

Dock Boat Lift and Vessel Bylaw

Pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* the District of Lakeland No. 521 may, by bylaw, regulate the use of or activities on any rivers, streams, watercourses, lakes and other natural bodies of water within the municipality, including the air space above and the ground below.

BYLAW NO. 06 - 2023

DISTRICT OF LAKELAND NO. 521

A BYLAW FOR THE CONTROL, REGULATION AND USE OF MARINAS, DOCKS BOAT LIFTS AND VESSELS

The Council of the District of Lakeland No. 521, in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw shall be known as the “*Dock, Boat Lift and Vessel Bylaw*”.

1. DEFINITION

- a. Administrator – means the person appointed as the Administrator for the Municipality pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*.
- b. Applicant – means a person or persons applying for a dock/boat lift under this bylaw and must be a ratepayer within the municipality.
- c. Beach Area – means an area designated as a beach by this bylaw.
- d. Boat – means a vessel other than a Personal Watercraft
- e. Boat Lift – means a structure that may be attached or adjacent to a dock; which facilitates the removal of a vessel from the water, and which can allow the vessel to be stored above the natural level of the water.
- f. Council - means the Council of the District of Lakeland No. 521;
- g. Designated Officer - means a person appointed by the Municipality to enforce this Bylaw and shall include the Administrator and a Peace Officer;

- h. Dock – means a structure used for the purpose of mooring vessel(s) and for providing pedestrian access to and from moored vessel(s) and can consist of a single dock, wharf or pier, including walkway and access ramp
 - i. Lessee – means a person or persons whom have right to land or improvements as an occupant, tenant or mortgagee of a property parcel, through agreement with a property owner and;
 - i. are responsible for tax or taxes of the municipality; or
 - ii. are a lessee of a property that is subject to a trailer licence fee of the municipality.
 - j. Local Authority – means the District of Lakeland No. 521
 - k. Marina – means a building, structure or place, containing docking facilities that are located on a waterway, where vessels and vessel accessories are stored, serviced, repaired or kept for sale and where facilities for the sale of marine fuels and lubricants may be provided.
 - l. Moor – means to make fast a vessel by attaching it by cable or rope to the shore, to an anchor or to a dock or other object.
 - m. Municipality - means the District of Lakeland No. 521.
 - n. Owner – means a person or persons who owns property or have the right to land improvements through agreement with the property owner.
 - o. Peace Officer - means a peace officer as defined in *The Summary Offence Procedures Act*.
 - p. Personal Watercraft – means a jet-propelled vessel typically ridden in a similar style as a motorcycle and commonly referred to as a *Jet Ski*, *Sea Doo* or *Wave Runner*.
 - q. Season - means the time period from May 1st to October 31st inclusive.
 - r. Shared Dock – a single or multi-person dock in front of a lakefront property or on a public/municipal reserve.
 - s. Vessel - means every type of boat, ship or craft designed, used or capable of being used solely or partly for navigation in, on, through or immediately above water, without regard to method or lack of propulsion.
2. Every dock or boat lift installed within the municipality shall have a licence issued by the local authority.

2.1 Notwithstanding section 2, this bylaw shall not apply to any and all lands located along the foreshore, or within the water in McPhee Lake.

3. A person must apply in writing to the municipality for a licence prior to installing any dock or boat lift.
4. The application shall be in a form as approved by the Municipality.
5. No person shall install or permit to be installed any dock or boat lift within the municipality without a valid licence issued by the local authority.
6. No person shall rent, lease, or lend out any dock or boat lift without the prior written permission of the Municipality.
7. An application must include:
 - a. Date which the application form has been completed.
 - b. Name of the applicant.
 - c. Municipal address and contact telephone number(s) of the property owned or leased by the applicant.
 - d. Permanent address and contact telephone number(s) of the applicant.
 - e. Number of docks and/or lifts applied for.
 - f. The requested location of the dock and/or boat lifts, including a detailed site plan sketch where the dock and/or boat lift are to be placed.
 - g. All prescribed application and licence fees.
 - h. Any other reasonable information requested by a designated officer.
8. A person must pay the application and licence fee provided for on the application form when applying for any licence.
9. The application fee is non-refundable.
10. No licence shall be issued until the fees identified in section 8 have been paid.
11. A designated officer may cancel any fee for any dock or any boat lift at their discretion.
12. An applicant cannot be part of a shared dock while maintaining a dock application on their own.
13. A designated officer may cancel any fee for any dock or any boat lift when the application is made on behalf of any agency, agent, department or ministry of any municipal, provincial or federal government.
14. A licence shall be valid for the season it was issued, unless otherwise stated.

Licence to be Displayed

15. The Municipality shall issue to the applicant, a permanent identification marker associated with an approved licence.
16. The applicant shall cause the identification marker to be firmly affixed to the dock or boat lift to which the licence has been granted
17. The identification marker shall be affixed to the dock or boat lift so that the identification marker is;
 - a. Not less than 30 centimeters from the high-water line.
 - b. is clearly visible from the lake side.
18. The designated officer to prescribe a certain posting of the plate to ensure better visibility.
19. The applicant is responsible for their identification marker.
20. Any applicant that is no longer in possession of their identification marker must notify the municipality in writing, within 72 hours, of becoming aware that they are no longer in possession of their identification marker.
21. The applicant is responsible for the cost to replace their identification marker.

Renewal

22. The Municipality shall cause the renewal of a licence January 1 of each year.
23. A renewed licence shall not be valid unless the renewal licence fee is paid. The municipality shall cause the renewal of the licence fee by adding the fee to the taxes of the property for which the dock is associated to.

Discontinuance or Change

24. A person to whom a licence is issued must notify the Municipality if the property referred to in the licence application is sold, repossessed, seized.
25. A person who ceases to be an owner or lessee of a property to which they have applied for and been granted a licence must notify the Municipality.
26. Notification referred to in section 24 and 25 shall be done in writing within 30 days of the action referred to in section 24 or 25 as the case may be.
27. A licence becomes invalid immediately once the conditions in section 24 or 25 are met.
28. A licence is not transferable.

29. An application must be submitted to the local authority for any amendments to the original application.

Zoning and Development Standards

30. No person shall install or operate any marina without approval from the Local Authority.

31. Application for the installation or operations of a marina shall be done in a form as approved by the Local Authority.

32. The Local Authority may authorize the installation or operation of a marina subject to the approval of Council.

33. The authorization for the installation and operation of a marina shall be done in writing and subject to any further conditions as ascribed by the designated officer issuing the written approval for the installation and operation of the marina.

34. A licence will not be issued under this Bylaw for any application that does not conform to any zoning, development, building requirements or any other bylaw of the Municipality.

35. The issuing of a licence to a person does not relieve that person of the responsibility of conforming to any municipal, provincial or federal law and/or regulations.

Granting of Licenses

36. The granting of a licence is hereby authorized provided the conditions of this bylaw are met, and the designated officer is satisfied that the type and quality of any docking or lift is appropriate and does not violate any law, municipal policy or requirement.

37. The designated officer may require the applicant to abide by conditions as a result of the granting of a licence. Such conditions shall be issued to the applicant in writing.

38. A licence application that has been denied by a designated officer shall be done in writing.

Revoking or Suspending of a Licence

39. If an applicant violates or fails to comply with the terms of the licence, or contravenes any term or condition of this Bylaw, or any other Bylaw of the Municipality, a designated officer may suspend or cancel the licence.

40. The installation of any dock or lift cannot adversely affect/damage/alter the foreshore, shoreland and the lake bed.

41. Any licence that was found to be issued in error may be cancelled immediately by a designated officer.

42. A designated officer may reinstate a suspended licence if it is satisfied that the licensee is complying with this Bylaw or Bylaws of the Municipality.
43. Any applicant whose application was revoked or suspended may appeal the decision in writing to the Administrator within 30 days of the date of the notice.

Distress

44. The Municipality may recover any licence fee by distress in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.

Inspections

45. The inspection of property by a designated officer or a person who is assisting a designated officer is to determine if this Bylaw is being complied with is hereby authorized.
46. No person shall obstruct a designated officer or a person who is assisting a designated officer.
47. Any person stopped, detained or otherwise, pursuant to this Bylaw shall be required to give his or her name, date of birth, address and any other reasonable information on request of the designated officer requesting the information so long as that person is readily identifiable as a designated officer and in the lawful execution of his or her duties and responsibilities.

Placement of Docks, Boat Lifts or Vessels

48. Shared docks are to be placed in front of a lakefront property of one of the applicants of the shared dock or on public/municipal property as approved by the municipality.
49. Not more than one dock, two boat lifts and two personal watercraft lifts will be permitted per lakefront lot.
50. Not more than one boat lift, personal watercraft lift or vessel will be permitted for shared docks that are on public/municipal reserves.
51. A dock is required for all mooring of watercraft, watercraft cannot moor directly to shore unless at a designated area. All boat lifts/ personal watercraft lifts must be situated adjacent to said dock.
52. Docks and shared docks shall be at least 5 meters from adjacent property lines unless permissions is granted by the designated officer in accordance with Section 53.

