

District of Taylor
Peace Island Park Bylaw No. 903, 2026
A Bylaw to Provide for the Maintenance, Improvements, Operations, Control and use of
Peace Island Park

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Taylor has control of lands in South Taylor through a free Crown Grant and a long-term lease with BC Hydro;

AND WHEREAS, Schedule “A” is a general reference map of lands commonly known and referred to herein as “Peace Island Park”, located South of the Peace River and West of Highway 97;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Taylor may by bylaw make rules and regulations governing the management, maintenance, improvements, operation, control and use of Peace Island Park;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Taylor in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the “Peace Island Park Bylaw No. 903, 2026

2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

2.1 This bylaw repeals District of Taylor Peace Island Park Bylaw No. 893, 2025 and any amendments thereto.

3. INTERPRETATION

3.1 Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and any regulations hereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time, and any bylaw referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of the Council of the District of Taylor, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

3.2 The headings given to the sections and paragraphs in this bylaw are for convenience of reference only. They do not form part of this bylaw and will not be used in the interpretation of this bylaw.

3.3 Wherever the singular or masculine is used in this Bylaw, the same will be construed as meaning the plural, feminine or body corporate or politic where the context or the parties so require.

4. DEFINITIONS

“Animal” means mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, marine animal or bird;

“Beach” means any area, including any swimming area, abutting the shore of the Peace River;

“Bird Sites” means the group of non-powered sites accessible through gates 2,3, and 4 as identified in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw;

“Body of Water” means the Peace River and any other stream or natural body of water and any reservoir, receptacle for water or other artificial body of water within or immediately adjacent to the Park;

“Booking Holder” is the person registered in the Peace Island Park booking software as the camper responsible for the correlated campsite;

“Bylaw Enforcement Officer” means the employment position established by Council and those persons appointed by Council from time to time to those positions;

“Camping Permit” means an agreement, which can include a receipt of payment for booking issued by the booking site to occupy space under Section 6 of this bylaw;

“Camping Unit” means tent, truck camper, trailer, motor home, or any vehicle constructed, intended or equipped to be used as a temporary living or sleeping quarters by visitors to the park;

“Campsite” means an area prepared and designated by the Park Caretaker for the placing of a camping unit;

“Council” means the Council of the District of Taylor;

“Contaminants” means any waste, injurious or offensive matter or substance, including without limitation any substance that is capable of:

- a. Injuring any property, life form or the health or safety of a person;
- b. Causing material physical discomfort to a person; or
- c. Damaging the environment;

“District” means the Corporation of the District of Taylor;

“Individual Sites” means the group of powered sites accessible through gate 1 as identified in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw;

“Island Sites” means the camping area identified as The Island in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw;

“Natural Park Feature” means any tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, plant or vegetation of any kind as well as any soil, sand, silt, gravel, rock, mineral, wood, fallen timber or other park material within the park;

“Organized Sport” means any game or sport which is played by two or more persons who play together regularly as a team in a league or association;

“Overflow Sites” means the group of non-powered sites accessible through gate 1 as identified in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw;

“Park” means Peace Island Park;

“Park Caretaker” means the employment position established by Council with the responsibility of operating the Park in accordance with governing legislation, bylaws and agreements;

“Park Property” means any real or personal property within the park, including without limitation any building, structure, wall, fence, sign, seat, bench, vase, fountain or ornament of any kind within the park;

“Parks and Facilities Manager” means the employment position established by Council and those persons appointed by Council from time to time to those positions;

“Quad Sites” means the group of sites down the Bim Bam road as identified in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw;

“Refuse” means all refuse, garbage or other waste of any kind including without limitation any food remains, containers, packages, bottles, cans or parts of them;

“Roadway” means any road, street, lane or right of way within the Park designed or intended for use by the general public for the passage of vehicles including any passageway, campsite or parking area to which the public, for the purpose of the parking of vehicles, has access or is invited;

“Private Special Event” means any gathering, celebration, or activity conducted within the Park which is for invited attendees only, and is not intended to attract participants of spectators.

“Public Special Event” means any event or activity conducted within the Park which attracts or is intended to attract participants or spectators;

“Special Use Permit” means a permit to host a Public or Private Special Event or to operate a concession, issued by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager or designate under Section 9 of this bylaw; Special Use Permits are physical documents.

“Vehicle” means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a roadway and which device is designed to be self-propelled and not moved by human power but does not include a motorized wheelchair.

