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## **CITY OF HAMILTON**

### **By-law No. 01-219**

### **A By-law To Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks**

**OFFICE CONSOLIDATION**

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Consolidation By-law No. 01-219**

**Incorporating amendments made by:**

**By-Law No:      Effective Date:**

03-209	July 23, 2003	Amend Section 1 (i) Director definition Amend Section 1 (r) Amend Section 51 Amend Section 53 to add 53 (6)
05-099	April 27, 2005	Delete subsections (j) and (k) of Section 1 and add definition for "General Manager" and "Leash Free Park" Amend Section 3 Amend Section 6 Amend Section 8, subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) Amend Section 9, subsection (d) Amend Section 10 Amend Section 12 Amend Section 13 Amend Section 14 Amend Section 15 Amend Section 29 Amend Section 32, subsections (2) and (8) Amend Section 33, subsection (1) Amend Section 35 Amend Section 40, subsection (3) and (4) Amend Section 41, subsection (2) Amend Section 43, subsection (b) and (d) Amend Section 44, subsection (2) and (3) Amend Section 45 Amend Section 48 Amend Section 52, subsection (2)(b) Amend Section 56 Amend Schedule B Amend Schedule C
08-065	March 26, 2008	Update to provide for Operation of Segway Personal Transporters in Municipal Parks Amend Section 1, definition "persons with disabilities" and "disabled person" Amend Section 30, subsection (2)
09-179	August 13, 2009	Add to Section 1 (i) Filming event definition Amend Section 46 Amend Section 56 Delete Schedule "B"

20-169	August 21, 2020	<p>Update to City of Hamilton By-law No. 01-219, being a By-law to Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks, and Administrative Penalty By-law No. 17-225 to create Special Enforcement Areas Ward: 13</p> <p>Add Section 32 subsections (13), (14), (15), (16), (17) and (18)</p> <p>Add to Section 56, Schedule “D” – Special Enforcement Areas</p> <p>Add Schedule D, “Schedule “D” – Special Enforcement Areas</p>
20-271	December 16, 2020	<p>Update to explicitly prohibit electric kick-scooters (“E-Scooters”) in Hamilton parks except in designated areas and to provide regulations for their permitted use and to Amend By-law No. 17-225, Being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties, Table 12 – By-law No. 01-219 To Manage and Regulate Municipal Parks Ward: City Wide</p> <p>Add to Section 1, definition for “E-Scooter:</p> <p>Amend definition for “motorized recreational vehicle”</p> <p>Amend Section 30 (2)</p> <p>Add Section 34.1 “E-Scooters”</p>
22-118	May 25, 2022	Amend Section 13

**City of Hamilton BY-LAW NO. 01-219**

**TO MANAGE AND REGULATE MUNICIPAL PARKS**

**WHEREAS** Section 191(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, as amended, provides that the council of every corporation may pass by-laws for acquiring land for the purposes of the corporation and for erecting and repairing buildings thereon and for making additions to or alterations of such buildings;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 191(6) of the Municipal Act provides that the council of every corporation may pass by-laws providing for the use by the public of lands of which the corporation is the owner and for the regulation of such use and the protection of such lands;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton may exercise all or any of the powers that are conferred on Boards of Park Management by the Public Parks Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.46, as amended, pursuant to Section 207, paragraph 52 of the Municipal Act;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 207(42) of the Municipal Act, provides for the prohibition of vehicles from sidewalks, pathways or footpaths in Parks;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton Act, 1999, S.O. 1999 Chapter 14, Schedule C did incorporate, as of January 1st, 2001, the municipality "City of Hamilton";

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton is the successor to the following former area municipalities, namely: The Corporation of the Town of Ancaster; The Corporation of the Town of Dundas; The Corporation of the Town of Flamborough; The Corporation of the Township of Glanbrook; The Corporation of the City of Hamilton; and the Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek; all hereinafter referred to as the "former area municipalities";

**AND WHEREAS** the City of Hamilton Act, 1999, provides that the By-laws of the former area municipalities continue in force and effect in the City of Hamilton until subsequently amended or repealed by the Council of the City of Hamilton;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Hamilton deems it expedient to enact a single by-law to provide for the maintenance, operation, management and regulation of Municipal Parks, in place of by-laws of the former area municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

## PART I - DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION

### Definitions

1. In This By-law,
  - (a) "Authorized Emergency Vehicle" means:
    - (i) any vehicle owned or operated by the City of Hamilton while the operator is engaged in the performance of his or her duties;
    - (ii) any vehicle owned or operated by a Police Service, a Fire Department or a Ministry of the Province;
    - (iii) any vehicle owned or operated by an ambulance service, a mortuary or a funeral home while the operator is engaged in the performance of his or her duties;
    - (iv) any vehicle owned or operated by a public utility including but not limited to vehicles owned or operated by Canada Post, a telephone company, a natural gas utility, a hydro electric power provider, and any other public utility, telegraph or telecommunications company, provided that such vehicles are each clearly identified by a crest or other marking and provided the operator is actively engaged in the provision of the services offered by the utility;
    - (v) any service vehicle owned or operated by an accredited road side service agency or automobile club or a licensed towing agency while the operator is providing a towing or other emergency roadside service.
  - (b) "authorized sign" means any sign, notice, or other device placed or erected in or upon a Park under the authority of this By-law;
  - (c) "bicycle" includes a tricycle, a unicycle and a bicycle to which a trailer device designed for the purpose of conveying children is attached, but does not include a motor assisted bicycle;
  - (d) "City" means the City of Hamilton;
  - (e) "control" includes care and custody;
  - (f) "Council" means the council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton;

