

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00 am

28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

Webstream available at <https://www.metrovancover.org>

A G E N D A

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. April 2, 2025 Meeting Agenda

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for April 2, 2025 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held March 5, 2025 as circulated.

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C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025

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Executive Summary

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This report brings forward for MVRD Board's consideration, a new *Metro Vancouver Regional District Board Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1420, 2025* (Attachment 1) to repeal and replace the existing *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1177, 2012* (MVRD Bylaw 1177, 2012).

The new *Metro Vancouver Regional District Board Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1420, 2025* (Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw) will achieve a number of objectives, including:

- provide greater clarity by reorganization of the bylaw under new headings, and in a consistent fashion as other MVRD bylaws;
- reduce redundancies, and facilitate improved interpretation through the use of plain language;
- introduce a number of new definitions to promote better application;
- ensure greater alignment with Provincial legislation;
- imbed bylaw language related to homelessness, and temporary sheltering;
- ensure powers provided to RCMP and local police are captured in bylaw language;
- address emerging activities including the use of e-bikes, e-scooters; and
- establish campground rules in the bylaw so they can be more effectively enforced at Edgewater Bar, Derby Reach Regional Park.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*.

2. MVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025

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Executive Summary

A range of tools, including notices of bylaw violation and municipal tickets, can be used to encourage compliance with Metro Vancouver Regional District's bylaws. The *Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* (GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010) allows contraventions to be addressed through a Notice of Bylaw Violation (NBV) where an initial enforcement measure is needed.

Regional Parks is recommending that Schedule A of GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 be replaced to align with the new *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1417, 2025* (MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025), should the MVRD Board approve its repeal and replacement.

A job title change for one authorized Screening Officer is recommended. Administrative changes to Schedule A are required to ensure that the sections of the new MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025 are cited accurately in GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010. Additional changes include the introduction of new authorized words or expressions to describe illegal public behaviours, with new penalties for each, as well as amended penalties for some existing authorized words or expressions.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*.

3. MVRD Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025

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Executive Summary

This is a proposed amendment to *Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006* (GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006) that follows the proposed repeal and replace of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* with the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1416, 2025* (Parks Regulation Bylaw). If the latter bylaw is approved, both the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* (GVRD Bylaw 1117, 2010) and the GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 will require amendments to their respective “designated contraventions” or “designated offences” to reflect the new organization and updated content of the new Parks Regulation Bylaw.

Regional Parks is recommending that Schedule B of GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 be updated and replaced to align all designated offences and fines listed in the schedule with the appropriate section numbers in the proposed new Parks Regulation Bylaw, should the MVRD Board approve the repeal and replacement of the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012*.

Additional proposed changes include the designation, by authorized words or expressions, of offences that describe illegal public behaviours, with new fines for each, as well as amended fines for some existing authorized words or expressions.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*.

4. MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025

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Executive Summary

On February 28, 2025, the MVRD Board approved the extension of a pilot program that would permit public alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks from Friday, May 16, 2025 to Monday, October 13, 2025 during park hours.

The Province of British Columbia has jurisdiction over possession and consumption of liquor. The *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* makes it unlawful for people to possess open liquor or consume liquor in a number of places, including parks, that are not private places; however, the province has delegated authority to regional districts and other local governments to, by bylaw, designate public places where liquor may be consumed, and it has prescribed how this must be done.

This bylaw amendment enables the extension of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2025 and ensures continued compliance with the Province of British Columbia's requirements.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*.

5. Manager's Report – Regional Parks

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Executive Summary

The attachment to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2025. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee, and changes in the schedule.

Recommendation

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 7, 2025, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks.”

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Regional Parks Upcoming Events – April 2025

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G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.

That the Regional Parks Committee close its meeting scheduled for April 2, 2025 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

I. ADJOURNMENT

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of April 2, 2025.

Membership:

McEwen, John (C) – Anmore

Bligh, Rebecca (VC) – Vancouver

Au, Chak – Richmond

Calendino, Pietro – Burnaby

Elke, Tracy – Pitt Meadows

Ferguson, Steve – Langley Township

Hodge, Craig – Coquitlam

Kruger, Dylan – Delta

Lahti, Meghan – Port Moody

Leonard, Andrew – Bowen Island

Muri, Lisa – North Vancouver District

Penner, Darrell – Port Coquitlam

Ross, Jamie – Belcarra

Stutt, Rob – Surrey

Tan, Jenny – Maple Ridge

Thompson, Sharon – West Vancouver

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair, Director John McEwen, Anmore
Vice Chair, Director Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver (arrived at 9:07 am)
Director Chak Au, Richmond (arrived 9:37 am)
Director Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Tracy Elke, Pitt Meadows (arrived at 9:01 am)
Director Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Director Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
Director Dylan Kruger, Delta
Director Meghan Lahti, Port Moody
Director Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District*
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
Director Jamie Ross, Belcarra
Director Rob Stutt, Surrey*
Councillor Jenny Tan, Maple Ridge
Councillor Sharon Thompson, West Vancouver

*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the *Procedure Bylaw*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Director Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Vala, Acting Director, Regional Parks
Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. March 5, 2025 Meeting Agenda****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**1. February 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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CARRIED

9:01 am Councillor Elke arrived at the meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS**1. Martin Peters**

Subject: Pilot Project planned for Pacific Spirit Park involving off leash dogs and their utilization of areas of the park.

Martin Peters addressed the committee and spoke in opposition to a proposal by a member of the public at the February 5, 2025 Regional Parks Committee regarding the management of off leash dogs at Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

9:07 am Vice Chair Bligh arrived at the meeting.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**1. Mark Mahl, Executive Director, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation**

Subject: Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation 25th Anniversary

Mark Mahl provided members with a presentation titled "Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation" which outlined the foundation's events, programs, and opportunities for raising awareness and funding ongoing collaboration with Metro Vancouver staff.

9:37 am Director Au arrived at the meeting.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**1. Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025**

Report dated January 21, 2025 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, seeking MVRD Board approval of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025* for the dedication of land acquired for use as regional park.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1405, 2025*.

CARRIED**2. Derby Reach Regional Park – Campground Expansion**

Report dated February 19, 2025 from Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks, providing an update to the Regional Parks Committee on the proposed campground expansion at Derby Reach Regional Park in the Township of Langley.

Jeffrey Fitzpatrick provided members with information on the location of the campground expansion and amenities.

Based on member feedback, staff will report back on fee structure in the future as the project proceeds.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 19, 2025, titled “Derby Reach Regional Park – Campground Expansion.”

CARRIED**3. Manager’s Report – Regional Parks**

Report dated February 20, 2025 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, providing members with an update on camping at Edgewater Bar Campground, and upcoming family events on regional parks.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated February 20, 2025, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks.”

CARRIED**F. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Regional Parks Upcoming Events – March 2025****G. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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CARRIED

I. ADJOURNMENT**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of March 5, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 9:50 am)

Catherine Grosson,
Legislative Services Coordinator

John McEwen,
Chair

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services

Date: February 7, 2025 Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Subject: **MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*; and
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- introduce a number of new definitions to promote better application;
- ensure greater alignment with Provincial legislation;
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- address emerging activities including the use of e-bikes, e-scooters; and
- establish campground rules in the bylaw so they can be more effectively enforced at Edgewater Bar, Derby Reach Regional Park.

PURPOSE

To repeal *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1177, 2012* and replace with *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw sets out prohibitions and a system for permitted use designed to regulate park visitor behaviour and activities.

The *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1177, 2012*, was enacted in 2012 and has been amended 12 times since then to update with any recommended regulatory changes and to amend existing, or introduce new, fees and charges. The bylaw was last amended in 2024. Further amending of this bylaw would make it increasingly difficult to consolidate all of the changes that have been made over the years.

Staff commenced a review of the existing bylaw over a year ago and identified a number of objectives for a new bylaw that would replace *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw, No. 1177, 2012*.

On February 28, 2025, the MVRD Board endorsed the 2025 Work Plan for the Regional Parks Committee that included the item “Repeal and Replace Regional Parks Bylaw”.

This project was guided by the Regional Parks Plan (2022) goals that include:

Goal 1 The region’s important natural areas are protected in perpetuity.

Goal 2 Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from exceptional experiences in nature.

Goal 3 Regional parks are sustainably managed and well-maintained for the safety of visitors and the integrity of ecosystems.

This new bylaw will strengthen the regulatory framework for regional parks and provide staff with better tools to protect the regional parks system and connect visitors to nature.

RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

General Format and Definitions

The *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025* introduces a new format, consistent with the updated MVRD template, and ensures that all replacement language in the new bylaw is required, relevant, and consistent with current policy direction and is enforceable by appointed *park officers*.

The bylaw has been reorganized with new headings to ensure the bylaw is easier to follow for both members of the public and *park officers*. For example, public behaviours that are prohibited in regional parks are assembled under a new section entitled “Public Conduct”.

The definition of *park officer* has been amended to include RCMP and municipal police, aligning the bylaw with the authorities already provided to RCMP and police in the *GVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* and *GVRD Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006*. This change will provide opportunities for local police in member municipalities to enforce the bylaw when necessary, and if they choose. This could be a useful tool for scenarios where police respond to regional parks after hours.

An update to section 416 of the *Local Government Act*, established a new maximum fine of \$50,000. The maximum fine a person can receive for contravening any provision of this bylaw has now been increased from \$10,000 to \$50,000, to align with the provincial update.

Definitions

New or reworded definitions are included in the new bylaw for a number of defined terms including:

- *authorized person* to define those that have some authority related to campgrounds
- *contaminant* to provide greater clarity for any substances introduced that may potentially impact persons, animals or natural park features
- *cycle* to discern between a human powered device and an electric powered device
- *e-bike* to mirror the new Provincial Motor Assisted Cycle (E-Bike) Regulation
- *e-scooter* to reference the new Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation
- *guardian* to broaden definition that was previously limited to a parent
- *homelessness* definition required related to new *temporary shelter* definition and section, addressing the absence of reference in the current bylaw
- *leash size* to reduce from maximum 5.0m to 2.5m to provide owners with more control
- *motorized device* to summarize devices that are not permitted given new definitions for e-bikes and e-scooters
- *park director* to replace 'park manager' as the Regional Parks staff member with identified delegated authorities under the new bylaw
- *person* is an important definition to include, as for legal purposes, it includes an individual, corporation, partnership or party
- *portable campfire apparatus* introduces a definition for an increasingly popular piece of equipment, typically fueled by propane, used in parks and campgrounds including during times of campfire prohibitions
- *temporary shelter* introduces definition for a permitted tent, overhead tarp or other temporary means to provide shelter for a person experiencing *homelessness*

General

There is no new bylaw language introduced in these sections; this is simply a re-organization of these sections under this new heading. In this section, section 7 delegates the authority to designate *park officers* to the *park director*, defined as the Director, Regional Parks.

Administration of Bylaw and Enforcement Powers

All sections of the bylaw related to the enforcement powers of a *park officer* are provided under this heading. There is no new bylaw language introduced in these sections; this is simply a re-organization of these under this new heading.

Public Conduct

Public behaviours that are typically prohibited in regional parks are assembled under this new heading.

In a new section 29, bylaw language is introduced regarding the use or operation of an *e-bike* or *e-scooter*. There has been a significant increase in the use of motorized personal mobility devices such as electric bicycles and kick scooters in Metro Vancouver, including regional parks. While motorized wheelchairs and mobility scooters have been permitted in regional parks anywhere pedestrians can travel, the bylaw has not addressed the use of motorized personal mobility devices, with only human-powered bicycles permitted on designated trails and greenways.

The proposed bylaw includes authorization for motorized mobility devices that are permitted on public roads only. The sections regarding motorized devices were re-written to address both the electric cycle (*e-bike*) and the electric kick scooter (*e-scooter*). As a result of introduction of these definitions and new section, *e-bikes* will be permitted on any trails or greenways that are currently designated by posted notice as allowing human-powered cycles. The use of electric kick scooters on designated roads is being piloted in participating municipalities in the lower mainland and across the province, and these devices will also be permitted on trails and greenways in regional parks where designated by posted notice. New definitions have been added for these devices and existing definitions have been amended to clarify all other prohibited motorized devices.

In a new section 31, the bylaw addresses the legal precedent (see below) that provides a person with the right to erect a *temporary shelter* in a regional park, if that person is experiencing *homelessness*. The section places the following limitations on this access:

- (a) the temporary shelter is erected:
 - (i) only between one hour before park closing and 7 a.m.,
 - (ii) in grassy areas and not on a trail, bridge or boardwalk,
 - (iii) not in an ecological conservancy area or park reserve, or any other ecologically sensitive area with posted notice prohibiting access, and
- (b) the person is otherwise complying with this bylaw.

This inclusion brings Regional Parks in line with the BC Court of Appeal decision, *Victoria (City) v. Adams*, 2009 BCCA 563, which found that prohibitions of temporary sheltering violated the section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Protection of Natural Park Features and Wild Animals

This heading gathers all sections related to the protection of natural park features, and the activities of fishing and harvesting of shellfish. There are no changes to the bylaw language, but a re-organization of these sections has occurred in the new bylaw.

Fire and Fire Protection

Bylaw enforcement, especially during fire season, has become increasingly more important to help ensure there is public compliance with restrictions put in place to protect our parks from wildfire risks. The new bylaw gathers all sections related to managing these risks under this new heading.