5. AUTHORITY OVER MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 The Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager or designate may provide for the maintenance, operations and use of the Park in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Bylaw.
- 5.2 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Parks and Facilities Manager and the Park Caretaker or Peace Officer may enforce this Bylaw. Where the Park Caretaker on reasonable grounds is of the opinion that a person within the Park is contravening any provisions of this Bylaw, a

Special Use Permit or Camping Permit or any enactment, he/she may enforce this Bylaw by requiring that the person:

- a. Give to the Park Caretaker his correct name and address and produce to the Park Caretaker such identification as may be required to verify his name and address;
- b. Cease and desist from contravening the Bylaw, the Special Use Permit or Camping Permit or enactment; and
- c. Forthwith vacate the Park; and

By reporting any such activities to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Parks and Facilities Manager or RCMP if necessary, but District of Taylor staff shall not attempt to apprehend or restrain any person carrying on such activities.

5.3 Everyone who fails to comply with a requirement of the Park Caretaker under Section 5.3 commits an offense under this Bylaw.

6. **CAMPING**

6.1 No person shall camp, erect or place a camping unit in the Park unless the camping unit is situated at a campsite and a valid and subsisting Camping Permit has been obtained under this Bylaw for that camping unit;

- a. In order to obtain a Camping Permit, there must be at least (1) one person of Provincial legal age supervising the camp site for the entire length the permit is issued.

6.2 Every person owning or having the care, custody or control of a camping unit shall pay to the District of Taylor a camping fee per night in accordance with the current *District of Taylor Fees and Charges Bylaw* for the camping unit.

6.3 District of Taylor staff shall collect camping fees prior to the booking holder or members of their party parking any camping unit.

6.4 The Park Caretaker shall determine the number of camping units per camping site, keeping access and safety at the fore front.

6.5 A Camping Permit entitles any person registered as a member of the party in respect of whom the permit was issued to occupy the designated campsite in accordance with the times listed in the Peace Island Park Policy

6.6 Booking holders and members of their party will not be permitted to leave any camping unit, vehicle, rental tent, port-a-potty, or any other equipment used during the duration of the Camping Permit within the campsite after the expiration of the Camping Permit. Any items left after the expiration of the Camping Permit will be removed at the discretion of the Park Caretaker at the expense of the booking holder.

6.7 A Camping Permit shall indicate:

- a. The name of the persons to whom the camping permit is issued;
- b. The number of persons in the party;
- c. The camp site assigned;
- d. The length of the camping unit;
- e. The total fee paid;
- f. The number of nights the party authorized by the Camping Permit shall be permitted to camp in the Park; and

6.8 All persons occupying a campsite shall keep all equipment and camping units within the boundaries of the campsite set by the Park Caretaker.

No persons shall camp in the same camp site, in the Park for more than (14) fourteen consecutive days unless the Park Caretaker obtains written approval for an extension from the Parks and Facilities Manager or designate.

- a. Designated full-service sites, up to (5), will be utilized for stays in excess of (14) days for work-related purposes requires proof of working within the region on a significant project and approval from the Director of Community Services or designate.

7. **PRESERVATION OF THE PARK**

7.1 Except as otherwise authorized by this Bylaw, no person shall conduct or engage in any of the following activities in the Park:

- a. Cut, trim, dig up, excavate, deface, remove, damage or injure any natural park features;
- b. Remove, destroy, deface or damage any park property, including any:
 - a. Notices, rules or regulations posted or affixed to anything by order or permission of Council; and
 - b. Works, pipes or other fixtures;
- c. Foul or pollute or otherwise introduce any contaminates or refuse into any body of water;
- d. Deposit any contaminants or refuse anywhere in the Park except in receptacles provided for such purposes;
- e. Climb, walk, lie or sit on any park property not intended for such use;
- f. Cross, travel on, use or walk on any grass or any other area where signs have been posted forbidding such use;
- g. Let off, turn on or discharge any water so that the water runs to waste from or out of any tap, pipe, hose, hydrant or other fixture or from any body of water;
- h. Throw, discard or place upon the ground any lighted match, cigar, cigarette or other burning substance. Camp fires must not be left unattended at any time;

- i. Make, set, light, or keep lit a fire, including without limitation in or upon any beach except that such fires are permitted in areas specifically designated for such purpose by Council;
- j. Drive or operate any vehicle anywhere, including without limitation along grass area, flower bed, path or promenade, other than on roadways designated for such purpose;
- k. Impede, obstruct or interfere with the passage of any person or vehicle lawfully using a roadway;
- l. Discharge any firearm of any kind, except a Peace Officer or any officer as defined under the *Wildlife Act*, acting in the course of his duties;
Discharge, explode or set off any fireworks or other explosive device.