- (g) "commercial motor vehicle" means a Motor Vehicle having attached to it a truck or delivery body or unit;
- (h) "designated area" means any area defined, set aside or constructed for a specific use which may include posted conditions;
- (i) "filming event" means filming, videotaping, photography or any other form of visual recording for a feature film, television film, television program, documentary, commercial, music video, educational film or other purpose outside a studio or film laboratory, but does not include street interviews, newscasts, press conferences or visual recordings for personal purposes only;
- (j) "Director" means the Director or Acting Director of Operations and Maintenance for the City and includes his designate and successor or the Director or Acting Director of any other City project on lands referred to in ss. 1 (r) of City of Hamilton By-Law No. 01-219 as amended;
- (k) "E-Scooter" means a vehicle that has,
  - (a) two wheels placed along the same longitudinal axis, one placed at the front of the e-scooter and one at the rear,
  - (b) a platform for standing between the two wheels,
  - (c) a steering handlebar that acts directly on the steerable wheel, and
  - (d) an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts that provides a maximum speed of 24 kilometres per hour;
- (l) "General Manager" means the General Manager of the Public Works Department for the City of Hamilton and includes his or her designate or designates and successor;
- (m) "Leash Free Park" means a park, or a designated area within a park, or a public open space set aside as an area where dogs are not required to be leashed or otherwise restrained;
- (n) "motor vehicle" means a snowmobile, go-cart, trail bike, mini bike, all-terrain vehicle, or similar vehicle, or E-Scooter, or similar vehicle, propelled or driven by an internal combustion engine, battery, or other form of power, other than muscular power;
- (o) "motorized recreational vehicle" means a snowmobile, go-cart, trail bike, mini bike, all-terrain vehicle, or similar vehicle, propelled or driven by an internal combustion engine;
- (p) "organized sport or activity" means a sport, game or activity pre-planned by a group or organization whether or not formally constituted and whether or not the players or members wear uniforms;

- (q) "permit" means any written authorization of Council, a committee established by Council, or the General Manager or the Director where such authority has been delegated by Council;
- (r) "post" or "posted" refers to the erection or presence of permissive, regulatory, restrictive, warning, or prohibitive signs;
- (s) "posted area" means an area where such signs are erected;
- (t) "park" means any land, and land covered by water and all portions thereof owned by or made available by lease, agreement, or otherwise to the City, that is or hereafter may be established, dedicated, set apart or made available for use as a public open space or golf course, and that has been or hereafter may be placed under the jurisdiction of the Director including any and all buildings, structures, facilities, erections, and improvements located in or on such land, save and except where such land is governed by other by-laws of the City. For greater certainty, the provisions of By-Law No. 01-219, as amended, shall be deemed to apply to all open space lands, including road allowances shown on a registered plan of subdivision, required for the Red Hill Valley Project, until such time as the City declares otherwise.
- (u) "persons with disabilities" and "disabled person" includes any person who is blind, or a person who has any degree of physical disability, which requires the physical reliance upon a wheelchair, crutches, braces, canes, or other similar remedial appliance or device, or who are authorized users of Segway Personal Transporters, or requires the reliance upon an animal trained to provide guidance or other form of assistance;
- (v) "public parking area" or "parking space" means any area of the Park which has been set aside and designated by the City for the parking of vehicles and where there is an authorized sign indicating said designation or otherwise regulating said parking;
- (w) "residence" means a place that is actually occupied or used as a residential building;
- (x) "roadway" means that part of a Park that is set aside and improved for the use of vehicular traffic;
- (y) "vehicle" includes a Motor Vehicle as defined under the Highway Traffic Act, and includes any bicycle, carriage, wagon, sleigh or other vehicle or conveyance of every description, whatever the mode of power, but excludes a wheelchair or similar device, powered or otherwise, used by an individual due to disability, baby carriage or cart, child's wagon, child's stroller, child's sleigh or other conveyance of a like nature;
- (z) "watercraft" means any device for conveyance in or on water and includes but is not limited to powerboats, rowboats, sailboats, sailboards, canoes,

kayaks, or dinghies.

2. (1) In this By-law, whenever a word imparts the masculine gender it is deemed to include the feminine gender.
- (2) In this By-law, the singular sense is deemed to be inclusive and interchangeable with the plural sense.
- (3) This By-law is subject to the provisions of any by-law of the City regulating the control of dogs or other animals.

## PART II - USE OF FACILITIES

### Hours of Entrance

3. (1) No person shall enter into or be in any park, except during the times the park is open to the public or during such times as otherwise expressly authorized by permit.
- (2) A park shall only be open to the public:
  - (a) where there is displayed at, within or adjacent to a park a posted sign or notice as to the times such park is open to the public, during the times so indicated on such sign or notice; or
  - (b) in the absence of a posted sign or notice as referred to in subsection 3(2)(a), a park shall only be open to the public each day from six o'clock in the forenoon (6:00 a.m.) until eleven o'clock in the afternoon (11:00 p.m.).

### Restricted Areas

4. While in a park, no person shall enter into areas posted to prohibit or restrict admission of the public.

### Conduct

5. While in a park, no person shall:
  - (a) indulge in any riotous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language;
  - (b) cast, throw, or in any way propel any object in such a manner as may or does endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property;
  - (c) spy, accost, frighten, annoy or otherwise disturb other persons; or
  - (d) create a nuisance or in any way interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the



park by other persons

### **Firearms and Weapons**

6. While in a park, no person shall be in possession of or use any firearm, air gun, bow and arrow, axe or offensive weapon of any kind unless expressly authorized by permit, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to a Police Officer, an employee of the City, or such other persons as are providing contractual services to the City requiring the use of such weapons, while engaged in the performance of their duties.