Waste, Littering, and Attractants

This heading includes all sections related to the management of waste in regional parks. The prohibitions related to illegal dumping on regional park property are included. Littering, leaving dead vegetation and abandoning of any dead animals is included. The section related to the disposal of animal waste has been moved to this section from the section that pertains to animals.

Animals in Regional Parks

This new heading includes all sections related to the management of domestic animals in regional parks. Many of the sections have been updated to make interpretation easier.

Section 48 introduces a new prohibition that makes Codd Wetland Ecological Conservancy Area a regional park location where dogs will not be permitted. The MVRD Board previously established Widgeon Marsh Regional Park as the first regional park that excludes dogs given the high ecological values of this new park. The new bylaw adds this additional park prohibited to domestic animals.

Further revisions under this heading were minor, as the current bylaw already provides a *park officer* the ability to deal effectively with disruptive or aggressive animals, namely dogs. A change to the definition of “leash” was previously noted under definitions. The current bylaw establishes a leash length of 5 metres (16 feet) which is a significant distance from the person in care and control of the animal and may influence that person’s ability to restrain their animal from jumping or lunging towards another person or animal on a trail. An examination of other regional district bylaws found that most of the allowable leash lengths are between two and three metres. The new proposed bylaw establishes a maximum leash length of 2.5 metres.

Water Activities

No changes were made under this heading that had been part of the existing bylaw.

Motor Vehicles and Motorized Devices

Under this heading, all sections related to the restrictions regarding motor vehicles and motorized devices are included. A revised definition of *motorized device* was required so that sections under this heading did not apply to the new allowances for *e-bikes* and *e-scooters*.

New powers have been provided to other staff and contractors to tow, or cause to be towed, vehicles that are parked illegally. Previously, only *park officers* were provided this authority in the bylaw which has proven to be impractical given a need from time to time to have vehicles towed immediately that are blocking emergency access.

Park Permits

Sections relevant to permits have been reorganized by permit type. A “Park Permits – General” section authorizes the park director to establish a system of park permits, and sets out common criteria that apply to all park permits, removing redundant language from other permitting sections that created confusion in MVRD Bylaw 1177, 2012. Efforts were made to examine the language in all permits to ensure the language is consistent with the bylaw and other permits, and enforceable if necessary.

Other headings are provided for “Commercial Use Permits”, “Special Use and Special Event Permits”, “Facility Use Permits”, “Establishment of Fees and Charges / Refunds / Fee Exemptions”.

Schedule A – Camping Regulations

Campground regulations for Edgewater Campground in Derby Reach Regional Park are now set out in Schedule A of the proposed bylaw. Previously, campground rules were only found in an informational brochure (online and paper), or as a link in the reservation confirmation for the campsite and did not have the same authority as a bylaw provides. The inclusion of the campground regulations in the proposed bylaw will strengthen Metro Vancouver’s ability to enforce violations of the regulations when necessary at this campground.

Schedule B – Fees and Charges

This schedule includes the Fees and Charges that were approved by the MVRD Board in November, 2024, and that took effect on January 1, 2025. No changes to this schedule are being made at this time as part of this repeal and replace project. Later this year, it is proposed that this new bylaw will be amended and this Schedule B will be severed from this bylaw by amendment, and moved into a new corporate Fees and Charges bylaw.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated February 7, 2025 titled “MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications for either alternative. Ticketing penalties and fines are not intended to provide an expected revenue stream but do help to offset costs for in-house Notice of Bylaw Violation dispute adjudications and Municipal Ticket Information court costs.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012 has served the park system well since it was enacted in 2012. The bylaw has been amended 12 times since then to update with any recommended regulatory changes and to amend existing, or introduce new, fees

and charges. Further amending of this bylaw would make it increasingly difficult to consolidate all of the changes that have been made over the years.

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025 introduces a new format, consistent with the updated MVRD template, and ensures that all replacement language in the new bylaw is required, relevant, and consistent with current policy direction and is enforceable by appointed *park officers*.

Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025 includes bylaw language for the first time that affirms the right for persons to erect a temporary shelter in a regional park, if that person is experiencing homelessness. In addition, the new bylaw provides persons with authorization to use or operate e-bikes or e-scooters in regional parks on trails that currently allow human-propelled cycling.

The re-organization of the bylaw will make it easier to follow for both members of the public and *park officers*. This new bylaw will strengthen the Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw and provide staff with better tools to protect the regional park system and connect visitors to nature.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025.*

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1420, 2025
A bylaw to regulate the use of regional parks

WHEREAS:

- A. By Supplementary Letters Patent dated January 13, 1972, and bylaws adopted pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1, the Metro Vancouver Regional District operates the service of *regional parks* in areas outside and within the regional district;
- B. The *Local Government Act* authorizes the Metro Vancouver Regional District to, by bylaw, impose fees and charges payable in respect of a service of the regional district and the use of regional district property and to, by bylaw, regulate, and prohibit in relation to a regional district service; and
- C. It is deemed desirable to establish rules and regulations for the management, maintenance, operation, enforcement, control, and use of *regional parks* and property in *regional parks*.

NOW THEREFORE the Board the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is the “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025”.

Repeal of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012”, as amended, is repealed.

Schedules

3. The following Schedules are attached to and form part of this bylaw:
 - Schedule “A”, Camping Regulations; and
 - Schedule “B”, Fees and Charges.

Definitions

4. In this bylaw:

“**activated e-cigarette**” has the same meaning as in the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 451;

“**adult**” means a *person* 18 years of age or older;

“**all-terrain vehicle**” means an “**all-terrain vehicle**,” “**snowmobile**” and an “**off-road side-by-side vehicle**” each as defined in the *Off-Road Vehicle Regulation* under the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*, SBC 2014, c. 5;

“**animal**” means a mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, insect, fish, and marine life, whether domestic or wild;

“approved facility” refers to public areas with picnic tables, picnic shelters, group camps, and *campgrounds* where fire rings exist;

“attractant” means any substance or material, with or without an odour, that attracts or is likely to attract *animals*, including birds, and without limitation includes:

- (a) food, other edibles, or a part or whole carcass of an *animal*;
- (b) refuse, compost *waste*, recyclable material or grease; or
- (c) barbeques, stoves or other cooking devices;

“authorized person” means a *MVRD* parks staff *person*, a *park officer* or *MVRD* emergency management personnel;

“campfire” means any outdoor fire started, maintained, or gathered around or near by a *person* for warmth, enjoyment, or cooking;

“campground” means one or more *campsites* designated as a *campground* and managed by the Metro Vancouver Regional District or a contractor on its behalf;

“campsite” means a space in a *campground* designated for camping;

“child” means a *person* less than 12 years of age;

“Clean Energy discounted rate” means a discounted filming fee rate, as prescribed in Schedule B, that applies to no more than two days of the total number of filming fee days authorized by a filming permit, upon the permittee demonstrating that it has substituted at least one 400 ampere (or greater) portable diesel generator with a *Clean Energy source* for the duration of the filming permit period;

“Clean Energy source” means a tie-in to an existing electrical power connection, a battery technology or other non-fossil fuel source of energy;

“commercial photography” means the use of a camera or other device to capture images that are intended to be sold or used for a commercial purpose, including but not limited to for-hire photography, wedding photography, or photography using props;

“contaminant” means any substance that is introduced into water or onto land and:

- (a) that injures or is capable of injuring the health or safety of a *person*;
- (b) that injures or is capable of injuring property or any *animal* or *natural park feature*;
- (c) that interferes with or is capable of interfering with visibility;
- (d) that causes or is capable of causing material physical discomfort to a *person*;

- (e) damages or is capable of damaging the environment; or
- (f) the release into the environment of which is prohibited, regulated or controlled under a federal or provincial law, regulation or order;

“cycle” means a device having any number of wheels that is propelled by human power only and upon which a *person* may ride, but does not include a skateboard, roller skates, or in-line roller skates;

“dangerous device” means any device that is dangerous, potentially dangerous or otherwise harmful to *persons, natural park features, regional park property, or animals* and includes but is not limited to a knife, sword, slingshot, bow, cross-bow, rifle, shotgun, handgun, spring gun or other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring;

“drone” or “remotely piloted aircraft” means any remotely piloted or controlled aircraft, regardless of weight or size;

“e-bike” means a *cycle* with an electric motor (or motors) and attached pedals or hand cranks that allow for the *cycle* to be propelled by human power, and meet all the requirements set out for “motor assisted *cycles*” in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 318 and further prescribed in the Motor Assisted Cycle (E-Bike) Regulation, BC Reg 64/2024;

“e-cigarette” has the same meaning as in the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 451;

“e-scooter” means a device that meets all of the criteria for an electric kick scooter set out in section 3 of the Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project Regulation under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 318;

“e-substance” has the same meaning as in the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 451;

“guardian” means a *person*, including but not limited to a parent, who, in respect of a *child* or *young person*, is under a legal duty to support, maintain, or care for the *child* or *young person*, or has, in law or fact, the custody or control of the *child* or *young person*;

“holiday” has the same meaning as in the *Interpretation Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 238;

“homelessness” means the state of having no access to permanent, temporary or predictable housing, accommodation or shelter;

“interpretive program” means an activity, program or event that is partly or wholly sponsored and organized by the *MVRD* and is either made available to the public or *private groups* on a pre-registration or drop-in basis;

“late checkout” means every hour or portion of an hour, that use of a *regional park facility* or occupation of *regional park property* continues, after the expiry of the rental period in a park use permit;

“leash” means a rope, chain, cord, leather strip, or other similar physical tether, no more than 2.5 metres in total length, which is designed or used to restrain an *animal*, where one end is secured to the *animal* and the other end is held by a *person*;

“motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 318, and includes motorcycles and limited speed motorcycles as those terms are defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act* and regulations under that Act;

“motorized device” means any motorized personal transportation device, but does not include an *e-scooter*, *e-bike*, *motor vehicle*, or motorized wheelchairs and scooters used by *persons* with limited mobility;

“MVRD” means the Metro Vancouver Regional District;

“natural park feature” includes any tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, or other similar vegetation, any fungus or other similar matter, any soil, sand, silt, gravel, rock, mineral, wood, or other similar matter, or a *waterbody*;

“night” or **“overnight”** means the period of time during which the *regional park* is closed according to the *posted notice* designating the hours of operation or as otherwise designated in the *park permit*;

“non-profit organization” means a society organized for a purpose other than profit or gain that is duly incorporated and registered under the *Societies Act*, S.B.C. 2015, c. 18;

“on-site garbage” means cans, bottles, papers, charcoal, rubbish, food, and other similar matter or things that originate in connection with or during a *person’s* authorized conduct or activities within a *regional park* or the use or occupation of *regional park property*;

“organized activity” includes any sports, golf, war games, role play and other games and physical activities that are organized as a tournament, series, competition, challenge, or other similar manner of contest;

“park director” means the *person* employed by MVRD as the Director, Regional Parks and includes any *person* designated to act in their place from time to time;

“park officer” means any *person* employed by MVRD and appointed by the *park director* as a *park officer*, or any police or RCMP officer;

“park permit” means a written authorization issued in accordance with this bylaw;

“person” means any individual, corporation, partnership or party, and the personal or other legal representatives of an individual to whom the context can apply according to law;

“portable campfire apparatus” refers to a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) approved free standing fireplace that burns liquid or gaseous fuel designed to provide ambiance and heat, a maximum flame of 15 centimetres is permitted;

“posted notice” means any written sign, pictograph, notice, brochure, or map in a *regional park*, or on *MVRD* website, giving notice of uses, activities, prohibitions, restrictions, regulations, terms, or conditions on conduct or activities within a *regional park* or the use or occupation of *regional park property*;

“private group” means a group of two or more *persons* that rent a facility or conduct an activity that is not open for the public to attend;

“regional park” means lands acquired, dedicated, held or occupied as park, including lands dedicated as *regional parks* or regional trails under the *Park (Regional) Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 345, and continued under the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 2015, c. 1, lands dedicated by *MVRD*, water lot areas leased or otherwise held by *MVRD*, and all trails, greenways, ecological conservancy areas, park reserves and any other sites acquired, dedicated, held, occupied, managed, or designated as park land under the jurisdiction or administration of *MVRD*;

“regional park event” means an event that is sponsored and organized by parks staff and either made available to the public or *private groups* on a pre-registration or drop-in basis;

“regional park facility” means a facility located within a *regional park*;

“regional park property” means any movable or immovable property of *MVRD*;

“senior” means an *adult person* who is 65 years of age or older;

“slackline or highline” means to walk, stand or balance on or along a suspended line, rope, webbing, wire or similar device secured between two objects, or to secure the line or device to a *natural park feature* or *regional park property*;

“smoke or vape” means to burn, use, hold or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah pipe, or to use an *e-cigarette*, or hold an *activated e-cigarette* or any other *vapour product* that actively heats or vapourizes an *e-substance* and includes to *smoke* or *vape* cannabis;

“smoke or vape cannabis” has the same meaning as in the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2018, c. 29;

“temporary shelter” means a tent, overhead tarp or other temporary means of shelter that is capable of being moved, not including a vehicle;

“under control” means, in respect of any *animal*, leashed or unleashed, such circumstances where the *animal*:

- (a) when on a *leash* optional trail or *off-leash* area, is within 10 metres and in sight of the *person* who has care and control of the *animal*;
- (b) when called or signalled, immediately returns to the *person* who has care and control of the *animal*;
- (c) is not annoying, harassing or attacking any *person* or *animal*; and
- (d) is not running off-trail.

