



Council Report

For the Meeting of August 2, 2018

To: Council **Date:** August 1, 2018
From: C. Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 9) No. 18-044

RECOMMENDATION

That Parks Regulation Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 9) No. 18-044 be given first, second and third readings.

BACKGROUND

Attached for Council's initial consideration is a copy of the proposed Bylaw No. 18-044. This Bylaw amendment implements two different Council initiatives involving the prohibition on Sheltering in Reeson and Quadra Parks, and the motion involving the addition of Coffin Island as a protected area for ecological and cultural significance.

Reeson and Quadra Parks

The issue first came before Council on March 1, 2018 where the following resolution was approved:

Sheltering Prohibition in Reeson Park and Quadra Park

That subject to the Province agreeing to keep:

- The Out of the Rain (St Andrew's Presbyterian - 680 Courtney) 30 Mats youth 15-25 only, slated to close April 15th
- And the Cool Aid Seasonal Shelter - 755 Pandora – Mats, Co-Ed, slated to close March 31st – open beyond a seasonal basis

or the equivalent number of spaces at other locations, Council direct staff to amend the Parks Regulation Bylaw to prohibit overnight sheltering (camping) in Reeson Park and Quadra Park.

And that the Mayor be requested to write to the Minister Responsible for Housing, with a copy to the Premier and MLAs from the Capital Region, requesting a commitment from the Provincial Government to ensure an adequate supply of housing with supports to meet the needs in the community for the unhoused population throughout the region.

The issue then came before Council again on July 26, 2018 where the following resolution was approved:

Sheltering Prohibition in Reeson Park and Quadra Park

1. That Council direct staff to amend the Parks Regulation Bylaw to prohibit overnight sheltering in Reeson Park and Quadra Park.
2. That Council direct staff to work with BC Housing to ensure that in the summer of 2019 there is no net loss of sheltering spaces even while the cold weather beds may need to close because of programming considerations of shelter operators.

Coffin Island

On June 28, 2018 Council approved the following motion:

Protection of Ecologically and Culturally Significant Areas

That Council direct staff to:


1. Prepare an amendment to the Parks Regulation Bylaw to add Coffin Island to the areas covered in section 16A of the bylaw;
2. Work with the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations on potential signage relating to ecologically and culturally significant areas within the municipal parks and greenspace system in the City of Victoria: and
3. Report back to Council following the receipt of advice from the City Family on potential additional tools to increase protection for ecologically and culturally significant areas within the municipal parks and greenspace system.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Coates
City Clerk

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: Aug 1, 2018

List of Attachments:

- Bylaw No. 18-044