### **Fireworks**

7. While in a park, no person shall ignite, discharge or set off any firecrackers, rockets, or other fireworks except as a fireworks display authorized by permit. For the purpose of this section, "fireworks" includes any explosive, flammable, combustible or incendiary device or material.

### **Injury and Damage**

8. No person shall, in any park, unless expressly authorized by permit:
  - (a) climb or descend any natural formation, including but not limited to a cliff, precipice, rock face, overhang, or gorge, or any building, structure or equipment, unless such equipment or structure is specifically created, designed or erected for the purpose of climbing;
  - (b) break, injure, deface, move or remove the whole or any part of any flowers, plant material, trees or other vegetation or any building, structure, equipment or other property of the City;
  - (c) move, remove, excavate, disturb, alter, damage, or cause the deterioration or erosion of, the whole or any part of rocks, boulders, rock faces, soil, sand, wood, or like substance, or any other property or thing;
  - (d) in any manner, disturb ground which is under repair, prepared for planting, has been newly seeded or sodded, or is in an area posted to that effect;
  - (e) conduct archaeological research, or remove any relic, artifact or natural object;
  - (f) drive, park or walk in any area posted to prohibit same.

### **Waste and Pollution**

9. No person shall in any park:

- (a) subject to (b) and (c) herein, dispose of or dump garbage, litter, tree trimmings, refuse or any other matter or thing, except that which is generated through the normal use of the park, and shall only deposit same in receptacles provided for such purpose;
- (b) dispose of or dump garden refuse except in a designated area therefore;
- (c) unless authorized by permit, dump or deposit snow, fill, soil, building or construction materials;
- (d) dispose of, cause the release of, dump, drain or discharge any material or substance, whether solid or liquid and whether toxic, hazardous (as defined by the *Environmental Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended) or otherwise, on or into any soil or the waters of any pool, pond, lake, stream, fountain or watercourse, regardless of the place of origin and the means of transmission or transportation of said material or substance, unless expressly authorized by permit;
- (e) release any balloons, except in accordance with Schedule "A".

### **Protection of Wildlife**

10. While in any park, unless expressly authorized by permit, no person shall:
- (a) subject to the provisions of Section 22, kill, attempt to kill, maim, injure, trap, remove or disturb any animal, bird, waterfowl, worm, or other wildlife; or
  - (b) touch, disturb, injure or remove any nest, or any egg therefrom;
- unless authorized in writing by the Director.

### **Animal and Fish Displays**

11. While in any park, no person shall:
- (a) feed or attempt to feed any wild bird or fish or any bird or fish owned by or under the control of the City unless posted otherwise;
  - (b) throw, deposit, place or attempt to throw, material of any kind whatsoever in any area where birds or fish are kept for public display; or
  - (c) kill, attempt to kill, maim or in any way injure or molest any bird, waterfowl or fish that is kept for public display.

### **Encroachment**

12. (a) Unless expressly authorized by permit, no person shall encroach upon or take possession of any park, or any part or area within a park, by any means

whatsoever, including but not limited to the placing, construction, installation or maintenance of any fence, structure or other thing, the dumping or storage of any materials, or by planting any plant or otherwise cultivating, grooming or landscaping any part of the grounds thereof;

- (b) Where the Director determines that an encroachment upon a part or area of a park will be reasonable in the circumstances and will not be detrimental to the interests of the City, the Director may authorize by permit an encroachment upon a part or area of a park, upon such terms and conditions as the Director may deem appropriate in the circumstances, and may take or require to be taken such measures or actions as the Director deems reasonable to ensure that any authorized encroachments are and continue to be satisfactory to the City;
- (c) The Director is authorized to remove or cause to be removed, and to dispose of or cause to be disposed of, any unauthorized or no longer authorized encroachment from any park by any means and in any manner whatsoever, as the Director may, in the exercise of an absolute discretion, deem appropriate in the circumstances, including but not limited to the issuance of an order to remove an encroachment against the person or persons responsible for the encroachment.
- (d) No person, responsible for an authorized encroachment, shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit authorizing such encroachment
- (e) No person responsible for an encroachment shall fail to remove an encroachment, when directed or ordered by the Director, where such encroachment is not authorized or no longer authorized by permit.
- (f) In the event that a person or persons, against whom an order to remove an encroachment from a park has been made or issued by the Director, fails to comply with said order within the time indicated on the order, the Director may cause the encroachment to be removed and disposed of, all at the expense of such person or persons and the amount of such expense may be recovered by the City by action or may be added by the City Clerk to the collector's roll against any lands within the City of Hamilton owned by such person or persons and collected in a like manner as municipal taxes.

### **Alcohol and Gambling**

#### 13. While in a park:

- (1) No person shall be in possession of, consume, serve or sell alcoholic beverages unless authorized by a permit issued by the City and with the approval of the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario.
- (2) Any person who serves or sells alcoholic beverages in a park pursuant to a permit issued by the City, shall obtain sufficient insurance to conform with

current Council policy respecting liability insurance, and naming the City as an insured party and shall comply with all other terms and conditions of the permit.

- (3) No person shall play or bet at or against any game conducted, dealt or carried on with cards, dice or other devices for money, chips, shells, credit or other thing representative or value, or maintain or inhabit any gambling table or other instrument of gambling or gaming; unless otherwise authorized by the Director.

### **Campfires and Barbecues**

14. While in any park, unless expressly authorized by permit or in a permitted area designated by posted signs, no person shall;
  - (a) light, build or stoke an open fire or bonfire or move, alter, or expand authorized fire pit locations;
  - (b) use any solid, liquid or gas fuelled portable barbecue, and, under no circumstances shall the fuel tank, cylinder or container for use with a liquid or gas fuelled barbecue exceed twenty (20) pounds capacity;
  - (c) use fuel other than charcoal or briquettes in any stationary barbecue; or,
  - (d) leave a barbecue or fire unattended without first extinguishing the barbecue or fire and ensuring that any remaining embers, coals, ashes or other residue, are fully extinguished and cold.

