



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
From: Dave Semple
Director, Parks Operations
Date: May 23, 2003
File: 7200-01
Re: **Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7531 - Public Parks and School Grounds**

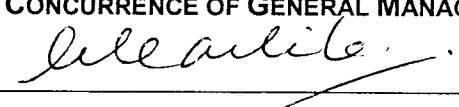
Staff Recommendation

That Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7531, which establishes ticketable offences for Public Parks & School Grounds Bylaw No. 7310, be forwarded to Council for introduction and first, second and third readings after preliminary approval is obtained from the Chief Judge on the bylaw.



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Staff Report

Origin

At the April 25, 2000 Regular Council meeting, the Public Park and School Ground Bylaw which dated back 37 years was modernised and approved by Council. This resulted in the Public Parks and School Grounds Regulation Bylaw No. 7310 (Effective Date December 17, 2001).

As part of the process of modernizing the Public Parks and School Grounds Bylaw, the April 2000 report also referenced the need to bring forward complementary enforcement measures. The purpose of this report is to recommend amending the existing Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321 to establish ticketable offences for the Public Parks and School Grounds Bylaw No. 7310.

Analysis

The introduction of the proposed fines to the list of ticketable municipal bylaw infraction offences provides another discretionary tool to the RCMP and the City to minimise abuse to public parks and school grounds. In particular, the introduction of the ticketable offences helps to address the following issues:

- complements the Criminal Code and Motor Vehicle Act in the safety and security of persons, neighbours and properties located in or adjacent to public parks and school grounds between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.,
- deals with persons camping or "taking up a temporary abode overnight," a recurring issue in public stairwells, the dyke trail system and vacant public properties,
- prevents damage to sports and playing fields, including the protection of Minoru track in particular,
- prevents recurring damage to trees located in parks and damage to planted areas,
- is another deterrent in preventing vandalism and "partying" in public parks and school grounds which is of great concern to neighbours who live adjacent to the park system, and
- resolves the recurring complaint from many members of the community, including comments from the RCMP that there is a need to have the ability to enforce the Public Park and School Ground Bylaw.

Ticketing Offence

It is proposed that the Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw be amended to include the following fines for the following violations in any public park or school ground in the City of Richmond:

Bylaw 7310 – Public Park and School Ground - Proposed Offence fine structure:

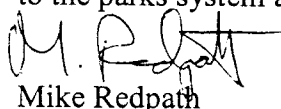
Bylaw Section Category	Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
General Prohibitions	Loiter to take up temporary abode overnight.	1.1.1 (c)	\$50.00
Plants and Vegetation Prohibitions	Remove, harvest, pick or damage any plant life or vegetation, including trees, shrubs, flowers, fruit and vegetables in or from any public park or school ground.	1.3.1	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Prohibitions	Launch any power rocket in any public park or school ground.	1.5.1	\$50.00
Prohibited Activities Except in Designated Areas	Play or practice the game of golf, including the use of golf clubs for any purpose whatsoever except in an area specifically designated for such activity.	2.1 (a)	\$50.00
	Fly a gas model airplane.	2.1 (b)	\$50.00
	Ride, herd or lead any horses or cattle.	2.1 (e)	\$50.00
Prohibited Activities Requiring Authorisation	Use a bow and arrow or practise archery.	3.1.1 (a)	\$50.00
Hours of Public Park and School Ground Closures	Enter or remain in any public park or school ground between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., where prohibited by sign, except in exempt areas or with approval.	3.2.1	\$50.00

Financial Impact

Nominal revenue may be realised through the collection of fines. With respect to enforcement costs, the ability to issue tickets will be another tool available to enforcement officers who are already attending incidents at the park sites but are unable to presently issue MTI tickets.

Conclusion

The proposed schedule of ticketing offences will assist with the enhancement and preservation of Richmond's public open spaces and parks for the future. It should be noted that enforcement when combined with effective education, park design and partnerships with the community such as neighbours and community groups continues to be the most effective tool in curbing damage to the parks system and ameliorating annoyances to adjacent residential property owners.



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**Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321,
Amendment Bylaw No. 7531**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 7321 is amended by deleting “B 14” in sections 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 and replacing it with “B 15”.
2. Schedule A of Bylaw No. 7321 is amended by adding the following as section 9 and re-numbering the remaining sections accordingly:
 9. Public Parks and School Grounds - **Bylaw Enforcement Officer**
Regulation Bylaw No. 7310 - **Police Officer**
3. Bylaw No. 7321 is amended by adding the following as Schedule B 9 and renumbering the remaining Schedules accordingly:

SCHEDULE B 9

PUBLIC PARKS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 7310

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Offence	Bylaw Section	Fine
Loitering to take up a temporary abode overnight	1.1.1(c)	\$50
Removing, harvesting, picking or damaging plant life or vegetation	1.3.1	\$100
Launching a power rocket	1.5.1	\$50
Playing or practicing the game of golf or using golf clubs for any purpose	2.1(a)	\$50
Flying a gas model airplane	2.1(b)	\$50

Riding, herding or leading horses or cattle	2.1(e)	\$50
Using a bow and arrow or practicing archery without written authorization	3.1.1(a)	\$50
Entering or remaining in a public park or school ground between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. where prohibited by sign	3.2.1	\$50

4. This Bylaw is cited as **“Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 7531”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF RICHMOND
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