

BYLAW NO. 10058

The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Amendment Bylaw, 2025

The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Amendment Bylaw, 2025*.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Bylaw, 1998* to:
 - (a) add reference to “Public Square” alongside Park and Recreation Facility, where appropriate;
 - (b) prohibit soliciting in Parks and Public Squares; and
 - (c) make minor housekeeping amendments.

Bylaw No. 7767 Amended

3. *The Recreation Facilities and Parks Usage Bylaw, 1998* is amended in the manner set forth in this Bylaw.

Section 2 Amended

4. Section 2 is repealed and the following substituted:
 - “2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate the use of Parks, Public Squares and Recreation Facilities.”.

Section 3 Amended

5. Section 3 is repealed and the following substituted:

“3. For the purposes of this Bylaw:

- (a) **“advertising”** means a public announcement to make an activity, service, event, festival or organization generally known and which may be presented by way of one of the following signs:
 - (i) **“permanent”** means stationary, made of lasting materials and erected for an extended period of time;
 - (ii) **“temporary”** means for the duration of the activity, event or festival;
 - (iii) **“freestanding”** means movable or portable, standing alone or on its own foundation or supporting frame and removed on a daily basis;
- (b) **“casual use”** means the occasional or irregular use of a Park, Public Square or Recreation Facility;
- (c) **“Civic Square”** means the square located at City Hall and the grounds of City Hall immediately adjacent to the square;
- (d) **“extended event use”** means an activity or festival of a sporting, cultural, artistic or recreational nature that requires the use of all or a portion of a Park, Public Square or Recreation Facility for a maximum of five consecutive days including set up and take down;
- (e) **“major event use”** means an activity or festival of a sporting, cultural, artistic or recreational nature that requires the use of all or a portion of a Park, Public Square or Recreation Facility for more than five consecutive days including set up and take down;
- (f) **“Park”** means municipal reserve or other lands maintained for recreational purposes, owned by the City and designated as one or more of the following:
 - (i) **“district park”** means a Park that serves the recreational requirements of four to five neighbourhoods, and may accommodate city-wide and high school activities;

- (ii) **“linear park”** means a Park that serves the recreational requirements and acts as a linkage by providing a connection between Parks and other destinations through non-motorized means of travel;
- (iii) **“multi-district park”** means a Park that serves the recreational requirements of the suburban development area, city-wide programs, and meets the requirements of national or international competition;
- (iv) **“neighbourhood core park”** means a Park that serves the recreational requirements of elementary schools, neighbourhood residents, as well as some intra-neighbourhood league play;
- (v) **“Neighbourhood Park”** means a Park that serves the outdoor recreational requirements of the residents of a specific neighbourhood in which the Park is located, and may also serve as a playground for elementary schools of the neighbourhood;
- (vi) **“neighbourhood pocket park”** means a Park that serves the recreational requirements of all neighbourhood residents, particularly those near the periphery of the neighbourhood;
- (vii) **“Riverbank Park”** means a Park that abuts the South Saskatchewan River or is separated from the South Saskatchewan River only by a street and includes, but is not limited to Meewasin Park, the Mendel site, Kinsmen Park, Kiwanis Memorial Park, Friendship Park, Victoria Park, Diefenbaker Park, Rotary Park and Cosmopolitan Park;
- (viii) **“special use park”** means a Park that serves the unique needs of that particular open space;
- (g) **“peace officer”** means a peace officer as defined in *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*;
- (h) **“Public Square”** means land owned, operated or controlled by the City or another civic agency that is intended for public gatherings, displays or events, including:
 - (i) Civic Square; and

- (iii) the lands that comprise River Landing including Market Square and, in particular, the lands bordered by 3rd Avenue South, 19th Street West, Avenue C South and the South Saskatchewan River;
- (i) **“Recreation Facility”** means any building owned by the City that is used for recreational purposes;
- (j) **“Seasonal Commercial Enterprise”** means any person who has obtained a permit to sell goods or services in a Park or Public Square on a temporary basis with specific start and end dates;
- (k) **“soliciting”** means any soliciting other than panhandling that is permitted pursuant to *The Panhandling Bylaw, 1999*;
- (l) **“temporary structure”** means a structure that has no permanent foundation, including tents, portable washrooms and portable stages;
- (m) **“wildlife”** means wildlife as defined in *The Wildlife Act, 1998*.

Section 5.1 Amended

- 6. Section 5.1 is amended by striking out “park” and substituting “Park or Public Square”.

New Section 7.1

- 7. The following section is added after section 7:

“Hours of Operation

- 7.1 (1) No person shall enter into or remain in a Park between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- (2) This section applies to all Parks, except a Riverbank Park.
- (3) This section does not apply to:
 - (a) persons who, upon written application, have obtained permission from the City to use a Park after 12:00 a.m. or before 5:00 a.m.; and

- (b) City employees or peace officers who enter a Park in the course of their duties.
- (4) In exercising its authority pursuant to clause (3)(a), the City may grant its permission with or without conditions.
- (5) In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed pursuant to this Bylaw, any person in contravention of this section must leave a Park upon the request of a peace officer.”.

