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Strathcona County
Municipal Policy Handbook

Camping On Parking Lots and Parkland

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267/2003**Lead Role:** Chief Commissioner**Replaces:** n/a**Last Review Date:** May 1, 2013**Next Review Date:** 05/2016**Administrative Responsibility:** Recreation, Parks & Culture

Policy Statement

Strathcona County has, through Recreational and Facility Holders License Agreements, delegated the authority to the License Holder to issue Camping Permits to permit camping on Parkland included in the Licensed Area.

The General Parks By-law, 21-2013, and the Traffic Bylaw 13-2011 prohibit camping on Parkland and Camping on County Parking Lots without permission from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture. This Policy provides guidelines to the Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture for determining if permission to Camp on County Parking Lots and Parkland is appropriate and will be granted.

Definitions

1. "Applicant" means a group or an individual applying for permission to camp on County-owned Parking Lots or Parkland;
2. "Camping" means temporary camping in a County-owned Parking Lot or on Parkland.
3. "Camping Permit" means a Strathcona County Camping Permit Application Form which has been approved by the Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture or his designate or by an authorized Recreation and Social Facility License Holder.
4. "Camping Unit(s)" includes motor-homes, truck-mounted campers, vans and tent trailers, but does not include ground tents.
5. "County-owned Parking Lots" means those areas of concrete, asphalt, gravel or grass immediately adjacent to a Facility and normally used for the parking of motor vehicles.
6. "County" means Strathcona County.
7. "Facility" means buildings, parks and sport fields owned by Strathcona County and operated by Strathcona County or Recreational and Social Facility License Holders.
8. "Director" means the Director of Strathcona County's Recreation, Parks and Culture Department or his/her delegate.
9. "Parkland" means Parkland as defined in the Strathcona County General Parks Bylaw 21-2013 as amended or repealed from time to time.

10. "Self Contained Camping Unit" means a Camping Unit with an internal water and sewage system.
11. "Special Event or Bookings)" includes, but is not limited to tournaments, events planned by community residents, weddings, family reunions, or any cultural or sport event where spectators or participants require overnight camping.
12. "Sherwood Park Urban Service Area" means that area within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Sherwood Park as declared in the Provincial Order in Council 761/95, or as expanded by subsequent Order or By-law or resolution of the Strathcona County Council from time to time.

Guidelines

1. An Applicant may apply to the Director for permission to camp on County-owned Parking Lots and Parkland.
2. Camping Permits may be granted at the discretion of the Director where the Director is satisfied that the Applicant has:
 - 2.1 put in place appropriate safety measures to ensure the safety of the campers,
 - 2.2 taken the necessary steps to protect County property from damage,
 - 2.3 provided appropriate water and waste disposal measures, and
 - 2.4 complied with or will comply with all existing Strathcona County Bylaws, rules, regulations and conditions that accompany the Camping Permit.
3. Camping Permits will be considered only in respect of a Special Event or Booking held in conjunction with the rental of a Facility.
4. Camping Permits within the Sherwood Park Urban Service Area will only be granted for a Special Event or Booking that has broad community significance.
5. Camping Permits within the Sherwood Park Urban Service Area will only be granted for Self-Contained Camping Units.
6. Ground tents will only be permitted on grassed Parkland in Centennial Park and on Parkland located outside of the Sherwood Park Urban Service Area.
7. Camping must commence no earlier than the evening before the scheduled first day of the Special Event or booking and must end no later than the day after the Special Event of booking, to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours.
8. The Director may in special circumstances and at his sole discretion grant requests for:
 - 8.1 ground tent camping on Parkland in the Sherwood Park Urban Service Area, and
 - 8.2 Camping longer than ninety-six (96) hours.