“**vapour product**” has the same meaning as in the *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, RSBC 1996, c. 451;

“**waste**” includes refuse, rubbish, debris, trash of any kind, including household, commercial, agricultural, industrial, *animal* feces and organic *waste*, and other similar matter or things that are not *on-site garbage*;

“**waterbody**” includes any lake, stream, spring, or other similar body of water in, or that is accessed to and from, a *regional park* or *regional park property*;

“**watercraft**” means any craft or device that is capable of being used for navigation in, on, through or immediately above water;

“**young person**” means a *person* 12 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age; and

“**youth group**” means a group of *persons* consisting of:

- (a) *young persons* or children; and
- (b) a maximum of 1 *adult* for every 4 *young persons* or children.

General

5. References in this bylaw to an enactment or bylaw include the enactment or bylaw, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
6. This bylaw applies to every *person* in a *regional park* and every *person* using or occupying *regional park property*, except staff, agents, contractors or volunteers of *MVRD* when engaged in the performance of their duties or functions.
7. The *park director* is delegated the authority to designate *park officers* and to exercise administrative powers of the regional district relating to the management and use of *regional parks* and *regional park property*.
8. In this bylaw, words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular. Gender specific terms include all genders and include corporations.

Administration of Bylaw and Enforcement Powers

9. A *park officer* may enter onto any property in accordance with section 284 of the *Local Government Act*, RSBC 2015, c. 1 and section 16(1) to (5) of the *Community Charter*, SBC 2003, c. 26, in order to inspect and determine whether all regulations, prohibitions and requirements of this bylaw or a *park permit* are being met, including entering:
 - (a) any area, including a *campsite* or other facility in a *regional park*; or
 - (b) any *temporary shelter* or structure erected in a *regional park*.
10. Where a *person* contravenes this bylaw or a *park permit*, a *park officer* or an *authorized person* may remove or order the immediate removal of any matter or thing from a *regional park*, and any fees or charges that *MVRD* incurs will be a debt due to *MVRD* payable immediately upon *MVRD*'s demand.
11. If a *park officer* has reasonable grounds to believe that a *person* has contravened or is contravening this bylaw, or a *park permit*, the *park officer* may order the *person* to do anything the *park officer* deems necessary or reasonable to stop the contravention or prevent another contravention, including, without limitation, making an order prohibiting the *person* from entering, re-entering, being, or remaining in any *regional park*.
12. If a *park officer* has reasonable grounds to believe that a *child* or *young person* has contravened or is contravening this bylaw or a *park permit*, the *park officer* may order the *guardian* of the *child* or *young person*, to do anything necessary or reasonable to stop the contravention or prevent another contravention.
13. A *person* must give a *park officer* all reasonable assistance to enable the *park officer* to ensure compliance with this bylaw and exercise any power conferred by this bylaw. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a *person* must:
 - (a) provide, immediately upon request, that *person*'s correct name, address, and proposed or actual activities in the *regional park*;
 - (b) provide, within a reasonable time, identification verifying that *person*'s correct name and address;
 - (c) produce, immediately upon request, a *park permit* if the *person*'s use, activity or conduct is authorized by a *park permit*; and
 - (d) comply with any order issued by a *park officer* pursuant to this bylaw.
14. A *person* must not obstruct or hinder a *park officer* who is carrying out the *park officer*'s duties or functions under this bylaw.
15. A *person* must not make a false or misleading statement, whether orally or in writing, to a *park officer* who is carrying out the *park officer*'s duties or functions under this bylaw.

Public Conduct

16. A *person* must comply with all *posted notices* regulating, prohibiting, or imposing requirements on uses, activities or conduct in a *regional park* or the use or occupation of *regional park property*.
17. A *person* must not, except with a *park permit* authorizing that activity, enter, be, or remain in a *regional park*, or use or occupy *regional park property*:
 - (a) during hours when the *regional park* is closed;
 - (b) in any area or facility of a *regional park*, that is closed to public access; or
 - (c) in a park or area of a park, that is closed temporarily,as indicated by *posted notice*.
18. A *person* must not possess or consume liquor within a *regional park* unless the *person* is a registered camper or a guest of a registered camper, at the registered *person's* *campsite*, or the possession or consumption of liquor is authorized under, and in compliance with:
 - (a) a license issued under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19,
 - (b) a *park permit*; or
 - (c) a *MVRD* bylaw designating public places where liquor may be consumed, in accordance with section 73(2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19.
19. A *person* must not obstruct or interfere with any *person's* use, activity or conduct that is authorized by and carried out in compliance with a *park permit*.
20. A *guardian* of a *child* or *young person* must reasonably supervise the *child* or *young person* at all times and make reasonable efforts to prevent or discourage the *child* or *young person* from engaging in any activity that contravenes this bylaw.
21. A *person* must not:
 - (a) act or engage in disorderly, dangerous or violent conduct, or act or engage in any conduct or activity that may endanger, or otherwise harm *persons, animals, natural park features, or regional park property*; or
 - (b) act or engage in lewd, sexual or offensive conduct.
22. A *person* must not possess, use or discharge any *dangerous device* while in a *regional park*.
23. A *person* must not defecate or urinate except in a designated washroom facility.

24. A *person* must not, except with a *park permit* authorizing that activity, make or cause a sound, including by operating or playing a musical instrument or device, or a radio, smartphone, speaker, amplifier, or other electronic equipment that a *park officer* has reasonable grounds to believe:
- (a) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to the peace, enjoyment or comfort of other *persons* in the vicinity;
 - (b) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to a wild *animal*; or
 - (c) is attracting or potentially attracting a wild *animal*, or is intended to attract a wild *animal*.
25. A *person* must not, except with a *park permit* authorizing that activity, operate equipment, machinery, generators, power tools, or anything having a motor, in a *regional park* that a *park officer* has reasonable grounds to believe:
- (a) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to the peace, enjoyment or comfort of other *persons* in the vicinity; or
 - (b) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to a wild *animal*.
26. A *person* must not travel within a *regional park* except on and within roadways and parking lots, or on trails or greenways designated by *posted notice* as allowing that use.
27. A *person* must not cause, construct, erect, or create an obstruction on a roadway, trail, or greenway.
28. A *person* must not conduct or engage in any procession, parade, march, drill, performance, ceremony, concert or other similar group gathering except in accordance with a *park permit* authorizing that activity.
29. A *person* must not:
- (a) use or operate a model, unmanned or remote-controlled car, boat or similar device unless in compliance with all applicable federal or provincial enactments and regulations, and in compliance with all applicable *posted notices* restricting, regulating or prohibiting specific uses or activities within a designated area;
 - (b) play, or cause, permit or allow the playing of a sport except in an area designated by *posted notice* as a playing field and only if in compliance with the *posted notice* regulating, prohibiting, or imposing requirements on the playing of sports;
 - (c) play, or cause, permit or allow the playing of geocaching or other location-based gaming activities unless in compliance with *MVRD's* Geocaching and Augmented Reality Gaming in Regional Parks policy;
 - (d) hit a golf ball;

- (e) use a *cycle*, long boards, skateboards, roller skates, in-line roller skates, or other similar human-propelled or unpowered devices except in an area designated by *posted notice* as allowing that activity;
 - (f) use or operate an *e-bike* or *e-scooter* except on and within a roadway or parking lot or in an area designated by *posted notice* as allowing that activity;
 - (g) except with a *park permit* authorizing that activity, use land in a *regional park* for the take-off or landing of a *drone* or *remotely piloted aircraft*; or
 - (h) *slackline* or *highline* in a *regional park*.
30. A *person* must not:
- (a) subject to subsection 31(b), *smoke* or *vape* except in an area designated by *posted notice* as allowing smoking or vaping, or except at the registered camper's *campsite*, if that *person* is a registered camper or is the guest of a registered camper;
 - (b) *smoke* or *vape* cannabis except if that *person* is a registered camper or a guest of a registered camper, at the registered camper's *campsite*.
31. A *person* must not erect a *temporary shelter* in a *regional park*, except if:
- (a) the *person* is experiencing *homelessness*;
 - (b) the *temporary shelter* is erected:
 - (i) only between one hour before park closing and 7 a.m.,
 - (ii) in grassy areas and not on a trail, bridge or boardwalk, and
 - (iii) not in an ecological conservancy area or park reserve, or any other ecologically sensitive area with *posted notice* prohibiting access; and
 - (c) the *person* is otherwise complying with this bylaw.

Protection of Natural Park Features and Wild Animals

32. A *person* must not:
- (a) cut, trim, dig up, excavate, rake, deface, remove, damage, log or prune any *natural park features*, or engage in any other similar activity that is harmful or potentially harmful to *natural park features*;
 - (b) construct, clear, or otherwise create trails or pathways, or modify, damage, move, or otherwise change trails or pathways that have been designated by *posted notice*;
 - (c) damage, deface, vandalize, tamper with, or destroy *regional park property*;

- (d) subject to section 31, build, place, erect, install, use, or occupy any permanent or temporary buildings, structures, improvements, facilities, jumps or playground structures including a bouncy castle or similar inflatable;
 - (e) introduce any *contaminant* in, on, or under a *regional park*, *regional park property*, or *natural park feature*, including any body of water, water system or watercourse;
 - (f) remove *regional park property*;
 - (g) leave or abandon any non-*regional park property* in a *regional park*;
 - (h) harvest or possess a *natural park feature*; or
 - (i) plant any tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, or seed of any kind, except in accordance with a *park permit* authorizing that activity.
33. A *person* must not, except in accordance with a *park permit*, enter or travel within areas of a *regional park* designated as conservancy areas, wetlands, or areas of ecological sensitivity that are designated by *posted notice* as no public access.
34. A *person* must not fish or harvest shellfish in an area in which a *posted notice* prohibits that activity, or in a way that could endanger *persons* or impede public or parks staff use of any boat launch, spit, beach, or waterfront in a park.

Fire and Fire Protection

35. A *person* must not throw, discard, or litter a lit match, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, or other similar flammable matter or thing.
36. A *person* must not light or use any stove, barbeque, or other cooking device, or any flame-producing device, including a *portable campfire apparatus*, except:
- (a) in an *approved facility* allowing that activity;
 - (b) at a time and in compliance with any applicable local government, provincial or federal regulation, order, or *posted notice* implementing, regulating, restricting or prohibiting use of a stove, barbeque, or other cooking device, or any flame-producing device or *portable campfire apparatus*; and
 - (c) the *person* attends to the stove, barbeque, cooking, or flame-producing device while it is lit or turned on.
37. A *person* must not light any fire unless it is an authorized *campfire*, and a *person* must not light, burn or gather around any *campfire* unless:
- (a) the *campfire* is in an *approved facility* allowing that activity;

- (b) at a time and in compliance with any applicable local government, provincial or federal regulation, order or *posted notice* implementing a fire ban, or regulating, restricting or prohibiting *campfires* or burning;
 - (c) the *person* attends to the *campfire* at all times; and
 - (d) the *person* does not burn contaminating materials such as *waste, on-site garbage*, pressure treated or painted wood, plastics, Styrofoam, particleboard, medium density fibreboard (MDF), plywood, saltwater driftwood, cardboard, fasteners or joinery.
38. A *person* must not bring in, use or ignite any fireworks or other explosive material or combustible device.

Waste, Littering, and Attractants

39. A *person* must not deposit or leave *on-site garbage* in a *regional park* except in a receptacle designated by label or *posted notice* as being for deposits of that kind of *on-site garbage* or recyclable material.
40. Subject to section 44(e) of this bylaw, a *person* must not bring in, deposit, dump, or leave *waste* in a *regional park* or on *regional park property*.
41. A *person* must not litter any matter or thing.
42. A *person* must not:
- (a) bring, leave, or abandon dead or living vegetation;
 - (b) bring, leave, or abandon any dead *animal*, in or into a *regional park*.
43. A *person* must not leave garbage or an *attractant* of any kind unattended or accessible to an *animal*.

