



REGULATION OF PUBLIC USE OF PARKS

BYLAW 5001-2008

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REPRODUCED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY and is a consolidation of "District of Mission Regulation of Public Use of Parks Bylaw 5001-2008" with the following amending bylaws:

Amending Bylaw	Date Adopted	Section Amended
5068-2009-5001(1)	June 21, 2010	Sections 5, 6, and 9
5899-2019-5001(1)	January 6, 2020	Section 7 Delete Section 8

Individual copies of any of the above bylaws are available from the Corporate Administration Department of the District of Mission. For legal purposes, copies of the original bylaws should be obtained.

**DISTRICT OF MISSION
BYLAW NO. 5001-2008**

A Bylaw to Regulate the Public Use of Parks

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 8.3 of the *Community Charter*, a council may regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to public places;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mission deems it advisable and in the public interest to adopt a new bylaw to regulate the public use of parks in Mission;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Mission, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may cited as "District of Mission – Regulation of Public Use of Parks Bylaw 5001-2008".
2. Hours of public use – all parks in the District of Mission will be:
 - a. Open from dawn until dusk, and closed from dusk until dawn, from May 1 through September 30.
 - b. Open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., and closed from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., from October 1 through April 30.
3. Any person present in a park during the hours it is closed who is contravening the prohibited activities in section 4 of this Bylaw is in contravention of this Bylaw, unless a special use permit has been issued to a person or group by the director of parks, recreation and culture of the District of Mission, or his appointee, approving the use of the park for a specific purpose and time.
4. The following activities are prohibited in all parks, at all times:
 - a. the possession or use of any type of firearms;
 - b. the possession or use of bows and arrows;
 - c. the possession or use of any other weapons including, but not limited to, knives, bear spray or other animal repellents, or other similar weapons;
 - d. the possession or use of any type of fireworks or explosives;
 - e. use of loud and / or vulgar language;
 - f. cutting down trees
 - g. the erection or use of tents of any kind;
 - h. the lighting of campfires;
 - i. the dumping of refuse;
 - j. buying, selling or consuming alcohol or any controlled substances;
 - k. the keeping of any domesticated animals;
 - l. golf.
5. No person shall:
 - a. permit any dog to run at large in any park;

- b. drive or permit any private motorized vehicle to enter into or upon any park;
 - c. pick, cut down, dig or pull up, or knowingly injure or destroy in whole or in part any flower, plant, shrub or tree in any park;
 - d. destroy, damage, move or deface any bench, table, playground equipment, refuse container or any other public property situated in any park;
 - e. throw, deposit, drop or leave in any park any glass, plastic, bottle, can, container, paper, food, garbage or litter, except in containers provided for that purpose.
6. Section 5(b) does not apply to any vehicle operated by the municipality for the purpose of maintaining or patrolling any park.
7. Subject to the offence and penalties as provided under the *Community Charter* or *Local Government Act*, the following will apply:
- a. Any person designated as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to the “Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 5700-2018” is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw by Bylaw Notice or as otherwise provided by this Bylaw.
 - b. a violation of any of the provisions identified in this Bylaw will be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 5700-2018, in accordance with the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act, SBC 2003, c. 60*;
 - c. a person who:
 - i. contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw;
 - ii. permits or allows any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of this Bylaw; or
 - iii. fails or neglects to do anything required to be done under this Bylaw, has committed an infraction of, or an offence against, this Bylaw; and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and
 - d. each day such infraction is caused, or allowed to continue, constitutes a separate offence.

READ A FIRST TIME this 8th day of December, 2008

READ A SECOND TIME this 8th day of December, 2008

READ A THIRD TIME this 8th day of December, 2008

ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 2008

(original signed by J. Atebe)
JAMES ATEBE, MAYOR

(original signed by K. Ridley)
KELLY RIDLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION