

Preserving Our Parks - Proposed Park Use Regulations Bylaw

The RDN is proposing an update to the Park Use Regulations Bylaw which was last updated in 2009. The purpose of the bylaw is to permit reasonable use of parks by the public for outdoor recreation and enjoyment while preserving and protecting natural park features.

The proposed update of the Park Use Regulations Bylaw introduces:

- a total ban on smoking;
- the possibility of cannabis consumption, though no smoking or vaping of it;
- the possibility of off-road vehicle use in some parks and trails; and
- the possibility of homeless camping in some parks if a number of other restrictions are also met.

The update would bring the bylaw into compliance with recent court decisions by establishing a provision for overnight camping. The proposed bylaw would prohibit homeless persons from camping in the following District parks:

- all regional and community trails and paths;
- all *water accesses*; and
- the following *parks*:

Electoral Area		
	Park	Park
A	Cedar Plaza Community Park	Kipp Road Community Park
	Cedar Skatepark	MacMillan Road Community Park
	Fawcett Road Community Park	Thelma Griffith Community Park
	Glynneath Road Community Park	Woodridge Road Community Park
B	Blue Heron Community Park	Link Bay Road Community Park
	Bluewhale Community Park	Malaspina Galleries Community Park
	Captain Ahab's Terrace Community Park	Paisley Place Community Park
	Cardale Road Community Park	Pequod Crescent Community Park

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	Clamshell Drive Community Park	Pilot Bay Community Park
	Coast Road Community Park	Queequeg Place Community Park
	Decourcy Drive Community Park	Rollo McClay Community Park
	Dodd Narrows Community Park	Sea Fern Lane Community Park
	Dunlop Lane Community Park	Stalker Road Community Park
	Hummingbird Community Park	The Strand Community Park
	Huxley Community Park	Town-Ho End Community Park
	Joyce Lockwood Community Park	Descanso Bay Regional Park
	Coats Marsh Regional Park	
C	Extension Miners Community Park	South Forks Road Community Park
	Heather Way Community Park	Twilight Way Community Park
	Riverbend Road Community Park	Virostko Road Community Park
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E	Amelia Crescent Community Park	Henley Place Community Park
	Arbutus Grove Community Park	Highland Road Community Park
	Blueback Drive Community Park	Jack Bagley Community Park
	Brickyard Community Park	Nanoose Road Community Park
	Carmichael Road Community Park	Park Place Community Park
	Claudet Creek Community Park	Redden Road Community Park
	Claudet Road Community Park	Richard Place Community Park
	Craig Creek Estuary Community Park	Rowland Road Community Park
	Crowsnest Lane Community Park	Rumming Road Community Park
	Davenham Road Community Park	Schooner Ridge Community Park
	Dolphin Lake Community Park	Stone Lake Drive Community Park
	Dolphin Marsh Community Park	Beachcomber Regional Park
	Es-hw Sme~nts Community Park	Moorecroft Regional Park
F	Allsbrook Road Community Park	Kerr Road Community Park
	Brooklin Lane Community Park	Little Qualicum Falls Community Park

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	Coombs Station Community Park	Meadowood Community Park
	Errington Community Park	Melon Road Community Park
	French Creek School Community Park	Old Alberni Hwy Community Park
	Harris Crescent Community Park	
G	Blue Water Place Community Park	Maple Lane Community Park
	Boulton Drive Community Park	Neden Way Community Park
	Brookfield Windridge Community Park	Peterson Rascal Community Park
	Centre Crescent Community Park	Quails Landing Way
	Cinnamon Sedge Matuka Community Park	Riley Sanika Community Park
	Columbia Drive East Side Community Park	San Malo Crescent Community Park
	Dalmatian Drive Community Park	Stanhope Community Park
	Dashwood Community Park	Stormwater Community Park
	Hawthorne Rise Community Park	Sumar Lane Community Park
	Kaye Peterson Community Park	Top Bridge Community Park
	Kaye Rivers Edge Community Park	Little Qualicum River Estuary RCA
	Kaye Road Community Park	Dashwood Community Park
	Matuka Drive Community Park	French Creek Community Park
	Miller Road Community Park	River's Edge Community Park
H	Deep Bay Creek Community Park	Wildwood Place Community Park
	Henry Morgan Community Park	Horne Lake Regional Park
	Lions Community Park	

Where not prohibited:

- A homeless person may camp in a *District park* between 7:00 p.m. one day and 9:00 a.m. the following day, at which point the *homeless person* must vacate the *park* until at least the next 7:00 p.m.;
- Prior to departure from a *park*, the *homeless person* must dismantle any *shelter* erected; and
- Upon departure from a *park*, the *homeless person* must take with them all personal possessions brought into the *park* and properly dispose of *litter* and garbage.

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Where not prohibited a homeless person may not camp:

- within 30 m of neighbouring residential property;
- within 30 m of park buildings, toilets, shelters, playgrounds, picnic tables, benches, garbage cans, maintained fields or other organized play spaces;
- Within 30 m of internal trails, roads, bridges, or in parking lots or demarcated and tended areas of vegetative plantings; or
- In a conservation zone.

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