### **Organized Gatherings, Picnics, and Group Photography**

15. Unless expressly authorized by permit, no person while in any park shall:
  - (a) hold a picnic, public meeting, or other organized gathering or event of more than twenty persons; or
  - (b) interfere with a picnic, organized gathering or event authorized by permit; or
  - (c) engage in group photography involving more than ten persons.

### **Amplifiers and Loud Speakers**

16. Unless authorized by permit, no person shall operate loud speakers or amplifying equipment in any park, provided that this shall not prohibit the use of a portable radio, tape player or compact disk player, in a manner which does not disturb any other person or otherwise interfere with any other person's enjoyment of the park.

### **Camping and Lodging**

17. Unless authorized by permit, no person shall dwell, camp or lodge in any park.

### **Tents and Structures**

18. Unless authorized by permit, no person shall place, install or erect any temporary or permanent tent or structure in any park.

### **Bathing, Swimming and Sun Bathing**

19. No person shall in any park:
- (a) enter any public swimming pool, except at times designated for swimming;
  - (b) in, or adjacent to, any swimming pool, fail to abide by posted signs or fail to obey the instructions of any lifeguard or other authorized person;
  - (c) swim, bathe or wade in any fountain, pond, water course, lake or stream, except in a designated swimming, wading or bathing area;
  - (d) utilize facilities without being properly attired, including appropriate swimwear or beach clothing;
  - (e) dress or undress adjacent to any swimming wading or bathing area except in facilities provided for such purpose; or,
  - (f) bring into any swimming, wading or bathing area and the waters attendant thereto any underwater spear or shooting device or any other weapon.

### **Use of Wash and Change Rooms**

- 20.
- (1) No person shall enter any washroom, change-room, bathhouse or bathing station, or portion thereof, in any park, set apart for the opposite sex provided that this shall not apply to children who are 12 years of age or younger and who are, at that time, under the care of a parent or guardian.
  - (2) No person shall loiter in any washroom, change-room, bathhouse or bathing station, in any park, or conduct themselves in such a manner as to be objectionable to another person using, or in the vicinity of, said washroom, change-room, bathhouse or bathing station.

## **PART III - GAMES AND SPORTS**

### **Sports or Activities**

21. (1) While in any park, no person shall:
- (a) arrange or engage in an organized sport or activity, unless authorized by permit; or

- (b) interfere with an organized sport or activity authorized by permit.
- (2) In addition to the prohibitions set out in subsection (1), while in any park, no person shall utilize a designated area without a permit where same is posted to prohibit or restrict such use.
- (3) No person shall, while in a park, take part in any game, sport or activity except within an area specifically set aside for that game, sport or activity.

### **Fishing**

- 22. (1) No person shall fish in an area posted to prohibit same, in any park.
- (2) No person shall fish in any park except in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997, S.O. 1997, c.41, as amended, and the Fisheries Act, Chapter F-14, as amended.
- (3) No person shall fish in any park for commercial purposes.

### **Golfing**

- 23. (1) While in any park, no person shall play or practise golf or strike a golf ball, except on a golf course or in a designated area.
- (2) On any golf course located in a park, no person shall:
  - (a) play or practise golf unless registered on that day as a player;
  - (b) hunt for or pick up any lost, misplaced, or abandoned golf balls provided that nothing herein shall prevent a person registered as a player or such player's caddy from retrieving or attempting to retrieve golf balls lost by such registered player; or,
  - (c) during the period from the opening of the course to the closing of the course, enter upon the playing area thereof unless registered on that day as a player or accompanying such player as a caddy.

### **Model Aircraft and Rockets**

- 24. While in any park, no person shall operate any powered models of aircraft, rockets, watercraft or any ground vehicle unless authorized by permit.

### **Aircraft**

- 25. Unless authorized by permit, no person shall tether, launch or land any fixed wing aircraft, helicopter, hot air balloon, hang glider, ultra light aircraft or similar

conveyance in any park.

### **Skating**

26. On any natural or artificial ice surface located in any park, no person shall:
- (a) use speed skates unless authorized by permit or in a posted area in accordance with the posted conditions;
  - (b) skate or act in such a manner as to interfere with and/or endanger any other person using the surface; or
  - (c) use a stick of any kind except in accordance with posted conditions.

### **Skiing, Tobogganing and Sledding**

27. (1) No person shall downhill ski, toboggan, snowboard, skibob or sled in any area park unless otherwise posted to allow same.
- (2) No person shall cross country ski in any area park that has been posted to prohibit same.

### **Roller Skates and Skateboards**

28. (1) While in any park, no person shall:
- (a) operate or utilize skate boards, traditional roller skates, in-line or linear skates, scooters or like conveyances where signs are posted to prohibit or otherwise restrict the use of same; or,
  - (b) obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while operating or utilizing skate boards, traditional roller skates or in-line or linear skates, scooters or like conveyances.
- (2) While in a park, no person shall fail to give way to the right while operating or utilizing a skate board, traditional roller skates, in-line or linear skates, a scooter or a like conveyances on any trail, path or roadway.
- (3) While in a park, no person while operating or utilizing a skate board, traditional roller skates, in-line or linear skates, a scooter or a like conveyance shall fail to yield the right of way to any other person or persons travelling on foot.
- (4) While in a park, no person while operating or utilizing a skate board, traditional roller skates, in-line or linear skates, a scooter or a like conveyance shall fail give an audible warning when overtaking and passing any other person.

