

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

**Bowen Island Parks and Recreation Commission
Establishment Bylaw No. 8, 2000**

A Bylaw to establish the Bowen Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

WHEREAS Section 24.0 of the Bowen Island Letters Patent under Order in Council No. 1160 requires that Bowen Island Municipal Council adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 619 of the *Municipal Act* to establish a Commission under terms and conditions determined by Council;

The Council for Bowen Island Municipality in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Bowen Island Municipality hereby establishes a Parks and Recreation Commission for Bowen Island, to be known henceforth as the Bowen Island Parks and Recreation Commission (the "Commission").
2. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) members each of whom shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by resolution of Council. Except as hereinafter provided, any member of the Commission shall be eligible for re-appointment.
3. Upon the death, resignation or removal of any member of the Commission during their term of office, Council shall appoint a successor who shall hold office for the balance of the term of the vacating member and shall, subject to clause 4 hereof, be eligible for re-appointment.
4. Any person who is a resident or property owner in the Bowen Island Municipality is qualified to be appointed as a member of the Commission.
5. Whenever a member of the Commission ceases to be a resident or property owner in the Bowen Island Municipality, he/she shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Commission.
6. Council shall take into consideration recommendations of the Chief Administrative Officer when making appointments and re-appointments.
7. Upon the recommendation of a majority of the Commission, or with an affirmative vote of a majority of Council present at a meeting of the Council and entitled to vote thereon, Council shall have the power to remove any member of the said Commission for any reason whatsoever.
8. Unless specified as a Closed Meeting for reasons allowed under Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1, 1999, all meetings shall be open to the public.
9. The Commission shall publish a notice of regular meetings in a Bowen Island community newspaper as soon as practicable after setting a schedule of meetings.
10. The Commission shall be presided over by a chairperson who shall be elected for a one (1) year term by the members of the said Commission at the first meeting held after January 1st.
11. In the absence of the chairperson from a Commission meeting, the other members present shall elect an acting chairperson who shall preside at that meeting.
12. A quorum is a majority of all the members of the Commission holding office at the time.

13. Any member who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Commission, or in excess of one-third (1/3) or more of all meetings over any six (6) month period without leave of absence from the Commission, or without reason satisfactory to the Commission, shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Commission.
14. Each member of the Commission, including the chairperson, shall have one (1) vote. Should the votes of the members of the said Commission be of an equal number for or against a question, the resolution shall be deemed to have been resolved in the negative and the presiding member shall so declare.
15. A member who is present at a Commission meeting, but who abstains from voting shall be deemed to have voted in the affirmative.
16. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this bylaw, the rules of procedure of the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1, 1999 and amendments thereto insofar as they are applicable, shall apply to all meetings of the Commission and any committee thereof.
17. The members of the Commission shall not be entitled to any remuneration in respect of their services on the said Commission.
18. The Commission shall have the following powers:
 - i) Organize and conduct recreation programs for the benefit of all segments of the Bowen Island Community;
 - ii) Maintain and schedule use of community parks;
 - iii) Recommend suitable locations for future parks and the proposed use;
 - iv) Establish such standing or select committees from time to time and with such terms of reference as it may be considered necessary.
19. Council delegates to the Commission the administrative powers of Council relating to parks and park property and the recreational uses of the public.
20. The annual net cost attributable to the activities of the Commission shall be recovered from the residents of Bowen Island.
21. The Commission is responsible for ensuring that costs for the parks and recreation services do not exceed the amounts set out in the annual budget established for the Commission.

22. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Bowen Island Parks and Recreation Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 8, 2000”.

READ a first time this 13th day of March 2000.

READ a second time this 13th day of March 2000.

READ a third time this 13th day of March 2000.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 27th day of March 2000.

(Original signed)

Lisa Barrett
Mayor

(Original signed)

Richard L. Page
Manager