Animals in Regional Parks

44. A *person* who has care and control of an *animal* must:
- (a) have the *animal under control* at all times;
 - (b) subject to section 47, have the *animal* on a *leash* at all times;
 - (c) carry one *leash* and one collar for each *animal* at all times;
 - (d) immediately *leash* the *animal* when the *animal* is within the vicinity of a horse;
 - (e) immediately remove and dispose of the *animal's* feces, with the exception of horse manure, in a designated *waste* receptacle or remove the feces from the park;
 - (f) not feed any *animal*, except the *animal* in that *person's* care and control;

- (g) not leave or abandon any *animal* in a *regional park*.
45. A *person* who has care and control of an *animal* must not cause, permit, or allow the *animal* to:
- (a) dig up, damage, deface, destroy, or otherwise injure any *natural park feature* or *regional park property*;
 - (b) disrupt, disturb, frighten, or intimidate a *person* or other *animal*, including by licking, jumping, snarling, growling, or pursuing the *person* or *animal*; or
 - (c) travel off-trail or anywhere that may cause damage to a *natural park feature* or *regional park property*.
46. A *person* who has care and control of an *animal* must not cause, permit, or allow the *animal* to engage in any conduct that endangers, harms or injures *persons* or other *animals*.
47. A *person* who has care and control of a dog may unleash the dog within an area designated by *posted notice* as “off-leash area” or “leash optional”, provided the *person*:
- (a) carries a *leash*;
 - (b) keeps the dog *under control* at all times; and
 - (c) maintains a clear line of sight to the dog at all times.
48. Subject to the *Guide Dog and Service Dog Act*, SBC 2015, c. 17, a *person* who has care and control of an *animal* must not cause, permit or allow the *animal* to enter upon or remain in any of the following:
- (a) in any part of a *regional park*, or on *regional park property*, where *animals* are prohibited by *posted notice*;
 - (b) upon opening of these *regional parks*, within the boundaries of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park and Codd Wetland Ecological Conservancy Area.
49. Where a *person* who has care and control of an *animal* contravenes this bylaw or a *park permit*, a *park officer* may:
- (a) order the *person* to *leash*, muzzle, or put a similar physical tether or protective guard on the *animal* when the *animal* is in a *regional park*. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the *park officer* may make this order despite the *animal* being in an area designated by *posted notice* as an “off-leash” or “leash optional” area;
 - (b) remove, or order the immediate removal of, the *animal*; or

- (c) prohibit the *animal* from entering, re-entering, being, or remaining in any *regional park*.
50. A *park officer* may require a *person* who has care and control of an *animal* in a *regional park* to remove that *animal* from the *regional park* if in the opinion of the *park officer*, the *animal* is:
- (a) potentially dangerous;
 - (b) disruptive to other *regional park* users; or
 - (c) by its actions, demeanour or lack of control by the *person* who has care and control of the *animal*, causing alarm or concern to other *regional park* users, including without limitation, *children*, elderly or disabled *persons*.
51. A *person* must not ride or walk a horse except in an area designated by *posted notice* as allowing horses. The driving or use of horse-drawn vehicles is prohibited, except as authorized by *park permit*.
52. A *person* must not molest, disturb, frighten, injure, kill or trap any *animal*, except for fishing or shellfish harvesting done in accordance with all enactments.

Water Activities

53. A *person* must not swim in a *waterbody* where swimming is designated by *posted notice* as prohibited.
54. A *person* must not remove, damage, deface, or tamper with any float, wharf, buoy, piling, or similar equipment, or any equipment designed or used for navigation, safety, or life-saving purposes.
55. A *person* must not tie up, attach, or moor *watercraft* to *regional park property* except in an area or to *regional park property* designated by *posted notice* as allowing mooring, but:
- (a) not *overnight* or when the *regional park* is closed; and
 - (b) not at a time when the area or *regional park property* is closed according to hours of operation designated by *posted notice* for the area or *regional park property*.
56. A *person* must not use or operate *watercraft*:
- (a) in a manner that could endanger *persons* or *animals*;
 - (b) in a manner that is destructive or could damage *natural park features* or *regional park property*;
 - (c) in a manner that obstructs or interferes with the safe and free use of a *regional park* or *regional park property* by other *persons*; or

- (d) on a *waterbody* where a *posted notice* prohibits that activity.

Motor Vehicles and Motorized Devices

57. Except as authorized by a *park permit*, a *person* must not operate a *motor vehicle* in a *regional park*, except on and within a roadway or parking lot.
58. A *person* must not use or operate an *all-terrain vehicle* or *motorized device* anywhere in a *regional park*.
59. Where a *posted notice* requires payment for parking, a *person* must not park a *motor vehicle* without obtaining a parking permit.
60. A *person* must not park a *motor vehicle* in a *regional park*:
- (a) anywhere other than in a location designated for the parking of *motor vehicles*;
 - (b) anywhere that parking is prohibited by *posted notice*;
 - (c) *overnight*, or leave the *motor vehicle* in a *regional park* when it is closed according to the *posted notice* designating the hours of operation;
 - (d) in an area, lot or a stall designated by *posted notice* as accessible parking without a valid accessible parking permit displayed on the *motor vehicle*;
 - (e) anywhere designated by *posted notice* as service or emergency vehicle parking or access; or
 - (f) at an electric vehicle charging station, except if the *motor vehicle* is an electric vehicle and it is parked for no more than four consecutive hours.
61. An *authorized person*, or authorized parking management contractor may:
- (a) tow, cause to be towed, or order the immediate towing of an *all-terrain vehicle* or a *motor vehicle*; or
 - (b) remove, cause to be removed, or order the immediate removal of a *cycle*, *e-bike* or *e-scooter*,
- that is in a *regional park* in contravention of this bylaw, and any costs *MVRD* incurs will be a debt due and payable immediately upon *MVRD*'s demand.
62. A *person* must not wash, clean, polish, repair, grease, tune-up, or do any maintenance or other similar mechanical work on a *motor vehicle*, *motorized device* or *watercraft*.

Park Permits - General

63. Without limiting section 7 of this bylaw and despite the prohibited uses, conduct, and activities in this bylaw, the *park director* is authorized to establish a system of *park permits*

allowing, regulating, and imposing conditions on any use, conduct, or activity, including doing any one or more of the following:

- (a) establishing terms and conditions of, or terms and conditions that must be met for obtaining, continuing to hold, or renewing a *park permit*;
- (b) granting, refusing, suspending, amending, or cancelling a *park permit*;
- (c) providing for the effective period of a *park permit*;
- (d) limiting the number of *park permits* that may be issued;
- (e) authorizing temporary exclusive use or occupation of a *regional park, regional park property*, or portions thereof, which may include the temporary closure of a *regional park, regional park facility, regional park property*, or portions thereof;
- (f) regulating and imposing conditions of use, conduct, or activities that the *park director* deems reasonable.

64. A *person* issued a *park permit* under this bylaw must:

- (a) comply with the terms and conditions stated in the *park permit*;
- (b) comply with all other laws, enactments, bylaws and regulations applicable to the use, conduct or activity for which the *park permit* is issued;
- (c) have the permit available for review and inspection when exercising the privileges granted by the permit;
- (d) produce the *park permit* upon request of an *authorized person*; and
- (e) obtain any applicable permits and approvals from federal, provincial, local government, and regulatory authorities.

65. Without limiting any other rights or remedies available by law, the *park director* may require a *person* who is issued a *park permit* to pay for any costs, damages, restoration, clean-up, or repairs arising out of or in connection with any breach or non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the *park permit* or this bylaw.

Commercial Use Permits

66. Except in compliance with a valid commercial use permit issued to the *person*, a *person* must not carry on any business, trade, profession, commercial activity or occupation, including activities on a non-profit basis, by:

- (a) selling, bartering, or displaying for sale any goods, services, food, refreshments, or other similar services, matter or things;

- (b) using a *regional park* or *regional park property*, whether that business, trade, profession, commercial activity, or occupation is conducted or carried out within or outside of a *regional park*, or paid for in advance of, during or after the activity;
 - (c) posting, delivering, painting, publishing, or distributing any advertisement, sign, placard, or handbill in connection with a business, trade, profession, commercial activity, or occupation;
 - (d) operating or parking a *motor vehicle*, equipment, or machinery for the purpose of advertising or promoting in connection with a business, trade, profession, commercial activity, or occupation; or
 - (e) operating equipment, machinery, or other device that is capable of visual projection or amplified sound for the purpose of advertising or promoting in connection with a business, trade, profession, commercial activity, or occupation.
67. A *person* applying for a commercial use permit must apply for the commercial use permit in the prescribed form and pay the application fee upon approval of the application.
68. The *park director*, or *designate*, may require a *person* who is issued a commercial use permit to:
- (a) reimburse *MVRD* for any expenses *MVRD* incurs in providing additional or specialized services; and
 - (b) pay *MVRD* for the use of additional *regional park property*;
- if the *park director* determines that specialized services or additional *regional park property* need to be deployed in connection with the *person's* commercial use permit.

Special Use and Special Event Permits

69. Except in compliance with a valid special use permit or special event permit issued to the *person*, a *person* must not carry on any activity, event, or other *organized activity* that involves or is intended to involve any one or more of the following:
- (a) exclusive use of a *regional park property*;
 - (b) building, placing, erecting or installing a temporary building, structure, improvement, facility, or shelter;
 - (c) a license for the possession or consumption of liquor under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 267;
 - (d) research, survey, or data collection or educational or not-for-profit purpose;
 - (e) more than 50 *persons*, including personnel, participants, spectators, and invited guests;

- (f) use or occupation of a *regional park facility* or *regional park property* when it is closed;
 - (g) use or occupation of a portion of a *regional park*, *regional park facility*, or *regional park property* that is not open to the public;
 - (h) charging a fee to or collecting money from participants, spectators, or invited guests;
 - (i) travel along a specific route for the purposes of an organized walk or race;
 - (j) driving or use of a horse-drawn vehicle;
 - (k) public advertising or promotion of the activity, event or *organized activity*;
 - (l) use or operation of powered equipment or machinery;
70. A *person* applying for a special use permit or special event permit must apply for the special use permit or special event permit in the prescribed form.

Facility Use Permits

71. A *person* must not camp except at a *campsite* and in accordance with a facility use permit authorizing that activity, and a *person* camping at Edgewater Bar *Campground* located in Derby Reach Regional Park must comply with the *campground* regulations set out in Schedule A to this bylaw.
72. A *person* must not assume temporary exclusive use or occupation of *regional park facilities* except as authorized by a valid *regional park facility* use permit issued under this bylaw.
73. A *person* applying for a *regional park facility* use permit must apply for the *regional park facility* use permit in the prescribed form.
74. The *park director* may require a *person* who is issued a *regional park facility* use permit to pay a staff assistance fee if, upon expiry of the term of the *regional park facility* use permit, the *regional park facility* is not in substantially the same state of cleanliness as at the start of the term of the *regional park facility* permit.

Agreements

75. The prohibitions on use, conduct, and activities in this bylaw are modified to the extent of any agreement entered into by the *MVRD*.

Establishment of Fees and Charges / Refunds / Fee Exemptions

76. General fees, application fees, permit fees, and cancellation fees are prescribed and payable as set out in Schedule B.
77. The *park director* is delegated the authority to establish and charge seasonal program and event registration fees based on established cost recovery principles.

78. A *person* must fully pay all fees and charges, plus applicable taxes except as otherwise specified as tax included, before the commencement of the use, conduct, or activity for which the fee or charge is required; a permit is automatically cancelled and invalid if any fee or charge required to be paid is not paid.
79. The *park director* or designate may require a *person* who is issued a *park permit* under this bylaw to do one or more of the following:
- (a) obtain insurance and to indemnify *MVRD*, its elected or appointed officers, employees, servants, agents, contractors, licensees or representatives, for any injury or damage to property or loss or injury to *persons* that may result from an activity or use carried out under the *park permit*;
 - (b) pay a security deposit in addition to paying the fees otherwise applicable.
80. Fees paid under this bylaw, except as otherwise stated, are not refundable.
81. The following *persons* are exempt from payment of fees to attend *interpretive programs* and *regional park events* open to the public:
- (a) *persons* under 3 years of age; and
 - (b) one attendant that is required to assist a *person* with a disability.
82. A *person* who is issued a *park permit* and cancels the *park permit* before the start of the term of the *park permit* must pay the cancellation fee according to the applicable notification period set out in section 5.0 of Schedule "B".
83. A *person* who has paid a fee to attend an *interpretive program* or event may apply for a refund for all of the fee if the *person* provides at least 7 days advance notice cancelling the *person's* attendance in the *interpretive program* or event.
84. A *person* who has paid a fee or charge may apply in writing for a refund of all or a portion of the fee or charge if, in the discretion of the *park director*, the *person* establishes that the *person* no longer:
- (a) requires the service for which the fee or charge was paid; or
 - (b) carries out the use or activity for which a *park permit* was required.
85. A *person* who is required to pay a special event permit fee under this bylaw may apply in writing for an exemption from the fee if, in the discretion of the *park director*, the *person* establishes that:
- (a) the services of a *person* to plan, coordinate, or organize the activity, event, or *organized activity* are not for or in expectation of a fee;

- (b) the primary purpose of the activity, event, or *organized activity* is to fundraise for a charity registered in Canada; and
 - (c) all of the net proceeds from the activity, event, or *organized activity* are or are intended to be donated to that registered charity.
86. A *person* who applies for an exemption under section 85 must submit any documents, information and records that the *park director* requires to evaluate their eligibility for the exemption.
87. Any member jurisdiction of *MVRD* required to pay a fee or charge under this bylaw may apply for an exemption from the fee or charge if, in the discretion of the *park director*, the member establishes that the use, activity, or conduct will result in a substantial benefit to the community or any aspect of the community.
88. Primary, middle, and secondary educational institutions are waived from the requirement to pay a special event permit fee under Schedule B section 4.0.

Offences

89. A *person* who fails or refuses to provide reasonable assistance to a *park officer* or gives false information required under this bylaw commits an offence and is liable on conviction to one or more of:
- (a) a minimum fine of \$50;
 - (b) a maximum fine not exceeding \$50,000; and
 - (c) imprisonment for not more than 6 months.
90. A *person* who contravenes any provision of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable on conviction to one or more of:
- (a) a minimum fine of \$50;
 - (b) a maximum fine not exceeding \$50,000; and
 - (c) imprisonment for not more than 6 months.
91. A *person* who contravenes any provision of this bylaw in a continuing nature commits an offence and is liable on conviction, for each day the offence is continued, to either or both of:
- (a) a minimum fine of \$50; and
 - (b) a maximum fine not exceeding \$50,000.
92. Nothing in this bylaw limits the *park director* or *MVRD* from utilizing any other provision of this bylaw or remedy available at law.

