



Parks By-Law

Planning for a Healthy Community

November 5, 2012

Background

- August 10th, 2011
Council directed staff to establish a Parks By-Law/City of Greater Sudbury
- March 26th, 2012
Presentation to Standing Committee
 - General Background Information, PowerPoint Presentation, Feedback on Community Consultation
- June 25th, 2012
Report to Standing Committee
 - Results of Public Consultation and Outstanding Issues



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Objective:

Develop a Parks By-Law for the City of Greater Sudbury in order to regulate parks under the jurisdiction of the City.



Standing Committee Meeting (June 25th, 2012)

Outstanding Issues:

- Vandalism
- Smoking on park property
- Dogs on Leash/Unattended
- Carnivals/Midways





Vandalism

- Concerns/incidents of Vandalism
- Draft includes language regarding damage, destruction of park property/vandalism, etc.

Recommendations:

- Train staff re: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Budget capital funds for park design retrofits
- Increase parks security patrol visits



Smoking on Park Property

- Smoking By-Law 2004-232
- SDHU Recommendation:
“That while in a park, no person shall use tobacco or lighted tobacco in and surrounding areas where children under the age of 16 years congregate including but not limited to:
 - Playground Equipment
 - Splash Pad Surfaces
 - Spectator Areas
 - Recreational Fields

Recommendation:

- Smoking in Parks be restricted where citizens congregate.



Dogs on Leash/Unattended

- Animal Control By-Law 2002-285
Part IV – Dogs and Cats Running at Large
Section 13 – A dog or cat shall be deemed to be running at large for the purposes of the Animal Control By-Law if it is not under the effective control of a responsible person;
- In addition, the Draft Parks By-Law Section 31 – Dogs/Animals also addresses this issue.



Carnivals/Midways



- Zoning By-Law permits carnivals on properties zoned C-5-Shopping Centre for Commercial only.
- Zoning By-Law
 - Planning Department's responsibility including lands zoned "P" Park.
- Recommendation:
Planning Services in consultation with Leisure Services will prepare a report for the Planning Committee regarding carnival and midway uses in Park zones.



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- Prohibited activities
- Activities permitted in designated areas (skateboarding)
- Organized events/sporting activities regulated by permit
- Application and conditions for permit/refuse to issue permit
- Parks closing hours
- Encroachments
- Liquor/Gambling
- Fireworks
- Camping (except in Municipal trailer parks)
- Commercial activities
- Swimming/Watercraft
- Use of vehicles
- Hunting, etc.



Off-Leash Dog Park

- By-Law 2012-145 – City of Greater Sudbury to establish and regulate the use of off-leash dog parks
- Approved by Council July 10, 2012



Enforcement

- By-Law and Police Officers
- Appoint person for By-Law enforcement
- Appoint members of a hired contract (Parks Security)
- Obligation of permit holder/attendees or participant to comply with provisions of the Parks By-Law.





Next Steps

- November 5th, 2012
Feedback from Standing Committee
- November 20th, 2012
Draft Parks By-Law approval at Council meeting
- December 11, 2012
City of Greater Sudbury Parks By-Law approval



Questions?

