

STAFF REPORT:	RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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REPORT TO:	Council
MEETING DATE:	May 12, 2008
REPORT NO.:	DOR.08.17
SUBJECT:	Parks Use By-Law
PREPARED BY:	Shawn Everitt Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.08.17, “Parks Use By-Law” and refer to the Recreation Committee Recommendation to approve the Parks Use By-Law as presented.

A. Background

The Parks Use By-Law has been developed by staff in consultation with the Building and By-Law Department, Ontario Provincial Police, Blue Mountain Detachment Sergeant Charlie Watts as well as our Town Solicitor. Staff created the document utilizing appropriate pieces from 8 existing Town Parks Use By-Laws. The Draft By-Law has been reviewed and revised by the Recreation Committee and approved by the Recreation Committee at the April 24th, 2008 Recreation Committee meeting.

The need to develop a Parks Use By-Law has been identified by staff with the increasing number of Town Parks and Trails and the high volume of use in these areas. In the past 2 to 3 years the Recreation Department has identified an increase in the level of undesired activities such as vandalism and late evening activities.

The use of Town property that access the Waterfront Vistas will also benefit from having this Parks Use By-Law in place and will allow a level of control that ensures appropriate use and behaviour on Town properties and will allow these properties to be used with minimal intrusion to privacy for neighboring land and area owners.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

Managing Growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the Community

Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental feature, and cultural heritage of the community

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Budget Impact

None at this time

E. Attachment

- 1) Proposed Parks Use By-Law
- 2) Recreation Committee Recommendation

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Signature

Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

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