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Private Campground Guidelines



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Introduction

These Guidelines have been established in order to assist campground operators in the general development and operation of campgrounds within the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Electoral Areas only. These Guidelines do not apply to campgrounds within municipalities.

This document includes information on best practices regarding health and safety, fire protection, and campground development and operations. These guidelines are not intended to be used for mobile home parks, hotels, motels, marinas, or work camps.

It is the responsibility of campground owners and operators to comply with any relevant Regional, Provincial or Federal legislation. Contact information for these agencies has also been provided.

Camping Unit:

A tent, tent trailer, truck camper, travel trailer, fifth wheel, park model trailer, tiny home on wheels, motor home and any other unit designed to travel by road, and intended to be used as a temporary, mobile accommodation.

Safety Guidelines

The health and safety of the general public, owners, operators, staff, and any other persons entering the property should be the first priority when establishing, operating, and maintaining any campground. The following guidelines set out some best practices pertaining to health and safety issues within campgrounds.

General

- Camping units should be properly blocked and tied down (if applicable) to help prevent issues caused by inclement weather, loose debris, and other unforeseen accidents.
- Access roads need to accommodate emergency vehicles. No vehicles or camping units should be allowed to block or impede roads and accesses within the campground.

Fire Protection

- All campgrounds should be in compliance with the most current BC Fire Code.
- All campgrounds, individual campsites, and camping units should comply with the most current CSA code B-149.2 concerning propane storage and handling.
- Portable fire extinguishers should be kept in all campground facilities and these devices should comply with all relevant codes and standards.



- Additions should not be constructed on camping units as they may not be built to proper codes and may increase the risk of fire. Should campground operators choose to allow such structures, some minor structures may not present as significant of risk, including:
 - skirting around the undercarriage of a camping unit;
 - a deck less than two feet high; or,
 - an Arizona room.

Solid Waste & Water

- Any necessary water supply and sewage disposal systems will require authorization from the Northern Health Authority.
- Camping units should not discharge solid, grey or black sewage into the environment except in an authorized sewage disposal facility.
- Garbage and recycling bins should be accessible, clearly marked, adequate to contain all onsite waste, and should be wildlife/bear proof.



Development Information & Guidelines

- Structures placed on blocks or any other permanent foundation may be considered permanent and may be subject to zoning and permitting through the Regional District. Contact the Development Services Department for further information.

Storage

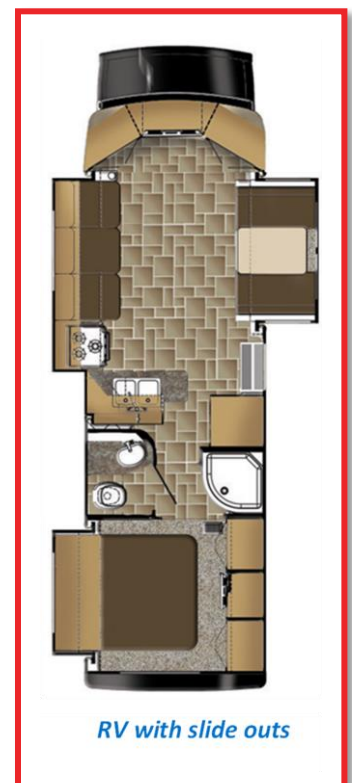
- Campground operators should check with the applicable Zoning Bylaw in their area to determine if RV storage is a permitted use, and whether any location restrictions apply. Contact the Development Services Department for further information.

Campsites

- Individual camp sites should be marked and numbered. Sites should be large enough to accommodate RV's with slide outs or awnings.
- Greenspaces should be placed between campsites, and are recommended to be 4m wide in order to accommodate amenities such as trees, shrubs, fencing, screening, picnic tables, and benches.

Buffers

- Buffers should be maintained between a campground and a road or highway, or along residential areas. Buffers are recommended to be at least 5m wide with fencing and/or trees in order to provide visual screening and to help reduce noise.



Relevant Groups and Agencies

Peace River Regional District

Dawson Creek Head Office

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Fort St John Branch Office

9505 100 Street
Fort St. John, BC V1J 4N4

Telephone: 250 785-8084
Toll-free: 800 670-7773
Fax: 250 785-1125
E-mail: prrd.fsj@prrd.bc.ca



External Agencies

BC Fire Code

Website: www.bccodes.ca

CSA Standards

Website: www.shop.csa.ca
Email: sales@csagroup.org
Tel: 416 747-4044
Toll-free: 800 463-6727

Northern Health Authority

Dawson Creek

Environmental Health Officer
1001 110th Ave
Dawson Creek, BC, V1G 4X3
Tel: 250 719-6500

Fort St. John

Public Health Protection
10115 110th Avenue
Fort St John, BC V1J 6M9
Tel: 250 263-6000



BC Parks

Website: www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

BC Lodging & Campground Association

Suite 209 - 3003 St. John's Street
Port Moody, BC V3H 2C4
Tel: 778-383-1037
Website: www.travel-british-columbia.com



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