- (5) While in a park, no person while travelling together with another person or persons, at any time, whether on foot or otherwise, may do so in such a manner as to occupy more than 50% of the width of any path or trail.
- (6) While in a park, no child of 16 years of age or less shall fail to wear a proper Canadian Standards Association approved bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle.
- (7) While in a park, no person having a child of 16 years of age or less under their care shall allow said child to ride a bicycle except when wearing a proper Canadian Standards Association approved bicycle helmet.
- (8) While in a park, no child of 16 years of age or less shall fail to wear a proper Canadian Standards Association approved helmet while riding on or using rollerskates, in-line skates, scooters, skate boards or like conveyances.
- (9) While in a park, no person having a child of 16 years of age or less under their care shall allow said child to ride on or use rollerskates, in-line skates, scooters, skate boards or like conveyances except when wearing a proper Canadian Standards Association approved helmet.

### **Tennis**

29. No person shall enter, walk, or play upon or otherwise use any area or part thereof in any park, designated for the purpose of playing tennis, or any area enclosed as a tennis court or tennis courts, except in accordance with the posted rules and regulations, unless otherwise expressly authorized by permit.

## **PART IV - VEHICLES**

### **Roadway**

30.
  - (1) The Council or, where such authority has been designated, the Director or a Committee established by Council, is authorized to establish appropriate regulations to manage and control the use of the park roadways.
  - (2) Unless authorized by permit, and except as provided in section 34 with respect to bicycles or as provided in section 34.1 with respect to E-Scooters, no person shall while in any park, drive, operate, pull or ride any vehicle except on roadway or public parking area.
  - (3) For the purposes of this section, "authorized users of Segway Personal Transporters" means a member of the Hamilton Police Service for the purpose of law enforcement, or a person who is 14 years old or older whose mobility is limited by one or more disabilities, conditions or functional impairments who operates the Segway in compliance with



Ontario Regulation 488/06.

- (4) For the purposes of this section a Segway Personal Transporter is a device manufactured by Segway Inc. and called a Segway Personal Transporter or a Segway Human Transporter, which device has not been modified after its manufacture other than by the addition of a basket, bag, bell, horn or lamp or other accessory customarily attached to a bicycle, and which addition does not increase the speed capability of the device.

## Signs

31. (1) There may be erected one or more of the following signs in a Park:
- (a) Signs displaying the symbol for "No Parking" as specified under the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (b) Signs displaying the word "Yield", or a symbol in lieu thereof, specified under the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (c) Signs displaying the word "Stop", or a symbol in lieu thereof, specified under regulations to the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (d) Signs displaying the maximum speed limit, specified under regulations to the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (e) Signs displaying the symbol for "No "U" Turns", specified under regulations to the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (f) Signs indicating "one-way traffic", specified under regulations to the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (g) Signs indicating lane use designated, specified under regulations to the Highway Traffic Act.
  - (h) Signs prohibiting entry by vehicles or persons.
  - (i) Signs indicating that a roadway or drive is closed to vehicular traffic or to a particular class of vehicular traffic.
  - (j) Signs indicating a public parking area.
  - (k) Signs indicating a time limit for parking.
  - (l) Signs indicating service roads.
- (2) The signs referred to in subsection 1 may contain,

- (a) an exception or exceptions relating to an activity permitted in a particular area;
- (b) additional information relating to the regulation of traffic or parking.

## **Parking**

32. No person shall in any park:

- (1) Park or leave any vehicle except in a designated area for parking;
- (2) Park or leave a vehicle, except during the times the park is open to the public, as defined in Section 3 of By-Law 01-219 as amended herein, or in a designated area allowing for such overnight parking, or during such times otherwise expressly authorized by permit, provided that such authorization is clearly displayed in the driver's side front windshield of the vehicle in such a manner as to be readable from the exterior of the vehicle;
- (3) Park a vehicle in a designated area for parking, except in a proper parking space and in accordance with markings and posted conditions;
- (4) Park a vehicle in any area or parking space where signs have been erected to prohibit parking;
- (5) Stop a vehicle in any area or parking space where signs have been erected to prohibit stopping;
- (6) Park or stop a vehicle in any area or parking space where signs have been erected to reserve the area or space for use by specific persons or vehicles;
- (7) Park a vehicle in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities, unless a disabled person parking permit, issued in accordance with the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, as amended, is properly displayed on or in the vehicle;
- (8) Park or stop a vehicle in any area or parking space except while actively using the park, or unless expressly authorized by permit, provided that such authorization is clearly displayed in the driver's side front windshield of the vehicle in such a manner as to be readable from the exterior of the vehicle;
- (9) Park or stop a vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the use of any other area or parking space;
- (10) Park or allow any vehicle to stand unattended, unless it is secured in such a manner as to prevent its operation by any person not so authorized by the owner of the vehicle.
- (11) Park a vehicle for a period of time longer than the posted time limit, if any,

unless expressly authorized by permit, provided that such authorization is clearly displayed in the driver's side front windshield of the vehicle in such a manner as to be readable from the exterior of the vehicle.

- (12) Park or stop a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to stand, contrary to the instructions of a Police Officer, a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or an employee of the City.
- (13) No person shall park or stop a vehicle in contravention of Section 32(3), Section 32(4) or Section 32(5) of this By-law within a Special Enforcement Area.
- (14) For the purposes of subsection (13), "Special Enforcement Area" means an area set out on Schedule D-1.
- (15) Schedule D-1 describes the following:
  - (a) in column one thereof, the name of the roadway or part of the roadway included within the Special Enforcement Area;
  - (b) in column two thereof, the side of the roadway, by compass direction, where the Special Enforcement Area regulation applies;
  - (c) in column three thereof, the point upon the subject roadway where the Special Enforcement Area regulation commences and the point where the regulation terminates;
  - (d) in column four thereof, those periods during which the Special Enforcement Area regulation is in force and effect.
- (16) No person shall park or stop a vehicle in contravention of Section 32(8) of this By-law within a Special Enforcement Area.
- (17) For the purposes of subsection (16), "Special Enforcement Area" means an area set out on Schedule D-2.
- (18) Schedule D-2 describes the following:
  - (a) in column one thereof, the name of the Park or part of the Park included within the Special Enforcement Area;
  - (b) in column two thereof, the location where the Special Enforcement Area

regulation commences and the point where the regulation terminates;

(c) in column three thereof, those periods during which the Special Enforcement Area regulation is in force and effect.

