

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Bylaw No. XXXX Draft, 2015

A bylaw to establish standards for campgrounds for the health and safety of the general and travelling public
Whereas section 694(1) (j) of the *Local Government Act* enables regulation of the construction and layout of campgrounds and facilities therein;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Peace River Regional District Campground Bylaw No. XXXX Draft, 2015.”

2. Application

The provisions of this bylaw apply to privately owned campgrounds within that portion of the Peace River Regional District contained within Electoral Areas B, C, D and E and more precisely as described in the Letters Patent as amended incorporating the Peace River Regional District and do not include, municipal, regional or provincial campgrounds.

3. Administration

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, General Manager of Development Services, Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner or his appointed representative or such other person appointed by the Regional District shall administer this bylaw.

Persons appointed under this section may enter any building or premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering or enforcing this bylaw.

4. Definitions

In this bylaw:

Arizona Room: Means a covered patio or covered porch set aside but not attached to the camping unit consisting of a single room enclosed with insect screening. The Arizona Room shall only be used for recreation and outdoor leisure and not for storage purposes.

Camping Unit(s): Means a tent, tent trailer, truck camper, travel trailer, fifth wheel, *park model trailer*, *tiny home*, motor home and any other conveyance designed to travel on a publicly maintained road, which is constructed and intended or equipped to be used as a temporary living or sleeping quarters.

Campground: Means an area maintained with intention to occupy for temporary accommodation of *camping units*, excluding a mobile home park, hotel, motel, marina or *work camp*.

Campground Facilities: Means a use providing for activities associated with the daily function and enjoyment of a Campground, including but not limited to a convenience store (no larger than 2000 ft²), management office, shower and bathroom facilities, maintenance sheds, playground, cookhouse, picnic pavilion, sanitation dump, clothes washing facilities, garbage collection, firewood storage and info kiosks.

Campsite: Means a measure of land that one camping unit will occupy.

Fencing: Means a fence that contains wood, masonry or chain link with privacy slats and encloses the *campground* intended to screen view from the outside of the *campground* area.

Greenspace: A buffer area consisting of planted grass landscaping. Deciduous or coniferous trees or shrubs can be placed within the buffer area. Fencing or screening is permitted. Picnic tables/benches are permitted.

Definitions (continued)

Park Model Trailer: Means a *camping unit* that conforms to the CSA (Canadian Standards Association) Z241 series of standards for park model trailers at the time of manufacturing. A *Park Model Trailer* will meet the following criteria:

- a. it is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels;
- b. it is designed to facilitate relocation from time to time;
- c. it is designed as living quarters for seasonal camping and may be connected to those utilities necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances; and
- d. it has a gross floor area, including lofts, not exceeding 50m² when in the set-up mode, and has a width greater than 2.6 m in the transit mode

(Definition taken from CSA Z241.0)

Sanitation Dump: Means a facility for the purpose of providing grey and black water disposal from a camping unit.

Tiny Home: Means a *camping unit* that is towed by a bumper hitch, framed towing hitch or fifth wheel connection and cannot be moved under its own power. It is designed and built to look like a conventional dwelling.

Work Camp (Industrial Camp): means land or premises on which an employer, in connection with a logging, sawmill, mining, oil or gas operation, a railway construction project, a cannery, or a similar thing, owns, operates or maintains, or has established, permanent or temporary structures for use, with or without charge, by employees as living quarters.

(Definition taken from the BC Public Health Act)

5. Owners Responsibility:

- a. It is the responsibility of the owner to comply with all regulations set out within this Bylaw and all relevant Regional, Provincial or Federal legislation.
- b. If this Bylaw or any other Regional regulation is breached, it is the owner's responsibility to take immediate remedial action.

6. General Prohibitions:

- a. No additions shall be constructed for *camping units*, except for skirting surrounding the undercarriage of the *camping unit*, a deck less than two feet high, or an *Arizona room*.
 - i. No more than one *Arizona Room* per campsite.
- b. No campsite shall be used for the parking of non-recreational vehicles or equipment.
- c. No campsite shall be used for storage.
- d. No garbage or refuse will be deposited in areas other than specified garbage and recycling bins.
- e. No camping unit may discharge solid, grey or black sewage into the environment except in an authorized sewerage disposal facility.
- f. No vehicle or *camping unit* shall block or impede roads and accesses within the *campground*.
- g. A home based business shall not be operated from a *camping unit* or *campground*.
- h. A *tiny home* shall not be placed on blocks or any other permanent foundation within the *campground*.