Severability

- 93. If any part or provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision of the court will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

Read a first, second and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Passed and finally adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Schedule A

Camping Regulations

Edgewater Bar – Derby Reach Regional Park

1. Applicability

These camping regulations apply only to the Edgewater Bar Campground in Derby Reach Regional Park.

2. Campground Registration and Reservations

- a. A camping group must have a valid camping permit to occupy a campsite overnight. Camping permits are not transferable.
- b. A camping group may register for a camping permit online or by telephone to rent a campsite, reserve a campsite, and park an additional vehicle at a campsite. Additional administrative fees may apply to change or cancel reservations.
- c. Only persons 19 years of age or older may register a campsite. The person who registers a campsite assumes responsibility for all members of the camping group and any non-registered visitors to their campsite.
- d. A person who registers a campsite must occupy the site overnight.
- e. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

3. Number of Registered People and Vehicles per Campsite

- a. A maximum of one camping group is permitted per campsite.
- b. A camping group may consist of up to a maximum of eight people, and must include a minimum of one to a maximum of four adults (19 years or older) per campsite.
- c. A maximum of two licensed vehicles or units are permitted on a campsite, of which only one may be an RV, camper or trailer.
- d. Vehicles or units must be parked on the gravel portion of the site. Tents must be set up on the designated gravel pad at the campsite.
- e. Any additional overnight vehicles/units are subject to an additional fee and must be parked in the overflow parking lot.

4. Length of Stay

- a. The maximum stay per registrant is ten (10) consecutive days and a camper may not exceed thirty (30) total days from July 1 through September 30 annually.
- b. The use of designated campsites for the day is not permitted from March 1 to October 31 each year.
- c. Check-in time is between 1:00 pm and 10:00 pm and check-out by 11:00 am. No late checkouts permitted.

- d. Only registered campers are permitted in the campground during the hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. Visitors to registered campsites are not allowed to enter or stay in the campground when the campground is closed.
- e. Except for emergencies, registered campers may not enter or exit the campground between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.
- f. A camping group must leave a registered campsite free and clear when checking out, and is not permitted to leave any vehicles, trailers, RVs, campers or items at the campsite for another camping group.

5. Noise, Waste and Dogs

- a. A camping group must be quiet during the hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.
- b. The use of generators is only permitted between 9:00 am and 11:00 am, and between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and must be well muffled.
- c. Amplified music is not permitted.
- d. Behaviour at one campsite must not disturb campers at neighbouring sites regardless of time. Amplified music is not permitted.
- e. Animals must be leashed and under control at all times while in the campground.
- f. Campsites must be kept clean and all refuse must be placed in designated waste bins provided.
- g. Food containers and coolers must be stored in a manner that prevents access by animals, whether domestic or wild.

Schedule B

Fees and Charges

(Effective January 1, 2025)

Section 1.0 GENERAL FEES				
1.1 Staff Assistance Fees				
	Staff Time			
	Staff time – Regular Hours			\$95/hour
	Staff time – Overtime			\$190/hour
	Pre-event Site Visit			\$100/visit
1.2 Parking Permits/Reservation Fees				
	Regional park	Date	Fee, per hour	Fee, per day
	Pacific Spirit (Fraser Lot)	Year Round	\$3.50	\$17.50
	təmtəmíxʷtən/Belcarra	April 1 – September 30 only	\$3.25	\$18.50
	Lynn Headwaters	April 1 – September 30 only	\$3.25	\$18.50
Section 2.0 COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT FEES				
2.1 Commercial Use Permit Fees				Fee
	<i>Commercial use permit application fee (one time)</i>			\$200
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit application fee for non-profit organization</i>			\$100
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for general commercial activities</i>			\$200
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for general commercial activities of a non-profit organization</i>			\$100
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for commercial photography</i>			\$200
	<i>Daily Commercial use permit fee for commercial photography</i>			\$75
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for dog walking, up to 4 dogs</i>			\$500
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for dog walking, more than 4 dogs</i>			\$800
	<i>Annual Commercial use permit fee for equestrian usage</i>			\$2,100

Section 2.0 COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT FEES (Continued)	
2.2 Commercial Use Permit Specialized Fees	Fees
Locker storage of commercial-use related equipment at Wreck Beach, where the maximum rental period permitted is April 1 to September 30 of each year	\$105 per small bin per rental period (non- refundable) \$210 per medium bin per rental period (non- refundable) \$315 per large bin per rental period (non- refundable)
Replacement key for locker storage at Wreck Beach	\$15 per replacement
Vest	\$50 per vest
Equestrian ID cards	\$35 per ID card
Daily or Annual Parking Permit for buses and other <i>motor vehicles</i> that enter a <i>regional park</i> in connection with a commercial use	11 or fewer seats: \$21 per vehicle per day or \$775 annually per vehicle
	12 to 24 seats: \$32 per vehicle per day or \$1,100 annually per vehicle
	25 seats or more: \$53.50 per vehicle per day or \$1,600 annually per vehicle

Section 3.0 REGIONAL PARK FACILITY PERMIT FEES				
3.1 Outdoor Facilities – Picnic Shelters				
Regional park	Facility	Fee on weekends and holidays (per day)	Fee on weekdays (per day)	
Aldergrove	Blacktail Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
təmtəmiş ^w tən/Belcarra	Belcarra 1 Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
təmtəmiş ^w tən/Belcarra	Belcarra 2 Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Boundary Bay	Cattail Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Boundary Bay	Sandpiper Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Campbell Valley	Old Orchard Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Crippen	Crippen 1 Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Crippen	Crippen 2 Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Crippen	Crippen 3 Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Deas Island	Deas Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Deas Island	Muskrat Meadows Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Derby Reach	Marpole Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Surrey Bend	Hawk Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Surrey Bend	Warbler Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	
Surrey Bend	Wren Picnic Shelter	\$160	\$79	

Section 3.0 REGIONAL PARK FACILITY PERMIT FEES (Continued)				
3.2 Outdoor Facilities – Fields				
	Regional park	Facility	Fee per day	
	All	Small Field	\$100	
	All	Large Field	\$300	
3.3 Outdoor Facilities – Miscellaneous				
	All	Parking Lot (that is not a pay parking lot)	\$100	
	Campbell Valley	Campbell Downs Equestrian Riding Rings	\$160	
	Campbell Valley	McLean Pond	\$43	
	Pacific Spirit	Lily Site – <i>Private group</i>	\$100	
	Pacific Spirit	Lily Site – Commercial Use Permit Holder or Primary, Middle, or Secondary Educational Institution (Monday to Friday only)	\$10	
	Pacific Spirit	Heron Site – <i>Private group</i>	\$100	
	Pacific Spirit	Heron Site – Commercial Use Permit Holder or Primary, Middle, or Secondary Educational Institution (Monday to Friday only)	\$10	
	Pacific Spirit	Salish Site – <i>Private group</i>	\$100	
	Pacific Spirit	Salish Site – Commercial Use Permit Holder or Primary, Middle, or Secondary Educational Institution (Monday to Friday only)	\$10	
3.4 Outdoor Facilities – Camping				
			Fee, per night	Youth group fee, per night
	Campbell Valley	Camp Coyote Group Camp	\$240	\$120
	Deas Island	Muskrat Meadows Group Camp	\$240	\$120
	Tynehead	Raven's Nest Group Camp	\$240	\$120
	Camping outside of designated campsites	\$6 per <i>person</i>	\$6 per <i>person</i>	\$6 per <i>person</i>
			Fee, per night	Seniors/Persons with disabilities fee, per night
	Derby Reach	Edgewater Bar <i>Campground</i> Site	\$30	\$27
		Reservation Fee (via phone)	\$5	\$5
		Additional Vehicle	\$12	\$11

Section 3.0 REGIONAL PARK FACILITY PERMIT FEES (Continued)					
3.5 Indoor Facilities					
			Fee	Youth group Fee	
Capilano River	Camp Capilano	Overnight Rental	\$1,200 per night	\$520 per night	
		Day use, from 9am to 5pm	\$600 per day	\$260 per day	
		Late Checkout	\$200 per hour	\$200 per hour	
		Lifeguarding Service	\$45 per hour	\$45 per hour	
		Security Deposit (0-2 nights) – Youth		\$250	
		Security Deposit (0-2 nights) – Adult		\$500	
		Security Deposit (3-6 nights)		\$500	
Boundary Bay	Cambridge House	Facility rental (Limit 50 persons)	\$100 per hour	N/A	
		Late checkout	\$200 per hour	N/A	
		Security Deposit		\$500	
Deas Island	Inverholme Schoolhouse	Facility rental	\$80 per hour	N/A	
		Security Deposit		\$500	
Minnekhada	Minnekhada Lodge	Facility rental (Monday – Thursday)	\$175 per hour	N/A	
		Facility rental (Friday – Sunday)	\$225 per hour	N/A	
		Late checkout	\$200 per hour	N/A	
		Security Deposit		\$500	

Section 4.0 SPECIAL USE AND SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES		
Type of Permit	Fee per day – Private group	Fee per day – Non-profit organization
Special Use Permit	NIL	NIL
Special Event Permit	Fee per day – Private group	Fee per day – Non-profit organization
Up to 100 persons	\$260	\$130
101 to 500 persons	\$450	\$225
501 to 1500 persons	\$670	\$335
Over 1500 persons	\$1,020	\$510
Prep and Wrap Days	\$100	\$50
Security Deposit	\$250	\$250
Date Change Fee	\$25	\$25

Section 5.0 CANCELLATION FEES		
Park permit	Cancellation Notification Period	Fee
Outdoor Facilities, See Schedule A, Section 3.1	More than 2 months prior to the rental date	\$25
	2 months or less prior to the rental date	100% of fee paid
Indoor Facilities, See Schedule A, Section 3.2	More than 3 months prior to the rental date	50% of security deposit
	3 months or less prior to the rental date	100% of security deposit
Special Events, See Schedule A, Section 4.0	More than 2 months prior to the event date	\$25
	2 months or less prior to the event date	100% of security deposit
Edgewater Bar Camping, See Schedule A, Section 3.1	At any time	\$6
	Fewer than 7 days prior to the arrival date	\$6 + 1 <i>night</i> of camping fees
	During stay (after arrival)	100% of fee paid
Note: If Metro Vancouver initiates the cancellation of any facility rental or event, a full refund will be given.		

Section 6.0 FILMING FEES	
Location	Fee
Application Fee	\$250
MVRD Staff: Regular /Management	\$95/hr
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Film Day	\$1,000
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Film Day – Clean Energy discounted rate (2 days maximum)	\$500
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Still Shoot Day	\$500
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Prep/Wrap/Hold Day	\$500
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Crew/Circus Staging Area Day	\$420
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Crew/Circus Staging Area Day – Clean Energy discounted rate (2 days maximum)	\$210
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Minor Shoot Day (crews of 25 people or fewer)	\$500
Parkland – Reserves & Greenways – Minor Shoot Day (crews of 25 people or fewer) Clean Energy discounted rate (2 days maximum)	\$250
BC Mills House Houston House/Karr Mercer Barn Inverholme Schoolhouse	\$1,100/film day
Clean Energy discounted rate (2 days maximum): BC Mills House Houston House/Karr Mercer Barn Inverholme Schoolhouse	\$610/film day
BC Mills House Houston House Inverholme School House	\$610/film day prep/wrap/hold day
Burvilla Cammidge House Camp Capilano Delta Heritage Airpark Kanaka Creek Stewardship Centre Louck’s House Minnekhada Lodge	\$1,875/film day

Section 6.0 FILMING FEES (Continued)	
Clean Energy discounted rate (2 days maximum): Burvilla Cammidge House Camp Capilano Delta Heritage Airpark Kanaka Creek Stewardship Centre Louck’s House Minnekhada Lodge	\$1,375/film day
Burvilla Cammidge House Camp Capilano Delta Heritage Airpark Kanaka Creek Stewardship Centre Louck’s House Minnekhada Lodge	\$1,125/film day prep/wrap/hold day
Administration Fee – Electrical Supply/Tie In Agreement	\$25 [<i>cost of electrical supply is in addition to Administration Fee</i>]
Security Deposit (Certified Cheque) Note: Security Deposits can be amended subject to impact, risk to the facilities and <i>Regional parks</i> .	\$12,500

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: March 3, 2025 Meeting Dates: April 2, 2025

Subject: **MVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A range of tools, including notices of bylaw violation and municipal tickets, can be used to encourage compliance with Metro Vancouver Regional District's bylaws. The *Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* (GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010) allows contraventions to be addressed through a Notice of Bylaw Violation (NBV) where an initial enforcement measure is needed.

Regional Parks is recommending that Schedule A of GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 be replaced to align with the new *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1417, 2025* (MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025), should the MVRD Board approve its repeal and replacement.

A job title change for one authorized Screening Officer is recommended. Administrative changes to Schedule A are required to ensure that the sections of the new MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025 are cited accurately in GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010. Additional changes include the introduction of new authorized words or expressions to describe illegal public behaviours, with new penalties for each, as well as amended penalties for some existing authorized words or expressions.