33. No person shall make use of any roadway or parking lot in any park for:
- (1) washing, cleaning, servicing, maintaining or, except in the event of an emergency, the repair of any vehicle, unless expressly authorized by permit.
  - (2) instructing, teaching or coaching any person in the driving of a motor vehicle.

### **Bicycles**

34. While in a park, no person shall:
- (1) Ride, operate or be in possession of any bicycle where signs are posted to prohibit same;
  - (2) Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park while riding or operating a bicycle;
  - (3) Subject to Section 37, fail to comply with all rules of the road normally in force and effect on a highway;
  - (4) Ride abreast of more than one other cyclist;
  - (5) Operate a bicycle which is not equipped with a bell or horn;
  - (6) Operate a bicycle after dark which is not equipped with a front white light and a rear red light;
  - (7) Fail to activate the required bicycle lighting when operating a bicycle after dark;
  - (8) Ride or operate a bicycle in any area not set aside for that purpose, or ride a bicycle in an area set aside for any other purpose; or,
  - (9) Fail to maintain proper control of the bicycle at all times.

### **E-Scooters**

- 34.1
- (1) No person shall ride an E-Scooter in a park, unless in a designated area where City signs are posted to permit same.

- (2) No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, or use an E- Scooter in a park, or part thereof, where cycling, skateboarding or rollerblading is prohibited.
- (3) No person shall ride or push an E-Scooter in a park abreast of another E-Scooter or bicycle.
- (4) No person riding an E-Scooter in a park shall carry any package or article or act in such a way as to prevent that person from maintaining one hand on the handlebars at all times, including while signaling for a turn or stop and in any case, no person shall fail to maintain control of an E-Scooter.
- (5) No person shall cause an obstruction to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic by parking an E-Scooter in a path or trail.
- (6) No person under the age of 16 years shall operate an E-Scooter.
- (7) Every person under the age of 18 years old shall wear a helmet that complies with the Highway Traffic Act when operating an E-Scooter.
- (8) No person operating an E-Scooter shall carry any other person thereon.
- (9) No person operating an E-Scooter shall tow another person, vehicle or device.
- (10) No person operating an E-Scooter shall attach themselves to another E-Scooter, vehicle or device for the purpose of being drawn or towed.
- (11) No person operating an E-Scooter shall operate it in any position other than while standing at all times.
- (12) The operator of an E-Scooter shall keep a safe distance from pedestrians and other users of the roadway, shoulder, bicycle lane, trail, path, walkway, or multi-use pathway trail at all times and shall give way to a pedestrian or bicycle by slowing or stopping, as necessary, where there is sufficient space for the pedestrian or bicycle and the E-Scooter to pass.
- (13) No person shall operate an E-Scooter on a trail, or in a park, or multi-use pathway at a speed that is markedly greater than the speed of the pedestrians who are proximate to the E-Scooter.
- (14) Every owner or operator of an E-Scooter shall ensure that the E-Scooter is equipped with a bell or horn, which shall be kept in good order and sounded whenever it is reasonably necessary to notify cyclists, pedestrians or others of its approach.
- (15) When operated at any time from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or

unfavourable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles are not clearly discernible at a distance of 150 metres or less, every operator of an E-Scooter shall carry a lighted lamp displaying a white or amber light at the front and a lighted lamp displaying a red light at the rear. The lamps may be attached to the E-Scooter or may be carried or worn by the operator on his or her person.

- (16) No person shall operate or use an E-Scooter in such a manner that it may harm, injure or damage, either directly or indirectly, any person or property.

### **Motorized Recreational Vehicles**

35. No person shall ride, drive, park or be in possession or control of a motorized recreational vehicle in any park except in a designated area or when expressly authorized by permit.

### **Trucks and Commercial Vehicles**

36. No person shall drive, operate, pull or ride in any park:
- (a) any heavy machinery or equipment of any description and whatever the mode of power; or
  - (b) any truck, trailer, or bus whatsoever except a vehicle that is,
    - (i) being used for the purpose of making a delivery to a point within the limits of the park, while it is proceeding to or from such point of delivery, or
    - (ii) operated for personal, recreational or non-commercial use and provided authorization or a permit has been issued by the Director.

### **Speed**

37. Unless authorized by permit, while in any park, no person shall operate:
- (a) any vehicle on a roadway at a speed in excess of the posted limit; or
  - (b) a bicycle other than on a roadway at a speed which endangers or is liable to endanger any other person using the park, or which causes another person using the park to experience a reasonable apprehension that they are at risk of injury or harm.

### **One-way Traffic**

38. No person shall drive a vehicle on a one-way roadway in a direction opposite to the direction of the traffic.

## **Horses**

39. (1) Unless authorized by permit, no person as the owner of a horse, or as a person having a horse under their care or control, shall permit the horse to enter or remain in a park unless:
- (a) the horse remains within an area designated for use by horses; and,
  - (b) the horse is well broken and wearing a bridle.
- (2) No person riding or having a horse under their care or control in any park shall obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the park.
- (3) No person riding or having a horse under their care or control in any park shall hitch or fasten said horse at any place except that which is set aside for such purpose.
- (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a horse under the control of a Police Officer.

