



City Parks and Public Properties Bylaw 2025 -

**Overview of new By-Law
General Committee – April 1, 2025**

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Purpose For A New Comprehensive By-Law

- The City's parks, and how our residents use them, has changed. A comprehensive updated By-Law is required to ensure respectful use of City parks and public properties by all residents, permit holders, and user groups
- As the City grows and legislation changes, we are building different types of parks with the same or even greater resident expectations. Having the tools to equitably manage current and emerging issues is essential
- The By-Law:
 - Consolidates two dated existing bylaws into one fulsome and updated bylaw
 - Provides a practical balanced approach to protect City assets and members of our community and is enforceable when necessary
 - Contains up-to-date terminology and legislative requirements addressing issues and technology
 - Ensures relevant and transparent application inclusive of references to all other applicable By-laws
 - Provides comprehensive and structured content easily referenced, understood, and applied by City staff and residents
 - Contains content benchmarked with 7 relevant municipalities, content was then reviewed and approved by 12 City departments to provide a comprehensive approach in addressing various issues



Current and Proposed Bylaw Comparison

Current Parks Bylaw 167-92 Current City Owned Property Bylaw 279-96	Proposed Parks and Facility Bylaw
NO - Encroachments on public land: both planting and construction/penalties	YES – comprehensive content and applicable penalties if required
NO - Dumping/household waste/damage/cost recovery	YES – detailed content and applicable penalties if required
NO - Offences/penalties/enforcement defined	YES – in detail by offence
NO - Specific uses defined inclusive of gatherings and events without permits - Limited	YES – comprehensive with defined use
NO - Animals/off leash defined	YES – comprehensive animal/wildlife content
Limited - Vehicles/exemptions defined	YES – follows definitions of the Highway Traffic Act and Active Transportation Master Plan
NO - Smoking/cannabis/use of propane BBQ	YES - comprehensive

Questions?