PURPOSE

To consider amendments to the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* that will help further protect Regional Parks natural resources and assets, and better promote bylaw compliance by the public.

BACKGROUND

GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 sets Notice of Bylaw Violation penalty amounts for the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*, as well as for a number of other MVRD regulatory bylaws that have violations listed in Schedules A through L. Penalty amounts for such violations related to MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025 are set out in Schedule A of GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010.

The proposed amendments to GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 are described in this report and are required to ensure that the schedule of penalties aligns accurately with the new bylaw.

As GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 and its amendments also set out violations related to the Air Quality and Climate Action function of Metro Vancouver, a separate report seeking Board adoption of amendments regarding Schedule B will be considered by the Climate Action Committee on April 4, 2025.

REGULATORY CHANGES

Regional Parks staff are recommending that a position title be changed in the bylaw to reflect a new position title that will oversee the regulations and compliance function in Regional Parks, and should therefore be designated as a Screening Officer. In Section 7.2, the position Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, is replaced with the new job title of Division Manager, Regional Parks Services.

Regional Parks staff are recommending that Schedule A of GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 be replaced to align with the new MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025.

Administrative changes to Schedule A are required to ensure that the sections of the new MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025 are cited accurately in GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010.

Further substantive changes to GVRD Bylaw 1117, 2010 are summarized as follows.

a) Section 18 – Open liquor outside of designated public place

The alcohol in regional parks pilot project will continue for another year. To better support Park Officers in enforcing possession or consumption of liquor outside of the designated areas, a section has been added to provide park officers with a more specific violation to refer to “failure to obey posted notice” and “fail to obey bylaw”.

b) Section 29 – Unauthorized activity

The short form language used to write an NBV for 30 (g) unauthorized drone take-off or landing, and 30 (h) slacklining or highlining have been eliminated. While these activities remain illegal, these penalties for all unauthorized activities are consistent with each other. To reduce redundancy these activities will be included under the “Unauthorized activity” short form in the amended bylaw. Each of the activities not authorized under this section are unique, and Park Officers will need to use the appropriate subsection for the activity when writing an NBV.

c) Section 32 – Prohibited introduction of contaminant and Unauthorized planting

While not new to the Regulations Bylaw, the introduction of contaminants is a new short form expression regarding section 33 (e) that better represents the nature of the offence. A penalty of \$500 has been assigned to this infraction.

The Regulations Bylaw has not previously designated “Unauthorized planting” for an NBV process. The amendment proposes to designate section 32 so that Park Officers may more

easily enforce the provisions of 32 (i) that prohibits the planting of any tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, or seed of any kind (except in accordance with a park permit authorizing that activity). An associated penalty for this NBV of \$250 is proposed for this offence.

d) Section 33 – Unauthorized entry

A person must not, unless under the authority of a park permit, enter or travel within areas of a regional park designated as conservancy areas, wetlands, or areas of ecological sensitivity and designated by posted notice as no public access. The amendment proposes to designate this offence so that Park Officers may use the NBV process to address this offence. An associated penalty of \$250 has been assigned to this infraction.

e) Section 34 – Fishing or harvesting where or how prohibited

A new short form expression will help Park Officers enforce those fishing in areas where posted notice prohibits fishing. Posted notices are typically erected where the waterbody is listed in Provincial fishing regulations as not open to fishing. Park Officers do not have authority regarding the activity of fishing (Provincially or Federally regulated), and while they cannot request a fishing license or check for fishing compliance, they do require the authority to enforce where fishing is prohibited. There may be a need to install posted notices on regional park facilities, such as boardwalks, to prevent fishing activity from impeding the safe use of the facility. There is no change to the penalty of \$250.

f) Section 37 – Unauthorized fires

This authorized word or expression is recommended to replace its previous descriptor of 'Open Fire'. The new short form is more representative of the distinctive types of infractions associated with a campfire and replaces a term that was more difficult to define.

g) Section 39 – On-site garbage in non-designated receptacle

The word waste has been replaced by the word on-site garbage because the definition for waste excludes on-site garbage.

h) Section 44 – Consolidation of animal provisions

In an effort to be more efficient and reduce repetition, provisions for the care and control of animals have been consolidated into a new section.

An increased penalty for all paragraphs included in this section is recommended to assist staff deal more effectively with an increase in dog management issues across the parks system. The penalty is proposed to increase from \$125 to \$250.

The short form expression for an "unleashed animal" has been changed to "animal not leashed or non-compliant leash" to align better with similar short form expressions.

i) Section 45 – Disorderly animal

This section is to cover some of Regional Parks' more egregious dog management concerns. A person who has care and control of an animal must not cause, permit, or allow the animal to:

- (a) dig up, damage, deface, destroy, or otherwise injure any natural park feature or regional park property;
- (b) disrupt, disturb, frighten, or intimidate a person or other animal, including by licking, jumping, snarling, growling, or pursuing the person or animal; or
- (c) travel off-trail or anywhere that may cause damage to, a natural park feature or regional park property.

It is proposed that the fine for these infractions be increased from \$250 to \$500.

j) Section 46 – Animal injured a person or animal

The short form language used to write an NBV for “Dangerous Animal” has been replaced. Park Officers do not have the authority to declare a dog a dangerous animal, and this new language describes the violation without making a declaration about whether a dog should be considered dangerous.

k) Section 47 – Animal not leashed or non-compliant leash

This is a new short form that replaces “Unleashed Animal”.

l) Section 52 – Disturbing or killing animal

The short form language used to write an NBV for replaces “Disturbing an animal” and carries with it a fine increase from \$250 to \$500. This fine will be used for the most serious of cases.

m) Section 59 – Parking without required permit and Section 60 – Unauthorized parking

Fine reduction recommended for “parking without permit” and “unauthorized parking” to better align with member municipalities, regional district and parking contractors. Parking contractors for MVRD can ticket vehicles for the same violations, but with lesser penalties than those in MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025. The penalty has been reduced from \$125 to \$100.

n) Section 69 and Section 72 – Carrying on event without a permit

This is the first designation of this offence, with an associated fine for the NBV of \$250 for a person that carries on any activity, event, or other organized activity without a valid special use permit. Or this would apply to a person who occupies a regional park facility without a facility use permit and claims exclusivity. Proceeding by NBV will be a helpful tool for Park Officers to gain compliance with the Regulation Bylaw’s permitting requirements.

o) Section 71 – Failing to obey campground regulations

The campground regulations for Edgewater Bar, Derby Reach Regional Park are being recommended to become part of MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025, and a new charging section and new penalty of \$250 will be used to gain compliance with a person who registers at a campsite and does not obey the campground rules.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a. give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*; and
 - b. adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 3, 2025 titled "MVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications for either alternative. Notice of Bylaw Violation and Municipal Ticket Information ticketing penalties and fines are not intended or expected to provide a significant revenue stream but do help to offset costs for in-house Notice of Bylaw Violation dispute adjudications and Municipal Ticket Information court costs.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver requires the ability to manage and enforce public behaviours on regional park land to protect natural resources, and to enhance public safety and visitor experiences. GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010 sets Notice of Bylaw Violation penalty amounts for MVRD Bylaw 1417, 2025 as well as for a number of other MRVD regulatory bylaws.

The proposed bylaw amendment, subject to MVRD Board approval, is required to ensure that the administrative sections of the new MVRD Bylaw No. 1417, 2025 are cited accurately in GVRD Bylaw No. 1117, 2010. In addition, the amended bylaw introduces new authorized words or expressions, new penalties for any new authorized words or expressions, and amends penalties for a number of existing authorized words or expressions, as described in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. *"Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw 1417, 2025"*.

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1417, 2025**

**A bylaw to amend Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement
and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010**

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (“the Board”) has adopted “Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010”, a bylaw to respect the enforcement of Notices of Bylaw Violation and establish a Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication System; and
- B. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to amend “Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010.”

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025”.

Schedule

2. The following Schedule is attached to and forms part of the bylaw:
 - Schedule “A”, Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025

Amendment of Bylaw

3. “Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010” is amended as follows:

(a) Section 7.2 is deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the following:

7.2 The following are designated titles of persons that are appointed as Screening Officers:

- (a) Division Manager, Regional Parks Services;
- (b) Supervisor, Parks Regulations and Compliance System;
- (c) Environmental Control Officer;
- (d) Director, Environmental Regulation and Enforcement;
- (e) Program Manager, Regulation and Enforcement – Air Quality;

(f) Director of Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services; and

(g) Director, Regional Parks.

(b) Schedule A is deleted and replaced by the Schedule A which is attached to and forms part of this bylaw.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Schedule A
Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Section	Authorized Words or Expressions	Discounted Penalty	Penalty	Late Payment Penalty	Compliance Agreement Available
13	Failing to assist park officer	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
13 (d)	Failing to obey order	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
14	Obstructing park officer	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
15	Misleading park officer	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
16	Failing to obey posted notice	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
17	In park when closed	\$190	\$250	\$310	Yes
18	Open liquor outside of designated area	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
19	Interfering with park permit	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
20	Inadequately supervising a child or young person	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
21 (a)	Disorderly, dangerous or violent conduct	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
21 (b)	Lewd, sexual or offensive conduct	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
22	Possessing or using a dangerous device	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
23	Defecating or urinating where not allowed	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
24, 25	Undue noise or disturbance	\$190	\$250	\$310	No

Metro Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication
Amendment Bylaw No. 1417, 2025

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Section	Authorized Words or Expressions	Discounted Penalty	Penalty	Late Payment Penalty	Compliance Agreement Available
26	Travelling off road or trail	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
27	Obstructing road or trail	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
28	Unauthorized group gathering	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
29 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)	Unauthorized activity	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
30 (a)	Smoking or vaping in unauthorized area	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
30 (b)	Unauthorized smoking or vaping of cannabis	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
32 (a), (b), (c)	Destroying or damaging park property	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
32 (d)	Prohibited structure	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
32 (e)	Prohibited introduction of contaminant	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
32 (f)	Removing park property	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
32 (g)	Abandoning non-park property	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
32 (h)	Harvesting or possessing natural park feature	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
32 (i)	Unauthorized planting	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
33	Unauthorized entry	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
34	Fishing or harvesting where or how prohibited	\$190	\$250	\$310	No

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Section	Authorized Words or Expressions	Discounted Penalty	Penalty	Late Payment Penalty	Compliance Agreement Available
35	Discarding burning substance	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
36 (a), (b), (c)	Using flame-producing device where not allowed	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
37 (a), (b), (c), (d)	Unauthorized fire	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
38	Prohibited fireworks or combustible	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
39	On-site garbage in non-designated receptacle	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
40	Depositing waste	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
41	Littering	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
42 (a), (b)	Abandoning dead or living vegetation or animal	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
43	Unattended or accessible garbage or attractant	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
44 (a)	Animal not under control	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
44 (b)	Animal not leashed or non-compliant leash	\$190	\$250	\$310	Yes
44 (c)	Failing to carry a leash	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
44 (d)	Animal not leashed near horse	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
44 (e)	Animal feces left	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
44 (f)	Feeding an animal	\$95	\$125	\$155	No

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Section	Authorized Words or Expressions	Discounted Penalty	Penalty	Late Payment Penalty	Compliance Agreement Available
44 (g)	Abandoning an animal	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
45 (a), (b), (c)	Disorderly animal	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
46	Animal injured a person or animal	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
48 (a), (b)	Animal where not allowed	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
51	Horse or horse-drawn vehicle where prohibited	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
52	Disturbing or killing animal	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
53	Swimming where not allowed	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
54	Tampering with float or lifesaving device	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
55	Unauthorized mooring	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
56 (a), (b), (c), (d)	Unauthorized use of watercraft	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
57	Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	\$375	\$500	\$500	No
58	ATV or motorized device in park	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
59	Parking without required permit	\$75	\$100	\$125	No
60 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)	Unauthorized parking	\$75	\$100	\$125	No
62	Cleaning or repairing vehicle	\$95	\$125	\$155	No
64	Failing to comply with permit	\$375	\$500	\$500	No

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Section	Authorized Words or Expressions	Discounted Penalty	Penalty	Late Payment Penalty	Compliance Agreement Available
66	Commercial activity without permit	\$375	\$500	\$500	Yes
69, 72	Carrying on event without permit	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
71	Failing to obey campground regulations	\$190	\$250	\$310	No
78	Failing to pay permit fees or charges	\$190	\$250	\$310	No

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: March 2, 2025 Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Subject: **MVRD Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a proposed amendment to *Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006* (GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006) that follows the proposed repeal and replace of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* with the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1416, 2025* (Parks Regulation Bylaw). If the latter bylaw is approved, both the *Greater Vancouver Regional District Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010* (GVRD Bylaw 1117, 2010) and the GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 will require amendments to their respective “designated contraventions” or “designated offences” to reflect the new organization and updated content of the new Parks Regulation Bylaw.

Regional Parks is recommending that Schedule B of GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 be updated and replaced to align all designated offences and fines listed in the schedule with the appropriate section numbers in the proposed new Parks Regulation Bylaw, should the MVRD Board approve the repeal and replacement of the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012*.

Additional proposed changes include the designation, by authorized words or expressions, of offences that describe illegal public behaviours, with new fines for each, as well as amended fines for some existing authorized words or expressions.

PURPOSE

To consider amendments to GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 that will help further protect Regional Parks’ natural resources and assets, and better promote bylaw compliance by the public.