## **Dogs**

40. (1) While in any park, no person as the owner of a dog, or as a person having a dog under their care or control, shall:
- (a) allow the dog to run at large;
  - (b) excluding persons with disabilities reliant upon a guide dog, permit the dog to enter any beach, pond, swimming area, farm area, garden, landscaped area, playground or sports field, or any other area posted to prohibit same;
  - (c) excluding persons with disabilities reliant upon a guide dog, permit the dog to enter any area of the park where a special event, carnival, celebration or other festival is taking place where signs are posted to prohibit same
- (2) While in a park no person as owner of a dog, or as a person having a dog under their care or control, shall:
- (a) fail to ensure that the dog is on a leash or chain not exceeding 2.4 metres in length; and,
  - (b) fail to pick up and remove from the park any excrement left by the dog.
- (3) A dog within a designated "Leash Free Park" shall be deemed not to be at

large.

- (4) The provisions of subsections and of Section 40 shall not apply to a Police work dog under the control of a Police Officer, or to a working dog under the of an employee of the City, or under the control of such agents or contractors as may be providing contractual services to the City, which services require dogs to run off leash, and only while engaged in the performance of the duties required by the agreement with the City.”

### **Other Animals**

41. (1) No person as the owner of an animal, or as the person having any animal under their care or control, shall bring into, or permit such animal to enter any park, if the animal constitutes, or may constitute, a danger to other park users, or if the animal it is likely to give rise to justified apprehension in the minds of other park users, or if the animal is likely to interfere with another person's use or enjoyment of the park.
- (2) Subject to Sections 39 and 40, no person shall bring or permit to be brought any livestock into any park, except where expressly authorized by and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit authorizing such livestock to be upon specified park lands.
- (3) No person, except a Police Officer, having an animal under their care or control shall fail to appropriately restrain said animal.

## **PART VI - WATERCRAFT**

### **Boating**

42. No person shall, subject to any right at law to do so, place, operate, drive or ride any watercraft in any park in any area posted so as to prohibit or restrict the type and allowable uses of watercraft.

### **Mooring**

43. Unless authorized by permit, no person shall, subject to any right at law to do so, moor watercraft in any park:
  - a) except in a designated area;
  - (b) for a period longer than one (1) hour;
  - (c) contrary to posted restrictions or prohibitions or in any way that may or does endanger or inconvenience other watercraft or their use or other users of the park;



- (d) without prior payment of the fee, if any, therefore authorized by Council;
- (e) without prior payment of the requisite fee or fees, if any, approved by Council.

## PART VII - COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

### **Sale of Merchandise Trade or Business**

44. (1) Unless authorized by permit, no person shall, while in a park, sell or offer or display for sale:
- (a) any food, drink or refreshment;
  - (b) any goods, wares, merchandise or articles including promotional material, souvenirs and novelties; or
  - (c) any art, skill, service or work;
- except in accordance with The City of Hamilton Street Vendor Program.
- (2) While in any park, no person shall practise, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession, unless expressly authorized by permit;
- (3) No person shall, in any park, place, maintain or allow to remain any coin operated vending machine or game of any nature except when expressly authorized by permit.

### **Subscriptions and Contributions**

45. While in a park, no person shall beg, panhandle, solicit or invite subscriptions or contributions, unless expressly authorized by permit.

### **Filming**

46. While in a park, no person shall undertake or permit the undertaking of a filming event without a valid permit issued for the filming event under the Hamilton Film Permit By-law.

### **Circulars and Advertisements**

47. (1) Unless authorized by permit, no person shall:
- (a) while in any park distribute, discard, or display any handbill, notice, or other circular, bill or advertisement; or

- (b) post, nail, attach, stencil or otherwise fasten or erect any poster, sign, notice, placard or other circular, bill, advertisement or paper to any park property;

## PART VIII - REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

### Permits and Licences

- 48. (1) The authority to issue permits referred to in the by-law is delegated to the Director.
- (2) The Director may issue a permit on such terms and conditions as the Director considers in the best interests of the City taking into account the general use of the park, the proposed use, the degree of interference or incompatibility that the proposed use may have with other uses or other users of the park, matters of health and safety, the effect the proposed use may have on flora and fauna and such other circumstances that the Director may consider appropriate.
- (3) The Director may impose such terms and conditions on the issuance of a permit as the Director considers appropriate in the circumstances including but not limited to: restrictions as to uses; time and location restrictions; indemnification, insurance and security for injury to persons or damage to property; protective measures for flora and fauna; and payment of permit and other costs associated with the permit and use.
- (4) The Director may refuse to issue a permit or revoke immediately a permit issued: where the applicant or permit holder has breached or failed to comply with any term or condition of the permit or issuance thereof; for non-payment of any fee or cost required to be paid by the applicant or permit holder; the breach or failure to comply with any City policy or by-law; the breach of any federal or provincial law; where the use by the permit holder is causing or has caused a disturbance; where the proposed use or current use unreasonably interferes with the use of the park by the public; and where it otherwise is in the best interests of the City that the application for a permit be denied or permit revoked.
- (5) A permit authorized under this By-Law is non-transferable.
- (6) The issuance of a permit pursuant to this by-law shall not relieve any person from the necessity of acquiring any other licence or permit required for such activity by any governmental or public authority.
- (7) All permits issued for activities contemplated in this by-law remain the property of the City.'

### **Posting of Signs**

49. The Director is authorized to post signs of permission, regulation, restriction, warning or prohibition with respect to uses of, or activities in, any park, in accordance with the provisions hereof.

