

SUMMER VILLAGE OF MEWATHA BEACH

Bylaw 88/94

A Bylaw of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach, in the Province of Alberta for the purpose of regulating and controlling traffic within the Summer Village.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government Act being Chapter M26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta (1980) and amendments thereto, and the Highway Traffic Act being Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta and amendments thereto, authorize a municipality to pass a bylaw for the purpose of regulating and controlling traffic within its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach, deems it expedient and in the best interests of the Summer Village to regulate and control traffic;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION ONE (1) - DEFINITIONS

- (1) For the purposes of this bylaw, definitions, as contained in the Highway Traffic Act and the Off-Highway Vehicle Act shall apply.

SECTION (2) - TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- (1) The Council of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach may authorize in this bylaw, or by unanimous resolution of Council, the placing, erecting, or marking of traffic control devices, or alter the location of such devices, for the purposes of:
 - (a) to prohibit "u" turns;
 - (b) to designate any place on a highway where no left hand or right hand turns shall be made;
 - (c) to designate as a "one way street" any roadway or portion thereof;
 - (d) to designate "playground zones";
 - (e) to control entry to any highway by means of a "STOP" sign or a "YIELD" sign;
 - (f) to prohibit, restrict or regulate the parking of vehicles, or any particular class of vehicle, on any highway or other public place or portion thereof, during such hours as may be determined necessary;
 - (g) to control speeds at which vehicles may be operated in any area of the Summer Village;
 - (h) to designate maximum weight limits for vehicles travelling within the Summer Village;
 - (i) to designate periods of time when road bans will be in effect and the maximum percent of gross vehicle weight that will be permitted; and
 - (j) for any other purpose that may be required from time to time.



- (2) The Municipal Administrator shall cause a record to be kept of the location of all traffic control devices and the record shall be open to public inspection at the administration office.

SECTION THREE (3) - SPEED LIMITS

- (1) The following maximum speed limits are prescribed for the following designated highways within the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach:
- (a) Forty (40) kilometres per hour on Mewatha Drive, north-south and east-west; and
- (b) Twenty (20) kilometres per hour on all other highways.


SECTION FOUR (4) - RESTRICTED WEIGHT LIMITS

- (1) The maximum weight limit on a roadway within the Summer Village is 25 tonnes (55,000 lbs).
- (1) The Council may establish restricted weight limits, or road bans during the period of time when frost is, or will be coming out of the roadways, or at such other times that it is deemed necessary for protection of the road system within the Summer Village. These restrictions may be at seventy-five (75) per cent of gross vehicle weight, or at lesser percentages warranted by existing conditions, and continue for whatever period or periods of time are required to protect the roadways.
- (2) Notice of the restrictions or road bans shall be given by placement of signs at the entrances to the Summer Village.
- (3) The Council may issue permits by letter to the operators of service vehicles such as vacuum trucks, fuel or propane delivery trucks, or other vehicles and/or services that Council deems as essential to the well being of the Summer Village or its residents and property owners.

SECTION FIVE (5) - VEHICLES WITH LUGS

- (1) No person shall drive, propel, or move on any highway, any vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, cleats, or bands projecting from the surface of the wheel or tire of such vehicle, or any vehicle having a caterpillar tread, unless such vehicle has been issued with a permit by the Municipal Administrator, or such other person as designated by Council.
- (2) No person shall transport or tow any heavy object on any highway upon the surface of the said highway or portion thereof, which may damage or is likely to cause damage, to the surface of said highway or portion thereof.
- (3) No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of the load limits established by this bylaw.

SECTION SIX (6) - PARKING

- (1) No person shall park any motor vehicle, trailer, motor cycle, or off-highway vehicle on the east-west portion of Mewatha Drive.
- (2) No person shall park any motor vehicle, trailer, motor cycle, or off-highway vehicle on the west side of the north-south portion of Mewatha Drive.
- (3) Where parking is permitted by this or any other bylaw, all motor vehicles, trailers, motor cycles, or off-highway vehicles shall park parallel on any highway.
- 2 (a) No person shall park any vehicle, or other form of conveyance or transport, either self-propelled or otherwise, in excess of 1 Ton on the East Side of the North/South portion of Mewatha Drive. (Bylaw 4/98 - Sept 26, 1998)
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- (4) Parking is prohibited in front of any private driveway within the boundaries of the Summer Village.
- (5) Parking is prohibited in any park of the Summer Village, unless in an area where parking is expressly permitted by sign, nor shall any vehicle used for camping be left overnight in such a parking area.
- (6) Parking overnight of a motor home, or trailer or device designed for camping is prohibited on any highway of the Summer Village.
- (7) No person shall stand, sit or lie on any highway in such a manner as to obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic or as to annoy or incommode any other person lawfully upon the highway.
- (8) No person shall park a vehicle or trailer used for the conveyance of flammable liquid or an explosive material within the Summer Village, except this section (6-8) shall not apply where a vehicle or trailer is obliged to be parked while making deliveries in the course of its ordinary business and having a warning notice clearly displayed.