Section 10 Amended

- 8. Section 10 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 11 Amended

- 9. (1) Subsection 11(1) is amended by:
 - (a) adding “, Public Square” after “Park”; and
 - (b) striking out “shall” and substituting “may”.
- (2) Subsection 11(2) is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 11.1 Repealed

- 10. Section 11.1 is repealed.

Heading “Temporary Structures in Parks” Amended

- 11. The heading “Temporary Structures in Parks” preceding section 12 is amended by adding “and Public Squares” after “Parks”.

Section 12 Amended

- 12. (1) Subsection 12(1) is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.
- (2) Subsection 12(2) is amended by:

- (a) striking out “Temporary Structure” and substituting “temporary structure”; and
- (b) striking out “Subsection” and substituting “subsection”.

Heading “Advertising in Parks or Recreation Facilities” Amended

- 13. The heading “Advertising in Parks or Recreation Facilities” preceding section 13 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Parks”.

Section 13 Amended

- 14. (1) Subsections 13(1), (2) and (5) are amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.
- (2) Subsection 13(6) is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

New Section 13.1

- 15. The following section is added after section 13:

“Removal of Unauthorized Advertising Signs

- 13.1 (1) Advertising signs which contravene any provision of this Bylaw may be removed immediately without notice by the City whether or not any person has been charged or convicted of an offence under this Bylaw.
- (2) Advertising signs which impede or interfere with the repair or maintenance work of City employees on any property owned or controlled by the City may be removed without notice.
- (3) The City will retain any temporary advertising signs removed under subsections (1) and (2) for three business days, during which time they may be reclaimed.
- (4) The City will retain any freestanding advertising signs removed under subsections (1) or (2) for 30 business days, during which time they may be reclaimed.
- (5) The release of a freestanding advertising sign under subsection (4) will be subject to:

- (a) the owner providing proof of ownership of the freestanding advertising sign satisfactory to the City; and
 - (b) the payment of costs incurred by the City to immobilize, remove and store the freestanding advertising sign pending retrieval.
- (5) The City may, without notice, dispose of any advertising sign which is not reclaimed under subsections (3) or (4).
- (6) The City is not responsible for the loss or damage to any advertising sign removed or stored by the City.”.

Section 14 Amended

16. (1) Section 14 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park” wherever it appears.
- (2) Subsection 14(2) is amended by striking out “Subsection” and substituting “subsection”.

Section 15 Amended

17. Section 15 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 16 Amended

18. Section 16 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park” wherever it appears.

New Section 16.1

19. The following section is added after section 16:

“Soliciting Prohibited

- 16.1 No person shall solicit in a Park or Public Square without the permission of the City.”.

Section 17 Amended

20. Section 17 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 18 Amended

21. Section 18 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 19 Amended

22. (1) Subsection 19(1) is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

(2) Subsection 19(2) is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 20 Amended

23. Section 20 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 22 Amended

24. Section 22 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 23 Amended

25. Section 23 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 24 Amended

26. Section 24 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 25 Amended

27. Section 25 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Heading “Business Prohibited in Parks” Amended

28. The heading “Business Prohibited in Parks” preceding section 26 is amended by adding “and Public Squares” after “Parks”.

Section 26 Amended

29. Section 26 is amended by adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 27 Amended

30. Subsection 27(1) is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Heading “Snowmobiles Not Permitted Within City Parks” Amended

31. The heading “Snowmobiles Not Permitted Within City Parks” preceding section 28 is amended by adding “and Public Squares” after “Parks”.

Section 28 Amended

32. Section 28 is amended by adding “or Public Square” after “Park”.

Section 29 Amended

33. Section 29 is repealed and the following substituted:

“29. No person shall tether or launch a hot air balloon in a Park or Public Square unless written permission to do so has been received from the City.”.

Section 30 Amended

34. Subsection 30(2) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(2) The City may approve a proposed use of a Public Square if the use:

- (a) meets the criteria set out in subsection 5(3);
- (b) meets the requirements of applicable City policies; and

- (c) does not conflict with other uses of the Public Square or any neighbouring Park.”.

Section 31 Repealed

- 35. Section 31 is repealed.

Section 32 Repealed

- 36. Section 32 is repealed.

Section 33 Repealed

- 37. Section 33 is repealed.

Section 34 Repealed

- 38. Section 34 is repealed.

Section 35 Repealed

- 39. Section 35 is repealed.

Section 36 Repealed

- 40. Section 36 is repealed.

Section 37 Amended

- 41. Section 37 is repealed and the following substituted:

- “37. (1) The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is delegated to the City Manager.
- (2) The City Manager is authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to the General Manager of Community Services, the General Manager of Utilities and Environment and the Fire Chief.

- (3) The General Manager of Community Services, the General Manager of Utilities and Environment and the Fire Chief may further delegate administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to other City employees, agents or officers.”.

Section 38 Amended

- 42. (1) Subsection 38(1) is amended by striking out “Section” and substituting “section”.
- (2) Subsection 38(2) is amended by:
 - (a) striking out “Subsection” and substituting “subsection”; and
 - (b) adding “, Public Square” after “Park”.

Coming Into Force

43. This Bylaw comes into force on the day of its final passing.

Read a first time this	day of	, 2025.
Read a second time this	day of	, 2025.
Read a third time and passed this	day of	, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk