CITY OF ST. ALBERT

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

NUMBER	TITLE		
A-CS-17	**Alcohol in Designated Park Spaces**		
DEPARTMENT		**APPROVAL DATE**	**DATE LAST REVISED**
Recreation and Parks		July 5, 2022	November 28, 2023

Purpose

To prescribe the use and standards associated with the consumption of alcohol in designated St. Albert Parks.

Directive Statement

That the City identify and designate Designated Picnic Areas in city park spaces where the responsible consumption of alcohol can occur within the prescribed guidelines.

Scope

Applies to all departments across the organization.

Definitions

"Alcohol" see Liquor;

"City" means the municipal corporation of the City of St. Albert, or where the context so requires, the area contained within the boundaries of the City of St. Albert;

"Chief Administrative Officer" or "CAO" means the individual appointed by Council to the position of Chief Administrative Officer under section 205 of the *Municipal Government Act* and pursuant to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw of St. Albert, and includes:

1. a person to whom the CAO delegates a duty, power or responsibility of the CAO as set out in this directive
2. a person to whom a delegate of the CAO further sub-delegates a power, duty or responsibility of the CAO as set out in this directive;

“Designated Picnic Area” means any Park area identified through signage approved by the CAO as a designated picnic area where Liquor may be consumed;

“Event” means a gathering of people commencing at a predetermined date and time and having anyone or more of the following features:

1. exclusive use by attendees of any area, including vehicle parking areas, open space, park amenities;
2. erection or use of mobile or temporary structures including but not limited to food trucks or other vehicles, tents or canopies greater than 10 feet in either length or width, trailers, stages, or signage;
3. Alcohol service;
4. approved exemptions to City bylaws (e.g., noise bylaw); or,
5. road closures or other impediments to traffic flow as described in the Traffic Bylaw.

“Liquor” means any wine, beer, cider, spirits, or other products that are intended for human consumption in which the percentage of alcohol by volume exceeds 1.1%;

“Park” means any land owned, controlled, or maintained by the City that is intended to be used by the public for recreation or general enjoyment; and is

1. designated or districted as park under the Land Use Bylaw;
2. dedicated as municipal reserve, environmental reserve, conservation reserve or a public utility lot; or,
3. designated by the CAO as Park land under the Parks Bylaw.

“Peace Officer” means a Person employed for the purpose of preserving and maintaining the public peace, and includes

1. a provincially appointed Peace Officer pursuant to the *Peace Officer Act*;
2. a provincially appointed Police Officer pursuant to the *Police Act;*
3. a Bylaw Enforcement Officer authorized to enforce the Parks Bylaw in accordance with his or her appointment; and
4. a regular member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Responsibilities

CAO shall:

1. Review and approve amendments to this directive.
2. Assess and approve any exceptions to this directive.

Director, Recreation and Parks or designate shall:

1. approve Designated Picnic Areas for Alcohol consumption;
2. notify public of Designated Picnic Areas and related regulations as required per Section 3(9) of the Park Bylaw (07/2022).
3. review current and potential Designated Picnic Areas on an annual basis; including consideration of:
    a. Identified issues or concerns
    b. Enforcement actions and recommendations

c. Changes to provincial legislation or policy
d. Application of potentially evolving best practices
e. Feedback from the public or stakeholders on existing or proposed new sites

4. provide a mechanism for public feedback; and
5. update online communications regarding program as required.

Peace Officers shall:

1. provide enforcement as required to ensure compliance to both provincial and municipal regulations related to the consumption of Alcohol in Designated Picnic Areas.

Program Expectations / Guidelines

1. Designated Picnic Areas will be defined as a mapped area within a Park and will permit consumption anywhere within the mapped area.

2. Assessment of potential consumption areas
   At minimum, the following will be considered when determining Designated Picnic Areas for the consumption of Alcohol:
   a. Natural buffer/boundary zones available to determine area
   b. Proximity of child focused amenities
   c. Additional signage needs and costs associated
   d. Ease of access to area
   e. Sight lines for enforcement
   f. Washroom access
   g. Compatibility with primary use of area
   h. Public, stakeholder, or partner feedback related to specific sites

3. Permitted Hours
   Alcohol consumption by adults of legal drinking age is permitted between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Designated Picnic Areas.

4. Events
   Public Alcohol consumption is not permitted during Events as per the Parks Bylaw 07/2022 unless under the condition of a separate special events license issued by the Alberta Gaming, Liquor, and Cannabis Commission.

5. Signage
   a. On-site signage is required to enable Alcohol consumption at Designated Picnic Areas as per the *Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*. Signage posted at each Designated Picnic Area will include:
      i. a map depicting the area and boundaries of the Designated Picnic Area;
      ii. the hours during which Alcohol may be consumed;
   b. Signage will be posted at each main access area and will be installed in line with established Park signage guidelines.

Legal References

Municipal Government Act
Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, Section 89.1
Parks Bylaw 07/2022

Cross References

Parks Bylaw 7/2022
Parks and Trails Sign Standards

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER APPROVAL DATE
	**February 5, 2024**

DATE REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW DATE	DATES OF REVISIONS
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