

**REPORT TO REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021**

SUBJECT **Adoption of Bylaw No. 4431 (Amendment of CRD Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018) and Bylaw No. 4433 (Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 1857, Schedule 18)**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To update and address gaps in the existing Regional Parks regulation and ticketing bylaws, introduce new fines and update existing park regulations.

BACKGROUND

Bylaw No. 4225, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018", regulates the use of regional parks and trails ("Parks Regulation Bylaw"). Staff conduct regular administrative reviews of the bylaw to ensure that park regulations address emerging issues and implement Board-approved directions. The last update of the Parks Regulation Bylaw was in 2018. Staff have reviewed the bylaw and have drafted required changes described in the attached Bylaw Amendment No. 4431 (Appendix A).

Bylaw No. 1857, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990" and its Schedule 18 provide designated staff with the ability to issue fines by way of ticket to individuals who have not complied with the Parks Regulation Bylaw. Staff have reviewed the bylaw and have drafted an amendment to incorporate changes to the Parks Regulation Bylaw and certain fine amounts set out in Bylaw No. 4433 (Appendix B). The update of Bylaw No. 1857 and Schedule 18 is required in order to reflect the changes to the Parks Regulation Bylaw. Proposed changes to fines associated with the Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 4225 are consistent with fines found in Regional Park regulation bylaws found in other jurisdictions.

All significant changes to the Parks Regulation Bylaw and the Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw are captured in Appendices C and D respectively.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Regional Parks Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4431, "Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time;
2. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4431 be adopted;
3. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433, "Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 70, 2021", be introduced, and read a first, second and third time; and
4. That Bylaw Amendment No. 4433 be adopted.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff with direction.

IMPLICATIONS

Social Implications

The Parks Regulation Bylaw regulates behaviours in regional parks so that park visitors have safe and enjoyable experiences. Updates to the bylaw strengthen regulations that work toward that goal. For example, a new regulation will ensure the dangerous use of equipment, motor vehicles, cycles, or machinery in regional parks can be addressed.

Environmental & Climate Implications

The amendments to the Parks Regulation Bylaw and the Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw will help staff implement park management plan direction and action statements that were made, in part, to reduce the impacts visitors have on the natural environment in regional parks. The proposed changes will strengthen environmental protection by addressing issues such as wildlife attractants that are left unattended and park visitor behaviours that could lead to potential wildfires.

Financial Implications

The proposed Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw amendments and the revised Schedule 18 will increase the revenue generated from fines. Increased revenue will help offset the costs of ticket administration and processing. The Parks Regulation Bylaw sets out conditions for park use permits such as camping, parking, special events and commercial permits (e.g., commercial dog walking); strengthening the bylaw may result in increased revenues, as visitors will need to comply with the park regulations or potentially face having to pay fines for non-compliance.

CONCLUSION

The CRD regularly reviews and updates bylaws in order to keep them current. The amended Parks Regulation Bylaw includes regulations that address gaps in the existing bylaw, update schedules to include park management plan directions, introduce new fines and update existing park regulations. The amended Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw includes a number of new fines associated with changes in the amended Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw. These changes will come into effect on adoption of the bylaws.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4431, “Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2021”
- Appendix B: Bylaw No. 4433, “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 70, 2021”
- Appendix C: Bylaw No. 4225, “Capital Regional District Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2018”, showing revisions
- Appendix D: Bylaw No. 1857, “Capital Regional District Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1990 (Relevant Portions Only), showing revisions