7. General Regulations:

- a. Water supply and sewerage disposal systems must be authorized by the agency having jurisdiction.
- b. A *camping unit* shall be parked only within a designated *campsite*.
- c. A *camping unit* that is placed within a *campsite* will be properly blocked and tied down.

7.1 Solid Waste

- a. Garbage and recycling bins will be provided and must be adequate to contain all garbage and recycling waste.
- b. One garbage bin and recycling bin must be provided per every 8 campsites.
- c. Each garbage bin and recycling bin must be easily accessible and clearly marked.
- d. Garbage and recycling bins must be secure and enclosed to limit spill or wildlife access i.e. bear proof bins.
- e. All Garbage and Recycling bins shall be maintained and in good repair.
- f. All Garbage and Recycling bins must be emptied regularly to minimize overflow and mitigate possible wildlife intrusions.

7.2 Roads:

- a. All access roads shall be either graveled or hard surfaced. Graveled road shall be properly graded to limit potholes and obstructions. Hard surfaced roads must be maintained to limit potholes and obstructions.
- b. All access and roadways will be easily accessible for *camping units* and emergency vehicles.
- c. All roadways and *campsites* must be properly drained and ensure proper road dust suppression.

7.3 Campsite:

- a. Each campsite must be clearly marked and numbered.
- b. The minimum area of each *campsite* shall be 90 m² (969 ft²).
- c. Each *campsite* must contain a *greenspace* with a minimum width of 6 m (20 ft.) between adjacent *camping units*.
- a. Each *campsite* must contain a *greenspace* with a minimum width of 6 m (20 ft.) from any *campground facility*.
- b. A *camping unit* is not permitted within the *greenspace*.
- c. The *greenspace* shall be kept clear off all garbage and dead brush.

7.4 Fire Protection:

- a. All *campgrounds*, *campsites* within the *campground* and *camping units* must comply with the most current **CSA code B-149.2** concerning Propane storage and handling.
- b. Portable fire extinguishers of a type that is approved by an appointed personnel from the Peace River Regional District shall be kept in all *campground facilities* and all other areas specified by the appointed person from the Peace River Regional District.
 - i. All Campgrounds must be in compliance with the most current BC Fire Code.

8. Landscaping/ Buffer Area:

- a. A screening buffer is required between any *campground* that is parallel to a road or highway or along residential zoned properties.
 - i. This screening buffer may consist of fencing, deciduous trees or coniferous trees. If a chain link fence is used, privacy slats must be placed within the chain link.
 - ii. The buffer area does not include the parking area for the *camping unit*.
- b. If deciduous or coniferous trees are planted as referred in section 8(a.i), they must be 6 cm (2.4 inches) in diameter at breast height at time of planting, spaced at maximum 5 metre intervals.
- c. Such buffers may be broken only for entrance ways to the *campground*.
- d. Such landscaped buffers must be at least 3 m (10 ft.) in width.

9. Violations

Every person who does anything that this Bylaw prohibits, fails or omits to do anything this Bylaw requires to be done, or who breaches any provisions of this Bylaw, commits an offence. Each day an offence continues shall be a separate offence.

10. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this bylaw.

11. Penalty

Every person who commits an offence contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw is liable on summary conviction to the maximum penalty pursuant to the Offence Act in addition to the costs of the prosecution.

READ a FIRST TIME this ____ day of _____, 2015.

READ a SECOND TIME this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Public Hearing held on _____, 2015 and notification mailed on the ____ day of _____, 2015.

READ a THIRD TIME this ____ day of _____, 2015.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Lori Ackerman, Chair

Jo-Anne Frank, Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of "PRRD Campground Bylaw No. Draft, 2015", as adopted by the Peace River Regional District Board on _____, 2015.

Corporate Officer