



City of Delta
COUNCIL REPORT
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

File No.: **3900-02**

From: **Parks, Recreation & Culture
Department**

Bylaw No(s): **8544, 8545 and 8546**

Date: **November 5, 2025**

Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025

The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT first, second and third readings be given to "Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025."
- B. THAT first, second, and third readings be given to "Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 6639, 2007 Amendment Bylaw No. 8545, 2025."
- C. THAT first, second, and third readings be given to "Delta Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7009, 2011 Amendment Bylaw No. 8546, 2025."

▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide first, second, and third readings to Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025 (Attachment A), Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 6639, 2007 Amendment Bylaw No. 8545, 2025 (Attachment B), and Delta Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7009, 2011 Amendment Bylaw No. 8546, 2025 (Attachment C).

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025 ("Bylaw") is a bylaw to regulate, govern and manage the operation and use of parks and community facilities in the Municipality of Delta. The Bylaw defines parks or municipal lands as play areas, playgrounds, fields, trails, public squares, walkways, open spaces and other places including recreation and culture facilities owned by the City of Delta and used by the public.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

The current Delta Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 7206, 2013 contains a number of items that require updates and/or removal. To facilitate these updates, staff researched parks bylaws in eight neighbouring jurisdictions for comparison purposes. Many of these bylaws included a table of contents for easy reference of bylaw sections, better grouping of sections within the bylaw, and clearer definitions.

By comparison, Delta's current bylaw is not easy to navigate and does not include clear sections or definitions. To address this, staff consulted with other departments, including Property Use and Compliance, and propose a number of updates as outlined below.

Given the number of suggested changes, formatting and regrouping of bylaw sections, a new bylaw is proposed along with a recommendation to repeal Delta Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 7206, 2013, as amended, in its entirety.

Housekeeping and Structural Updates.

Several updates have been made to improve clarity and allow for easy reference throughout the Bylaw including a new Table of Contents, restructuring of Bylaw contents, updated and new definitions, and new section titles. The individual Parts of the Bylaw have been reduced from sixteen to ten. Definitions and references throughout the Bylaw have been modernized, for example gender neutral language.

Vehicles, Vessels, and Chattels

Vessels are added to the definition section of the Bylaw, and to specific Parts within the Bylaw to support enforcement of abandoned vessels left at Wellington Point Park, Ferry Road and 1A Avenue boat launch sites. The current bylaw is limited to vehicles and chattels. In the past year, several vessels have been abandoned at these locations and while the vessels can be towed there were no provisions within the enforceable section(s) of the bylaws to issue tickets and apply fines. Updated language allows Bylaw Enforcement Officers to issue notices, write tickets, impound and dispose of abandoned vessels, and dispense with disposal proceeds.

No Animals on Sport Fields

Animals on sports fields, specifically dogs, present a frequent challenge in City parks, causing regular field damage and safety concerns for field users. Dog waste on playing surfaces and holes that can cause tripping hazards are an ongoing concern. While animals are prohibited through signage, current bylaws do not provide Bylaw Enforcement Officers with sufficient tools to effectively address this damaging use. This addition to the Bylaw clearly indicates that animals are not permitted on sports fields. Updated signage will be added to sport field entrances explicitly referencing the Bylaw to provide clarity to residents and aid staff when enforcing the Bylaw.

Next Steps

If approved, Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025, will replace Delta Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 7206, 2013, as amended, in its entirety.

The Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw and Delta Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw require new schedules and associated fees to support the changes to the various sections contained in the Parks Regulation Bylaw. Amendments to Delta Smoking Regulation Bylaw No. 7779, 2018 and Liquor Consumption in Delta Public Places Bylaw No. 8220, 2023, are required to replace reference to Delta Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 7206, 2013.

Implications:

Financial Implications - Amendments were made to the schedules within the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw and the Delta Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw to ensure fees remain in line with those charged in other relevant City bylaws. New fees were created for enforcement of Animals on Sports Fields.

▪ **CONCLUSION:**


Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 8544, 2025 provides updated language, clearer organization, and additional sections to govern and manage the operation and use of parks and community facilities on municipal lands. Updates to the enforcement schedules contained within the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 6639, 2007 Amendment Bylaw No. 8545, 2025, and the Delta Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 7009, 2011 Amendment Bylaw No. 8546, 2025, are required to provide staff with the tools to enforce the bylaws.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed department.

Concurring Department		
Department	Name	Signature
Property Use & Compliance	Sam Thandi	

▪ **ATTACHMENTS:**

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