53. A designated officer may reduce the distance docks are placed from the property lines provided that;
- a. The applicant requests an exemption of the requirement in section 52; and
 - b. The adjacent property owner for which the reduction is requested has been notified by the applicant and the Municipality; Or
 - c. Other geographical limitations are present.
54. A designated officer may reduce the distance between docks provided that there are geographical limitations present provided that:
- a. The applicant requests an exemption of the requirement in section 52; and
 - b. The adjacent property owner for which the reduction is requested has been notified by the applicant and the Municipality; Or
 - e. Other geographical limitations are present.
55. The storage of docks and boat lifts must be placed or stored on the applicant's own property.
56. Notwithstanding section 55 the storage of docks may be on private property, other than the applicant's property, subject to the permission of that property owner.
57. Upon written request of an applicant, a designated officer may grant permission for the storage of docks or boat lifts on public property where geographic limitations may preclude the storage on private property.
58. Where permission under section 57 is given to an applicant and that applicant fails to store the dock or boat lift in the location permitted, a designated officer shall cause the stored items to be removed.
59. No person shall moor any vessel on any private dock without the permission of the dock owner.
60. No person shall attach any vessel to any private land, property or object unless they are the property owner, or have permission from that property owner.
61. No person shall dock, moor or leave any vessel on or near any waterway unless that area has been designated by the local authority as an area to dock, moor or leave a vessel.
62. The Municipality may designate areas for the mooring, docking or placement of vessels.
63. If the Municipality designates areas for the mooring, docking or placing of vessels, the municipality shall cause signs to be posted in those locations that the municipality considers

appropriate, identifying the area or areas where mooring, docking or placing of vessels is appropriate.

64. No person shall launch any vessel into any waters unless that area is designated as an area for launching of a vessel.
65. No person shall operate, or allow to be operated, any vessel or personal watercraft within 5 meters of any beach area
66. For the purpose of this bylaw a beach area shall be those areas identified in Schedule "A", hereunto attached and forming part of this bylaw.

Enforcement of Bylaw

67. The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to a designated officer for the Municipality.
68. Failure to comply with this bylaw shall result in, in addition to any fine imposed, having the vessel, dock or boat lift being removed by the Municipality or an authorized representative of the Municipality, the cost of which shall be invoiced to the owner.
69. The owner, or person responsible, of any vessel, dock or boat lift shall be responsible for any costs associated with actions taken by the Municipality.
70. Notwithstanding any other clause, section or subsection of this bylaw, if the operator or person in charge of a vessel cannot conveniently be found, located or identified, and if that vessel is involved in the commission of an offence pursuant to this bylaw or any other law by the person in charge of the vessel, the owner of the vessel is liable for the offence.
71. The Municipality may recover costs associated with the actions taken in the enforcement of this bylaw by;
 - a. civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - b. adding the amounts owing to the taxes of the property owned or occupied by the person.
72. No person shall:
 - a. obstruct or hinder any designated officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
 - b. fail to comply with any other provision of this Bylaw.

Penalty

73. Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
- a. in a case of a first offence, to a fine not less than \$250.00;
 - b. in a case of a second or any subsequent offence, to a fine not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$10,000.00;
 - c. and to a further fine of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$10,000.00 for each day or portion of a day for which the offence continues.

Notice of Violation

74. Notwithstanding section 73, a designated officer may issue a notice of violation to any person committing a first or second offence under this bylaw.
75. The notice of violation shall require the person to pay to the Municipality a fine of \$150.00 for a first offence and \$225.00 for a second offence.
76. The amount specified in clause 75 may be paid;
- a. in person, during regular office hours, at the Municipal Office, 48 – 1st Street South, Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan.
 - b. by mail addressed to the District of Lakeland No. 521, Box 27 Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan S0J 0N0
77. If payment of the fine identified on the notice of violation is paid within the prescribed time, it will be accepted as a guilty plea to the offence, and that person shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.
78. For the purposes of section, 73 and 75, an offence shall be deemed to be a first offence if the offender has not been convicted of the same offence, or paid a fine under this bylaw, within two years immediately preceding the commission of the alleged offence or violation.
79. The imposition of any penalty for violation of this bylaw shall not relieve the person from complying with this bylaw.
80. No prosecution for a contravention of this bylaw may be commenced more than two years after the date of the alleged offence.

Severability

81. If a Court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section of this bylaw to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced

Council to pass the remainder of the bylaw and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the bylaw shall be valid and shall remain in force and effect.

Coming into Force

82. Bylaw No. 7-2020 are hereby repealed.

83. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on final passing thereof.

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ADMINISTRATOR

SCHEDULE “A”

(Section 58)

Beach Area

Christopher Lake

Bells Beach being property R1, Surface Parcel 151416129

Lions Park being Parcel A, Surface Parcel 164323313

Emma Lake

McPhail Cove being property R1, Surface Parcel 134927781

Neis Beach being property R3, Surface Parcel 134928007

Sunnyside Beach being the north portion of Surface Parcel 161996901 operated as the public beach area, commonly known as ‘Sunnyside Beach’

Sunset Beach being property R1, Surface Parcel 148048780