SECTION 7 - FIRES

- (1) In case of fire within the Summer Village, any peace officer or member of any fire department in attendance at the fire, may designate any line or lines near the location of a fire, beyond which no member of the public shall pass, and no unauthorized person, whether on foot or in a vehicle shall cross such lines.
- (2) No vehicle shall be driven or pass over any fire hose.
- (3) A fire chief, or crew chief, or any person acting under their direction, shall have the right to move or cause to be moved, any vehicle deemed necessary to move, in order to carry out any duty, work or undertaking of the fire department.

SECTION EIGHT (8) - CONSTRUCTION, EXCAVATING, BUILDING

- (1) No person shall break, tear up or remove any road surface or make excavation in, or under any highway for any purpose whatsoever, without first having obtained permission from the Municipal Administrator. The work shall be carried out under the direction of the Municipal Administrator or other person appointed by Council
- (2) Any person or party to whom permission has been granted, to carry out any work under paragraph (1), shall be held liable for any and all accidents or damage that may occur to the person or property of others by reason thereof, and shall keep and maintain such lights, barricades or watchmen, or other precautions to safeguard and protect the public from injury or loss.

SECTION NINE (9) - TEMPORARY CLOSING OF HIGHWAYS

- (1) In any case, where by reason of an emergency or special circumstance, which in the opinion of the Mayor, any Councillor or the Municipal Administrator acting in their stead, it is necessary and in the public interest and safety to do so, may:
 - (a) temporarily close off any area or highway, in whole or in part to traffic, and/or;
 - (b) temporarily suspend, in any area of the Summer Village, parking privileges granted by this or any other bylaw.



- (2) Such measures as may be required, such as placing of barricades, and/or posting of notices near the site, may be taken as required for the purposes of safeguarding the site and in the interests of safety.
- (3) No person shall traverse, drive, walk, or pass along any highway, or in any area in contravention of any notice, sign, or barricade placed thereon under this section indicating that such highway or area is dangerous to be used, under repair, under excavation, or for any other purpose which it has been deemed necessary to place such notices or barricades.

SECTION TEN (10) - OFFENCE

- (1) It is an offence for any person to remove, damage, or otherwise interfere in any way with any sign, notice or barricade lawfully erected or placed in accordance with this bylaw.
- (2) It is an offence for any person to operate, use, park, or leave any motor vehicle, trailer, motor cycle, off-highway vehicle, and any device or unit intended for camping, in contravention of this bylaw.

SECTION ELEVEN (11) - PENALTIES

- (1) Where a violation occurs in regard to Section 10 (1), a person found guilty is subject to, on summary conviction, penalties as imposed by the Court.
- (2) A notice or form commonly called a Traffic Tag or Ticket may be issued by a peace officer, or special constable, when a violation occurs in regard to Section 10 (2). Penalties shall be as follows:
 - (a) for a non-moving violation the penalty or fine shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), payable within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the offence;
 - (b) for a moving violation the penalty or fine shall be the specified penalties and/or other provisions of the appropriate Provincial Statutes.
- (3) Where applicable for non-payment of penalties and/or fines, the provisions of the General Penalty Bylaw shall apply.

SECTION TWELVE (12)

- (1) Bylaw 19-79 dated September 15th, 1979 is hereby rescinded.
- (2) Bylaw 69/90 dated August 2nd, 1990 is hereby rescinded.
- (3) This Bylaw shall have effect from the date of 3rd reading thereof.


Read a 1st time this 26th day of May A.D. 1994.

Read a 2nd time this 26th day of May A.D. 1994.

With unanimous consent of Council read a 3rd time this 26th day of May A.D. 1994 and finally passed.



Mayor - Barry Walker



Administrator - Don Baillie