8. EXCEPTION FOR MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

8.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Bylaw, the Park Caretaker and any other authorized servants, employees, agents or contractors of the District may undertake any activities prohibited in Sections 7.1 and 9.1 of this bylaw for the purpose of maintaining, upgrading or improving the Park.

9. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

9.1 Except as otherwise authorized by this Bylaw, no person shall conduct or engage in any of the following activities anywhere in the Park:

- a. Sell, expose or display for sale or exchange or barter any goods or materials, including food and refreshments;
- b. Conduct any business, or offer any service for a fee;
- c. Post, paint, affix, distribute, deliver or publish any notice, advertisement, sign, placard or hand-bill of any kind whatsoever;
- d. Operate or station any commercial vehicle or any other vehicle displaying advertising or equipped with a public address system for the purpose of advertising, promoting, demonstrating or attracting attention;
- e. Organize, conduct or participate in any public special event or organized sport;
- f. Organize, conduct or carry on any public address or demonstration;
- g. Erect, construct or build or cause to be erected, constructed or built any structure, (other than a camping unit) building, shelter or pavilion; or
Campers cannot sell, rent or give away any camp site registered to them. If the registered user is unable to use their assigned site, notification must be given to the District staff and the site will be reassigned by District staff..

9.2 Any person may conduct, hold or participate in any of the activities set out in Section 9.1 where such person is:

- a. The holder of a valid and subsisting Special Use Permit, issued by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager under this Bylaw; or
- b. A participant in an activity for which a valid and subsisting Special Use Permit has been issued by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager to another person.

9.3 Any person, organization or group of persons who wishes to conduct, hold or organize an activity set out in Section 9.1 shall:

- a. Apply to the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager, through the correct District of Taylor department, for a Special Use Permit at least (14) fourteen days prior to the activity and may, where applicable, reserve a portion of the Park for that activity;
- b. Pay the appropriate fee, where applicable, in accordance with the prescribed fees set out in current *District of Taylor Fees and Charges Bylaw*; and
Pay the damage deposit when required by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager.

9.4 The Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager may require a damage deposit not exceeding the value of \$2,000.00 as a condition of the issuance of any Special Use Permit. Where the Park Caretaker determines that there has been damage to the Park property or that the area reserved for the activity has not been cleaned and restored, the damage deposit may be forfeited by the applicant and may be used by the District to effect the necessary repairs or clean up.

9.5 The Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager or designate shall issue a Special Use Permit for the purpose of authorizing the conduct of activities listed in Section 9.1 where the applicant satisfies all of the requirements of this Bylaw UNLESS:

- a. The Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager considers the activity to be dangerous, disturbing to other public users of the park, or undesirable for health or safety reasons;
- b. The activity conflicts with a permit already granted to another person, group or organization; or
- c. The applicant has contravened any provisions of this Bylaw or any previous permit issued to him under this Bylaw,

The Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager may refuse issuance of the permit.

9.6 A Special Use Permit shall indicate:

- a. The name of the persons to whom the park permit is issued;
- b. The name(s) of the person(s) under whose supervision the activity is being conducted;
- c. The nature of the activity;
- d. The name of the organization, club or association (if any) on whose behalf the activity is being conducted;

- e. The location, date and time of the activity;
- f. The area of the Park designated and reserved for the activity;
- g. The fee charged, where applicable
- h. The damage deposit required, where applicable;
- i. The terms and conditions under which the activity is to be conducted; and
- j. Provide all documentation associated with the event including but not limited to insurance, where applicable.

9.7 Every person receiving a Special Use Permit under this Bylaw shall at all times be subject to the terms and conditions thereby imposed.

9.8 The Park Caretaker and Parks and Facilities Manager or designate may amend, suspend or revoke any issued Special Use Permit for any violation of or non-compliance with the terms and conditions thereof or for any violation or non-compliance with this Bylaw.

9.9 If any person wishes to appeal any decision of the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager regarding the granting, refusal, amendment, suspension or revocation of a Special Use Permit, a written appeal may be made to Council. The Council may confirm the decision of the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager or may vary that decision, PROVIDED THAT the applicant is entitled to a permit to the extent that the application satisfies every requirement of this Bylaw.

9.10 The holder of a Special Use Permit issued by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager is solely responsible for the conduct of any activity authorized thereunder for the conduct of any activity of its officers, servants, agents, employees and others and accepts or assumes any responsibility for any claims, proceeding, actions, costs, expenses, damage to persons or to property arising out of or in connection with the holding of the activity for which the Special Use Permit was issued.