BACKGROUND

A range of tools, including notices of bylaw violation and municipal tickets, can be used to encourage compliance with Metro Vancouver Regional District’s bylaws. GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 allows contraventions of various MVRD bylaws, including the Parks Regulation Bylaw, to be addressed by Municipal Ticket Information (MTI), through their designation under GVRD Bylaw

1050, 2006. Designations are made in the schedules to GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006, by referencing the section numbers, and authorizing the use of “any word or expression” on a ticket issued for the purposes of laying an information in respect of the contravention.

Park officers can consider the use of an MTI where the enforcement matter is serious and where a more expedited prosecution is desirable.

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks requires the ability to manage and enforce public use of regional park land to enhance public safety and visitor experiences. This amendment to GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 proposes to replace Schedule B, which designates offences under the existing Parks Regulation Bylaw, with new designations under the new proposed Parks Regulation Bylaw. Many of the offences are the same, but the sections now have new numbers as a result of the reorganization of the new bylaw. A few designations and associated fines are new, to more easily address these offences and better protect Regional Parks; most of the designations are in the existing Parks Regulation Bylaw and have simply been renumbered. In a few cases, the words or expressions have been updated to better capture the nature of the offence.

This bylaw is amended as often as required when changes occur within the Parks Regulation Bylaw that regulates public behaviour and activities. In this case, as the existing Parks Regulation Bylaw is being proposed to be repealed and replaced, a new Schedule B is required to align appropriately with the organization of the new bylaw and to add additional changes including the introduction of new authorized words or expressions to describe illegal public behaviours, with new fines for each, as well as amended fines for some existing authorized words or expressions.

REGULATORY CHANGES

Further substantive changes to GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 are summarized as follows.

a) Section 18 – Open liquor outside of designated public place

The alcohol in regional parks pilot project will continue for another year. To better support Park Officers in enforcing the consumption of alcohol outside of the designated areas, a section has been added to address the absence of language speaking to the conduct. Prior to the addition, park officers could only refer to more general sections such as failure to obey posted notice and fail to obey bylaw.

b) Section 29 – Unauthorized activity

The short form language used to write an MTI for paragraph 29 (g) unauthorized drone take-off or landing, and 29 (h) slacklining or highlining have been eliminated. While these activities remain illegal, these penalties for all unauthorized activities are consistent with each other. To reduce redundancy these activities will be included under the “Unauthorized activity” short form in the amended bylaw. Each of the activities not authorized under this section are unique, and Park Officers will need to use the appropriate subsection for the activity when writing an MTI.

c) Section 32 – Prohibited introduction of contaminant and Unauthorized planting

While not new to the Parks Regulations Bylaw, the introduction of Contaminants is a new short form expression under section 32 (e) that better represents the nature of the offence. A fine of \$500 has been assigned to this offence.

The Parks Regulations Bylaw has not previously designated Unauthorized planting for an MTI process. The amendment proposes to designate section 32 so that Park Officers may more easily enforce the provisions of 32 (i) that prohibit the planting of any tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, or seed of any kind (except in accordance with a park permit authorizing that activity). An associated fine for this MTI of \$500 is proposed for this offence.

d) Section 33 – Unauthorized entry

A person must not, unless under the authority of a park permit, enter or travel within areas of a regional park designated as conservancy areas, wetlands, or areas of ecological sensitivity and designated by posted notice as no public access. The amendment proposes to designate this offence so that Park Officers may use the MTI process to address this offence. An associated fine for this MTI of \$500 is also proposed.

e) Section 34 – Fishing or harvesting where or how prohibited

The proposed new Parks Regulation Bylaw clarifies Metro Vancouver's scope of authority with respect to fishing. Park Officers do not have authority to regulate compliance with federal or provincial laws, but may enforce a prohibition in certain areas of the regional park, where the reasons for the prohibition fall within our jurisdiction (such as to ensure public access to park facilities, or public safety within the park). The designation of this offence permits Parks Officers to proceed with enforcement under the MTI process.

f) Section 37 – Unauthorized fire

This Authorized Word or Expression is recommended to replace its previous descriptor of 'Open Fire'. The new short form is more descriptive and replaces a term that was more difficult to define.

g) Section 39 – On-site garbage in non-designated receptacle

The word waste has been replaced by the word on-site garbage because the definition for waste excludes on-site garbage.

h) Section 44(a) – Animal not under control

An increased fine for this MTI offence is recommended to assist staff to deal more effectively with the increase in dog management issues across the park system. The fine is proposed to increase from \$250 to \$500.

i) Section 45 – Disorderly animal

This section is to cover some of Regional Parks' most egregious dog management concerns. A person who has care and control of an animal must not cause, permit, or allow the animal to:

- (a) dig up, damage, deface, destroy, or otherwise injure any natural park feature or regional park property;

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- (b) disrupt, disturb, frighten, or intimidate a person or other animal, including by licking, jumping, snarling, growling, or pursuing the person or animal; or
 - (c) travel off-trail or anywhere that may cause damage to, a natural park feature or regional park property.

It is proposed that the fine for these infractions be increased from \$500 to \$1000.

j) Section 46 – Animal injured a person or animal

This is a new short form that replaces “Dangerous Animal”. As Park Officers do not have the authority to declare a dog a dangerous animal, this new short form describes the action rather than making a declaration about whether the dog should be considered dangerous.

k) Section 47 – Animal not leashed or non-compliant leash

This is a new short form that replaces “Unleashed Animal”.

l) Section 52 – Disturbing or killing animal

This is a new short form that replaces “Disturbing an animal” and carries with it a fine increase from \$500 to \$1000. This fine will be used for the most serious of cases.

m) Section 59 – Parking without required permit and Section 60 – Unauthorized parking

Fine reduction recommended for “parking without permit” and “unauthorized parking” to better align with member municipalities, regional district and parking contractors. Parking contractors for MVRD can ticket vehicles for the same violations, but with lesser penalties than those in the Parks Regulation Bylaw. The fine for this MTI is proposed to be reduced from \$250 to \$200.

n) Section 69 and Section 72 – Carrying on event without a permit

This is the first designation of this offence, with an associated fine for the MTI of \$500 for a person that carries on any activity, event, or other organized activity without a valid special use permit. Or this would apply to a person who occupies a facility without a facility use permit and claims exclusivity. Proceeding by MTI will be a helpful tool for Park Officers to gain compliance with the Parks Regulation Bylaw’s permitting requirements.

o) Section 71 – Failing to obey campground regulations

As the campground regulations for Edgewater Bar, Derby Reach Regional Park are being recommended to become part of the Parks Regulation Bylaw (see that bylaw’s Schedule A), the designation of this offence for an MTI process with an associated fine for the MTI of \$500 will be used to gain compliance with a campsite occupier who is not obeying the campground regulations.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 2, 2025 titled "MVRD Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025".

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications for either alternative. Notice of Bylaw Violation and Municipal Ticket Information ticketing penalties and fines are not intended or expected to provide a significant revenue stream but do help to offset costs for in-house Notice of Bylaw Violation dispute adjudications and Municipal Ticket Information court costs.

CONCLUSION

Metro Vancouver requires the ability to manage and enforce public behaviours on regional park land to protect natural resources, and to enhance public safety and visitor experiences. GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 designates MVRD regulatory bylaw offences which may be addressed using the Municipal Ticket Information process, together with associated fines for the MTIs.

The proposed amendment to GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006 is required to ensure that offences under the regulatory sections of the new *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1416, 2025* are accurately designated in GVRD Bylaw 1050, 2006. In addition, the proposed amendments designate for the MTI process a few offences that were not previously authorized for the MTI process, together with associated fines, and amend fines for a number of existing designated offences, as described in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. "*Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025*".

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1416, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw
No. 1050, 2006”

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (the “Board”) has adopted “Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006”, a bylaw to authorize the use of the municipal ticket information for the enforcement of certain bylaws, to designate persons as bylaw enforcement officers, to authorize the use of certain words or expressions to designate certain bylaw offences and to set certain fine amounts; and
- B. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to amend “Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006.”

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Amendment Bylaw No. 1416, 2025”.

Schedule

2. The following Schedules are attached to and form part of this bylaw:
- Schedule “A”; and
 - Schedule “B”, Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025.

Amendment of Bylaw

3. “Greater Vancouver Regional District Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006” is amended as follows:
- (a) Schedules A and B are deleted in their entirety and replaced by the Schedules A and B which are attached to and form part of this bylaw.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

Schedule A

	Column 1 Designated Bylaws	Column 2 Designated Bylaw Enforcement Officers
1	Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025	Park Officer Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer Municipal Police Officer British Columbia Provincial Conservation Officer
2	Greater Vancouver Regional District Air Quality Management Bylaw No. 1082, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
3	Greater Vancouver Regional District Concrete and Concrete Products Industries Emission Regulation No. 1084, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
4	Greater Vancouver Regional District Gasoline Distribution Emission Regulation No. 1085, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
5	Greater Vancouver Regional District Automotive Refinishing Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1086, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
6	Greater Vancouver Regional District Boilers and Process Heaters Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1087, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
7	Greater Vancouver Regional District Agricultural Boilers Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1098, 2008	Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i>
8	Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Zoning Bylaw No. 1144, 2011	Division Manager Electoral Area Building Inspector Regional Planner

		<p>Division Manager Corporate Safety</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness & Security Coordinator</p> <p>Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner</p> <p>Security and Crime Prevention Officer</p>
9	<p>Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area A Building Administration Bylaw No. 1043, 2006</p>	<p>Division Manager Electoral Area</p> <p>Building Inspector</p> <p>Regional Planner</p> <p>Division Manager Corporate Safety</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness & Security Coordinator</p> <p>Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner</p> <p>Security and Crime Prevention Officer</p>
10	<p>Metro Vancouver Regional District Non-Road Diesel Engine Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1329, 2021</p>	<p>Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i></p>
11	<p>Greater Vancouver Regional District Electoral Area "A" Unsightly Premises and Nuisance Bylaw No. 1198, 2014</p>	<p>Division Manager Electoral Area</p> <p>Building Inspector</p> <p>Regional Planner</p> <p>Division Manager Corporate Safety</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness & Security Coordinator</p> <p>Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner</p> <p>Security and Crime Prevention Officer</p>
12	<p>Metro Vancouver Regional District Residential Indoor Wood Burning Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1303, 2020</p>	<p>Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i></p>
13	<p>Metro Vancouver Regional District Open Burning Emission Regulation Bylaw No. 1355, 2022</p>	<p>Any person appointed by the MVRD Board to be an officer pursuant to section 31(2) of the <i>Environmental Management Act</i></p>

Schedule B
Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Authorized Words or Expressions	Section	Fine
Failing to assist park officer	13	\$500
Failing to obey order	13 (d)	\$500
Obstructing park officer	14	\$1000
Misleading park officer	15	\$500
Failing to obey posted notice	16	\$500
In park when closed	17	\$500
Open liquor outside of designated area	18	\$250
Interfering with park permit	19	\$500
Inadequately supervising a child or young person	20	\$250
Disorderly, dangerous or violent conduct	21 (a)	\$1000
Lewd, sexual or offensive conduct	21 (b)	\$1000
Possessing or using a dangerous device	22	\$1000
Defecating or urinating where not allowed	23	\$250
Undue noise or disturbance	24, 25	\$500
Travelling off road or trail	26	\$1000
Obstructing road or trail	27	\$1000
Unauthorized group gathering	28	\$250
Unauthorized activity	29 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h)	\$250
Smoking or vaping in unauthorized area	30 (a)	\$1000
Unauthorized smoking or vaping of cannabis	30 (b)	\$1000
Destroying or damaging park property	32 (a), (b), (c)	\$1000
Prohibited structure	32 (d)	\$250
Prohibited introduction of contaminant	32 (e)	\$1000
Removing park property	32 (f)	\$500
Abandoning non-park property	32 (g)	\$250
Harvesting or possessing natural park feature	32 (h)	\$500
Unauthorized planting	32 (i)	\$500
Unauthorized entry	33	\$500
Fishing or harvesting where or how prohibited	34	\$500
Discarding burning substance	35	\$1000
Using flame-producing device where not allowed	36 (a), (b), (c)	\$1000
Unauthorized fire	37 (a), (b), (c), (d)	\$1000
Prohibited fireworks or combustible	38	\$1000
On-site garbage in non-designated receptacle	39	\$250
Depositing waste	40	\$1000
Littering	41	\$250

Abandoning dead or living vegetation or animal	42 (a), (b)	\$500
Unattended or accessible garbage or attractant	43	\$1000
Animal not under control	44 (a)	\$500
Animal not leashed or non-compliant leash	44 (b)	\$500
Failing to carry a leash	44 (c)	\$250
Animal not leashed near horse	44 (d)	\$500
Animal feces left	44 (e)	\$250
Feeding an animal	44 (f)	\$250
Abandoning an animal	44 (g)	\$250
Disorderly animal	45 (a), (b), (c)	\$1000
Animal injured a person or animal	46	\$1000
Animal where not allowed	48 (a), (b)	\$500
Horse or horse-drawn vehicle where prohibited	51	\$500
Disturbing or killing animal	52	\$1000
Swimming where not allowed	53	\$500
Tampering with float or lifesaving device	54	\$1000
Unauthorized mooring	55	\$1000
Unauthorized use of watercraft	56 (a), (b), (c), (d)	\$500
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	57	\$1000
ATV or motorized device in park	58	\$500
Parking without required permit	59	\$200
Unauthorized parking	60 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)	\$200
Cleaning or repairing vehicle	62	\$250
Failing to comply with permit	64	\$1000
Commercial activity without permit	66	\$1000
Carrying on event without permit	69, 72	\$500
Failing to obey campground regulations	71	\$500
Failing to pay permit fees or charges	78	\$500

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: March 3, 2025 Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

Subject: **MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 28, 2025, the MVRD Board approved the extension of a pilot program that would permit public alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks from Friday, May 16, 2025 to Monday, October 13, 2025 during park hours.