### **Temporary Closure**

50. The Director is authorized to close off for such temporary period as the Director deems appropriate any park or part or parts thereof to relieve or prevent overcrowding or traffic congestion, or in the interest of public safety, or as may otherwise be authorized by council.
51. A Director is authorized for such temporary period or periods as the Director deems appropriate to close off or restrict access to any land or part or parts thereof referred to in ss. 1 (r) of By-Law No. 01-219 as amended to provide for or permit construction of works or undertakings in, on or through such lands as well as to provide for repairs, restoration, reconstruction or other remedial action with respect to parks, grounds or structures thereon.

### **Exclusions and Exceptions**

52. (1) The provisions of this By-law respecting the driving, operating, parking or stopping of vehicles shall not apply to Authorized Emergency Vehicles while the operators thereof are performing their duties.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the provisions of this by-law shall not apply to:
- (a) the drivers and attendants of ambulances or other emergency medical services vehicle, Police Officers, Officers of the Hamilton Fire Service or Municipal Law Enforcement Officers appointed by the Council of the City of Hamilton, while engaged in the performance of their duties;
  - (b) employees, agents or contractors of the City while engaged in works or services undertaken for or on behalf of the City; or
  - (c) a park, property or building that is now or hereafter under the jurisdiction of a board established by the Council or by statute, the members of which are appointed by Council.
- (3) This by-law shall be subject to provisions of contracts and agreements now or hereafter entered into by the City respecting works or services to be performed in any park.

### **Enforcement**

53. (1) Any Police Officer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or employee of the City designated by the Director for the purpose of this section is authorized to inform any person of the provisions of this by-law and to request compliance therewith.
- (2) Any Police Officer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or employee of the City whose duties include the enforcement of this By-law, is authorized to order any person believed by such Officer or employee to be in contravention of this by-law or who has contravened any provision of this by-law:
- (a) to desist from the activity constituting or contributing to such contravention;
  - (b) to remove from the park any animal or thing owned by or under the care of such person which the officer or employee believes is or was involved in such contravention; or
  - (c) to leave the park.
- (3) Any Police Officer, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may enforce the provisions of this by-law.
- (4) Where any person contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law, or fails to comply with any order referred to in subsection (2) hereof, the permission and licence of such person to remain in that park is revoked.
- (5) Where any person contravenes any of the provision of this by-law and fails to comply with an order to leave the park, such person is subject to the provisions of the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.T.21.
- (6) In addition to those persons referred to in ss. 53 (1) to (3), an agent of the City, or a contractor or subcontractor of the City, and their agents, if designated by a Director, is authorized to carry out the functions described in those subsections

### **Penalty**

54. (1) Any person contravening any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a such penalty as is provided for under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.
- (2) The owner of a motor vehicle that is parked or left in contravention of Section 32 of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is subject such penalty as is provided for under the Provincial Offences Act, unless at the time of the offence the motor vehicle was in the possession of another

person without the owner's consent.

- (3) A Police Officer or Municipal Law Enforcement Officer observing a vehicle alleged to be parked or stopped or standing in contravention of this by-law may attach a serially numbered parking infraction notice to the motor vehicle.
- (4) Any person upon presentation of the parking infraction notice may, within 7 days, pay a penalty out of Court in the amount prescribed by an order made by the Senior Regional Justice respecting the subject violation pursuant to Part II of the Provincial Offences Act.

### **Removal of Vehicles**

55. A Police Officer or Municipal Law Enforcement Officer upon discovery of any vehicle parked, stopped or standing in contravention of section 32 of this by-law may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for removing, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle which may be enforced in the manner provided by the Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter R.25, as amended.

### **Schedules**

56. The schedules attached to this by-law and listed below shall have the same force and effect as if the provisions contained therein were contained in the body of this by-law:

Schedule "A" - Release of Balloons

Schedule "C" - Mooring

Schedule "D"- Special Enforcement Areas

### **Severance**

57. Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any part or the whole of any provision of this by-law to be invalid or of no force and effect, the provision or part shall be deemed to have been severed from this by-law, and it is the intention of Council that the remainder of the by-law survive and be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible under law.

### **Short Title**

58. The short title of this by-law shall be "The Parks By-law".

### **Repeals and Enactment**

59. By-law 70-2303 (Ancaster), passed on the 9th of June, 1970, By-law 2746-74 (Dundas), passed on the 7th of October, 1974, By-law 87-98-P (Flamborough) passed on the 17th of August, 1987, By-law 123-77 (Glanbrook), passed on the

6th of June, 1977, By-law 95-126 (Hamilton), passed on the 30th of May, 1995 and By-law 1951-85 (Stoney Creek), passed on the 26th of November, 1985, each as amended, and all Schedules thereto, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

60. Any references to By-laws 70-2303, 2746-74, 87-98-P, 123-77, 95-126 and 1951-85, as amended, antedating the passing and enactment of this By-law shall be deemed a reference to this By-law.
61. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

**PASSED AND ENACTED** this                      day of                      , 2001

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Mayor

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City Clerk

## SCHEDULE "A"

1. No person shall, while in a park, release more than nine balloons within any 24-hour period.

## SCHEDULE "C"

Unless expressly authorized by permit no operator or owner of a boat or other watercraft shall moor, allow to be moored, or operate such a boat or watercraft within Bayfront Park or Pier 4 Park or along the Sea Walls located within Bayfront Park or Pier 4 Park or within the waters of any marina owned or operated by the City of Hamilton.



SCHEDULE "D"

<b>Schedule D-1 - Special Enforcement Area</b>			
<b>Roadway</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Increased Fine inEffect</b>
Medwin Drive	Both	290m westerly of Tews Ln to westerly end	March 15 - November 15

<b>Schedule D-2 - Special Enforcement Area</b>		
<b>Park</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Increased Fine in Effect</b>
Johnson Tew Park	All areas within the boundaries of the Park	March 15 - November 15

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