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Reviewed and supported.

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Reviewed and supported