



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH

BY-LAW NO. 35 OF 2025

BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE ENJOYMENT AND USE OF MUNICIPAL PARKS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF GODERICH AND TO AMEND BY-LAW 98 OF 2020

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25 provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of culture, parks, recreation and heritage;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich considers it appropriate to pass such a by-law to regulate and control the use of public parks and facilities;

AND WHEREAS Goderich Municipal Law Enforcement staff have received numerous complaints regarding the usage of paddleboards/kayaks in the designated swim areas and other personal watercraft launched from within designated swim areas, and it is determined there currently is no set fine and section regarding the launching of paddleboards/kayaks/personal watercraft in the current Parks and Facilities By-Law No. 98 of 2020;

AND WHEREAS at the September 9, 2024, Council meeting, Council requested staff to review a prohibition for charcoal/solid fuel barbecues;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following wording in Section 17. BARBEQUES currently reads as follows:

17. BARBEQUES

17.1 While in a park, no person shall:

17.1.1 Use a Barbeque in any place other than the following signed locations:

-signed grass areas and signed pavilion space

17.1.2. leave a Barbeque unsupervised.

leave a Barbeque without extinguishing the Barbeque and ensuring that any remaining embers or ashes are cold.

17.1.3 dispose or dump the remaining embers or ashes from a Barbeque anywhere in a park except in a garbage receptable provided for by the Town and only then when the remaining embers or ashes are cold.

17.1.4 dispose or dump the remaining hot embers or ashes from a Barbeque in a garbage receptable provided for by the Town.

2. Be replaced to read as follows:

17. BARBEQUES

17.7 While in a park, no person shall;

- 17.1.1 Use a barbeque where posted signage prohibits the same.
- 17.1.2 Leave a barbecue unsupervised.
- 17.1.3. Use a barbeque powered other than by propane or gas; or
- 17.1.4. Dispose or dump embers or ashes anywhere in a park or along the waterfront.

3. That the following wording in Section 18. PROHIBITIONS currently reads as follows:

- 18.18 No person shall in any park operate any type of boat (power or sail) or a surfboard or windsurfing board within 30 metres of any area designated as a swimming area, or within 50 metres from the shoreline, unless such area is specifically marked as a launch area.

4. Be replaced to read as follows:

- 18.18 No person shall in any park operate or launch any type of boat (power or sail) or a surfboard, paddleboard, kayak, canoe or windsurfing board within 30 metres of any area designated as a swimming area.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher

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PARKS AND FACILITIES BYLAW**

PART 1 PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

ITEM	COLUMN 1 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 2 PROVISION CREATING OR DEFINING OFFENCE	COLUMN 3 SET FINE
34.	Use any solid fuel barbecue	Section 17.1.3	\$250.00
35.	Dumping embers or ashes anywhere in park or waterfront	Section 17.1.4	\$400.00
51.	Operate/launch personal watercraft within 30 m of designated swim area unless duly authorized	Section 18.18	\$250.00