

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager
Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Subject: Amendments to the Parks and Facilities By-Law 98 of 2020
Attachment(s): None

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And that Council consider the amendments to the Parks and Facilities By-Law, reflecting a request to prohibit charcoal/solid fuel barbecues and the launching of kayaks and paddleboards in any designated swim area;

And that Council refer to By-law 35 of 2025.

Report Summary:

This report provides a summary of revisions to the Parks and Facilities By-Law (98 of 2020). Proposed changes include prohibiting the use of charcoal/solid fuel burning barbecues and smokers, as well as the launching of kayaks and paddleboards, in any designated swim area.

Background and Analysis:

At the September 9, 2024, Council meeting, Council requested that staff look at a prohibition for charcoal/solid fuel barbecues.

Staff have received numerous concerns about the usage of paddleboards/kayaks in the designated swim areas and have had other personal watercraft launched from within the designated swim area.

Section updates:

1. **17.1.3** reworded to only allow propane/gas powered barbecues
2. **17.1.4** reworded to prohibit disposing/dumping of embers or ashes in parks/waterfront
3. **18.18** reworded to include surfboard, paddleboard, kayak, canoe and windsurfing board to prohibition.

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Consulted With:

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