The Province of British Columbia has jurisdiction over possession and consumption of liquor. The *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* makes it unlawful for people to possess open liquor or consume liquor in a number of places, including parks, that are not private places; however, the province has delegated authority to regional districts and other local governments to, by bylaw, designate public places where liquor may be consumed, and it has prescribed how this must be done.

This bylaw amendment enables the extension of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2025 and ensures continued compliance with the Province of British Columbia's requirements.

PURPOSE

To amend the bylaw to enable the implementation of a one-year extension to the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2025.

BACKGROUND

The 2024 pilot program, as authorized by bylaw, concluded on Monday, October 14, 2024. Staff completed a review of public and staff feedback collected during the pilot program and considered this feedback in making the recommendation to extend the pilot program in 2025.

On February 28, 2025, the MVRD Board approved the extension of the pilot program that permits public alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks. The only change that was made for year two of the pilot program is to operate the program from Friday, May 16, 2025 to Monday, October 13, 2025 during park hours.

In addition to providing this approval, the MVRD Board directed staff to report back with an amendment to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024* (MVRD Bylaw 1385, 2024) to designate areas within regional parks as places where liquor may be legally consumed during 2025. This bylaw amendment is required by the Province of BC to contain information related to the approved pilot program (see below).

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA REQUIREMENTS

The province of British Columbia has jurisdiction over possession and consumption of liquor. The *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* at s. 73 makes it unlawful for people to possess open liquor or consume liquor in a number of places, including parks, that are not private places; however, at subsection (2), the province has delegated authority to regional districts and other local governments to, by bylaw, "designate a public place over which [we] [have] jurisdiction, or part of such a place, as a place where liquor may be consumed," and it has prescribed how this must be done.

The *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation* sets out further direction for regional districts and other local governments in section 197:

- 197 A bylaw under section 73 (2) of the Act designating a public place as a place where liquor may be consumed must
- (a) require the person responsible for the public place to post signs setting out
 - (i) the boundaries of the public place, and
 - (ii) the hours that liquor may be consumed, and
 - (b) describe the number and size of the signs and how they are to be posted.

The *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025* (Attachment 1) will amend *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024* to include the expanded number of days and times the program will operate in 2025.

PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN REGIONAL PARKS 2025

The MVRD Board has approved the extension of the pilot program for one year with the same six parks and designated areas as were approved and authorized under MVRD Bylaw 1385, 2024 in 2024, including:

- a. Boundary Bay Regional Park
 - Centennial Beach
- b. Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway
 - Sapperton Landing
- c. Campbell Valley Regional Park
 - 8th Avenue Picnic Area/Order of Canada Grove
- d. Capilano River Regional Park
 - Cleveland Dam Picnic Area
- e. Derby Reach Regional Park
 - Day Use Area adjacent to Edgewater Bar campground

- f. Iona Beach Regional Park
- Picnic Area

MVRD Board has approved for the pilot program to run for a second year from Friday, May 16 – Monday, October 13, 2025, with alcohol to be permitted at any time during park hours during the pilot program’s duration. This bylaw amendment reflects an earlier start date to the program for 2025, as directed.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*; and
 - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 3, 2025 titled “MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff entered year one of the pilot expecting that the program could be managed with existing budget resources. While additional costs were absorbed by existing budget allocations, staff did observe in 2024 that the program resulted in more litter, increased vandalism, and a need for additional restroom servicing. These specific costs were not tracked separately in 2024.

An extension of the pilot program for 2025 will provide staff with the opportunity to assess any additional costs incurred that are directly attributable to the pilot program. An analysis of these costs over the coming season will provide better information for the Committee and MVRD Board should staff request future budget increases related to the support of this program on a permanent basis.

CONCLUSION

As a follow up to the MVRD Board approval of a one-year extension to the pilot program in 2025, the amendment of the bylaw to permit the implementation of the program is required.

Staff recommend the adoption of the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025* to enable the implementation of a one-year extension to the MVRD Board- approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. “*Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025*”.

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1415, 2025
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in
Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024”

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (the “Board”) adopted “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024”, on May 31, 2024; and
- B. The Board wishes to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024”.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

Citation

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw No. 1415, 2025”.

Amendment of Bylaw

2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024” is amended as follows:
 - (a) Section 6 is deleted and replaced with the following:
 6. Liquor may be consumed in a designated area from:
 - (a) June 28, 2024, to September 2, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM;
 - (b) September 3, 2024, to September 23, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
 - (c) September 24, 2024, to October 14, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
 - (d) May 16, 2025 to June 2, 2025, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM;
 - (e) June 3, 2025 to September 1, 2025, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM;
 - (f) September 2, 2025 to September 22, 2025, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM; and
 - (g) September 23, 2025 to October 13, 2025, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Read a first, second, and third time this _____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: March 7, 2025

Subject: **Manager's Report – Regional Parks**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 7, 2025, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attachment to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2025. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee, and changes in the schedule.

FILMING IN METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS

The motion picture industry is a key contributor to the regional economy, benefiting from Metro Vancouver's skilled workforce and diverse natural scenery. Metro Vancouver supports this industry by renting locations within regional parks, as well as buildings and facilities for commercial film production, with Regional Parks staff managing applications and permits.



Widgeon Marsh Regional Park (not yet open to the public)

Metro Vancouver offers premier filming locations ranging from pristine wilderness to heritage homes, all within proximity to the city. Each filming request is carefully evaluated to ensure that it minimizes impacts on park operations and visitor experiences. Filming activities adhere to the Metro Vancouver Filming Policy and Regulations, with on-site supervision

provided by a contracted service provider. Supervision costs are fully recovered from production companies, and additional revenue is generated through location fees.

In 2023, net filming revenues in Metro Vancouver totaled \$318,505. In 2024, filming revenues dropped to \$280,591, marking a 12% decline due to fewer shoots and filming days.

The B.C. film and television industry continues to face challenges, including recent labour strikes in the U.S., a growing shift toward social media-driven content, and a slowdown in Canadian content commissioning. The Canadian Media Producers Association's 'Profile 2024' report highlights a significant downturn in both domestic and foreign production due to these factors.

To counteract these challenges, the provincial government has increased tax incentives to attract more productions. The recently released 2025 Provincial Budget includes an enhanced Film Incentive BC (FIBC) tax credit and Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC), as well as a new tax credit for major productions aimed to attract more large-scale productions.

With these macro factors in mind, staff will continue to support the industry however it can and is hopeful that some recovery in the industry will lead to more film shoots and filming days in 2025.

GEORGE ROSS LEGACY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program supports hands-on citizen stewardship activities within Metro Vancouver's regional parks and greenways. This program was made possible by a generous \$2.8 million bequest from the late Mr. George Ross that was received by Metro Vancouver in July 2013. George Ross was a passionate advocate for trees and parks. The interest generated by this bequest is administered annually by the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation (MVRPF) and provides funding for projects that enhance ecological health and stewardship within the regional parks system. Grants are available to community partners in three categories, ranging from small projects of up to \$2,500, medium projects between \$2,500 and \$5,000, and large projects from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Over the past year, Metro Vancouver has collaborated with the MVRPF to make it possible to provide more grants to these partners. To encourage more groups to apply for these grants, medium and large projects are now able to allocate up to 20% of the awarded fund for administrative and project management expenses. Additionally, the program now accepts applications for ongoing activities and offers multi-year funding for large projects with eligibility extending to three years of funding at a maximum of \$10,000 per year and a total project limit of \$30,000.

Eligibility for small project grants includes registered non-profit groups, educational institutions, Indigenous groups, regional park partners with existing agreements, and non-profit societies or community groups actively working in Metro Vancouver's regional parks and greenways. These projects must be completed within one year, with a final report required upon completion. For medium projects, both incorporated and unincorporated regional park partners and park associations may apply, with the same one-year completion requirement and final reporting obligations.

Large projects are now eligible for multi-year funding and are open to incorporated regional park partners and park associations. These projects must be completed within three years unless otherwise agreed upon, with annual reports required throughout the funding period. All project proposals, regardless of size, require pre-screening by Regional Parks staff before submission.

Annual reports are required for all large projects, ensuring accountability and progress tracking throughout the funding period.



Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Projects funded through this program must take place within a Metro Vancouver regional park or greenway and focus on stewardship activities that protect, enhance, or restore natural resources. Eligible activities include wildlife monitoring, invasive species management, habitat restoration, citizen research, trail and access improvements, water quality enhancements, climate resilience initiatives, and stewardship education when integrated into a broader stewardship project. Projects may be one-time initiatives with a defined start and end date or ongoing efforts, and events must have a stewardship focus.

Applicants are not required to secure additional funding sources, and the program operates on two application cycles each year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

More information is available regarding these grant opportunities on the George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program webpage on MVRPF's website.

LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK – WINTER CONDITIONS AND CLOSED BACKCOUNTRY ROUTES

Lynn Headwaters Regional Park is the largest of Metro Vancouver's regional parks and is a popular gateway to the North Shore wilderness. It features both frontcountry trails that are open year-round and rugged backcountry routes that are open only seasonally (mid-summer to mid-fall) due to hazardous conditions.

Given the alpine nature of the park, all trails are challenging enough that park visitors need to be prepared. Metro Vancouver has developed a suite of multi-media educational materials and in-park communication tools to provide important safety information to visitors.

This information includes:

- Trail distances, elevations, and difficulty.
- Backcountry trail status (i.e., open or closed).
- Hiker registration to ensure others know the trip plan.
- The 10 essentials, a list of items that hikers should pack with them to ensure that they are prepared for injuries, weather changes, or unexpected delays.
- Winter conditions require extra preparation and precaution due to challenges posed by snow and ice.



This safety messaging is supported and reinforced by partners such as North Shore Rescue, BC AdventureSmart, and Lynn Headwaters Visitor Centre volunteers.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regional Parks Committee 2025 Work Plan, dated April 2, 2025.

REFERENCES

1. [George Ross Legacy Stewardship Program – Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation website.](#)

Regional Parks Committee 2025 Work Plan

Report Date: April 2, 2025

Priorities

1 st Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Committee Priorities and 2025 Work Plan	Completed
2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey	Completed
Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey 2024	Completed
2025 Regional Parks Land Dedication Bylaw	Completed
Alcohol in Regional Parks Pilot Program Summary	Completed
Cultural Planning and Cooperation Update - t̄amt̄amíx ^w t̄an/Belcarra Regional Park	Completed
Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Wreck Beach Update	Completed
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Update	Completed
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation 25 th Anniversary	Completed
Regional Parks Real-Time Parking Pilot Program Summary	Completed
2 nd Quarter	
Regional Parks Annual Report 2024	Pending
Deas Island Regional Park Update	Pending
Visitor Use Management Strategy	Pending
Regional Parks Natural Asset Management	Pending
Repeal and Replace Regional Parks Bylaw	In Progress
Amendment to MVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010	In Progress
Amendment to MVRD Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006	In Progress
MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw	In Progress
George Ross Legacy Stewardship Grant Update	In Progress
Filming in MVRD Regional Parks Update	In Progress
3 rd Quarter	
Draft 2026 - 2030 Capital Plan Overview	Pending
Regional Parks Building Strategy	Pending
Natural Resource Management Program Stewardship Program Update	Pending
Regional Parks Asset Management Plan Update	Pending
Burnaby Lake Park Association Presentation	Pending
Colony Farm Park Association Presentation	Pending
Regional Parks and Greenways Capital Project Updates	Pending
Regional Parks Fees and Charges 2026	Pending

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4th Quarter	
2026 - 2030 Five Year Financial Plan and 2026 Budget and Annual Rates	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Update	Pending
MVRD Fees and Charges Bylaw	Pending
Amendment of Regional Parks Bylaw No. XXXX, 2025	Pending
Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area, Delta Nature Reserve, and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update	Pending
Camping in Regional Parks Study	Pending
Park Management Plan Initiation Report	Pending
Regional Parks Public Programming Strategy Report	Pending

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS
Upcoming Events
April 2025

DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
05 APR 2025	Lichen It! CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
08 APR 2025	Piper Spit Bird Count BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
21 APR 2025	Critter Capers: Who’s Crashing in My Tree Cavity? BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
26 APR 2025	Birding for Beginners IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK
26 APR 2025	Forest Bathing PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK
26 APR 2025	Salamander Searchers təmtə́míxʷtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK
26 APR 2025	The Science of Salamanders təmtə́míxʷtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK
27 APR 2025	GOODBYE CHUMS! KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK
03 MAY 2025	NATURE MAGIC WITH MICROSCOPES CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK
04 MAY 2025	MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK

**Note: For more information on Regional Parks Programs & Events, please visit <https://metrovancover.org/events/events-calendar>*