9.11 The holder of the Special Use Permit must, if applicable, provide proof of liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$5,000,000 naming the District of Taylor and BC Hydro as additionally insured. If a Special Use Permit has been issued by the Park Caretaker or Parks and Facilities Manager, proof of Food Safe and a Health Permit, BC Special Event Permit, as well as all Northern Health, BC Liquor Licensing Branch or Fire Safety required documents must be provided, when applicable.

10. PUBLIC CONDUCT

10.1 No person in any park or trail shall:

- a. Conduct himself in a disorderly, dangerous or offensive manner.
- b. Make or cause noise and sounds or engage in any activity which, in the opinion of the Park Caretaker, disturbs or tends to disturb the peace, quiet, enjoyment or comfort of persons in the vicinity and every person shall cease and desist such activity between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day for all sites with the exception

of the Quad Sites where the hours will be 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.. The quiet hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7 a.m. will also apply to the Bird Sites and Pavillion in the case of a Special Event group rental including at least 80% of the Bird Sites and the Pavillion;

- c. Molest or injure any other person;
- d. Camp or sleep in the Park with or without a tent or other shelter of any kind, including a vehicle, unless authorized by a valid and subsisting Camping Permit and then only in a campsite, or except where such person is the Park Caretaker or his private house guest in the caretaker residence or has written approval of the Parks and Facilities Manager;
- e. Ride a bicycle in any areas designated as sensitive by the Park Caretaker;
- f. Violate any Bylaw, regulation, rule, notice or command of the District or any person acting on its behalf, including without limitation the Park Caretaker; or
- g. Disobey, hinder or interfere with the Park Caretaker or other authorized servants, employees, agents, contractors or staff of the District in the exercise of the powers and authorities vested in them under this Bylaw.

10.2 No person other than:

- a. A person who is an authorized servant, employee, agent or contractor of the District;
- b. A person who has a concession or lease granted by the District for a park purpose;
- c. The Park Caretaker occupying the caretaker residence and his/her private guests;
- d. A person conducting, holding, participating or attending an activity or event authorized by a valid and subsisting Special Use Permit; or

11. ANIMALS IN THE PARK

11.1 The District of Taylor's Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw will be enforced at all times when within the Park's Boundaries.

11.2 No person shall in anywhere in the Park:

- a. Molest, disturb, frighten or injure any animal; or
- b. Abandon any animal.

11.3 Every person owning or having the care, custody or control of any animal shall prevent the animal from:

- a. Being anywhere in the Park unless the animal is tethered and under the direct and continuous charge of a person who is competent to control it;
- b. Swimming or entering in any body of water or being upon any ice in case such body of water is frozen; or
- c. Causing any annoyance or disturbance or molesting, disturbing, frightening or injuring any persons or any other animal in the park.

11.4 The Park Caretaker may require any person owning or having the care, custody or control of an animal in any park or trail to remove such animal from the park or trail.

12. MOTORIZED TRAFFIC

12.1 No person shall drive or operate a vehicle within the Park unless that person and the vehicle have been validly licenced and registered and are in conformity with all applicable enactments.

- a. Off-road vehicles are to be used in designated areas only.
- b. Electric Utility Vehicles (EUV's) are permissible provided they are solely powered by battery, cannot exceed a maximum speed of 30km/h and are a Golf Cart, scooter, electric dirt bike or e-bicycle.

12.2 Unless otherwise posted, no person shall operate a vehicle on a roadway in the Park at a speed in excess of (10) ten kilometers per hour.

13. SEVERABILITY

13.1 If any section, subsection or clause of this Bylaw is declared or held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been enacted and adopted without the invalid and severed section, subsection or clause.

14. PENALTIES

14.1 Every person who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction is liable for a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 and the cost of prosecution.

15. SCHEDULES

15.1 Schedule "A" is attached hereto and forms part of this Bylaw.

16. REPEAL

16.1 This bylaw repeals "District of Taylor Peace Island Park Bylaw No. 893, 2025" and any amendments thereto.

17. EFFECTIVE DATE

17.1 This bylaw comes into force and takes effect on the date of adoption.

18. CITATION

18.1 This bylaw is cited as "Peace Island Park Bylaw No. 903,2026

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of
Bylaw No. 903, 2026 of the District of
Taylor, cited as "Peace Island Park
Bylaw No. 903, 2026

CORPORATE OFFICER

Schedule “A”

PEACE ISLAND PARK CAMPGROUND

