



Council Report

For the Meeting of October 12, 2017

To: Council **Date:** October 5, 2017
From: Tom Zworski, City Solicitor
Subject: Parks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 8)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give the three readings to the *Parks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 8)*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 21, 2017, Council directed staff to bring forward amendments to the *Parks Regulation Bylaw* to provide better regulations necessary for proper management and operation of parks and to provide an effective system of permitting for political expression in the parks that respects the importance of such expression while balancing it with other competing requirements for this scarce public resource.

The *Parks Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw (No. 8)* does the following:

1. amends section 2 by inserting new definitions for "occupy" and "same location";
2. adds new section 5A establishing a permitting system for erection of signs or other structures or holding of protests, demonstrations, or other political expression that occupies same location in a park in excess of six hours in a 24 hour period;
3. adds new section 9A authorizing the Director to temporarily close a park or part of a park when necessary for maintenance, renovation, or other work, or when necessary for the safety of staff or the public due to construction or hazardous conditions;
4. adds new section 14A that authorizes City staff engaged in work in a park to direct a person to move or to move his or her belongings and prohibits interference with staff engaged in work in a park;
5. amends section 19 by providing clear authority for removal or impoundment of any object, matter or thing that is or remains in a park unlawfully, while providing for its prompt return; and
6. consequential amendments to section 20 (offences) and to the *Ticket Bylaw*.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Zworski
City Solicitor

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

Date:


Oct 5, 2017