

# **The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac By-law # 2024-23**

## **Being a By-law to Authorize the Operations of North Frontenac Parklands for the Use of Campsites and Crown Roads**

**Whereas** the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has issued a Land Use Permit to the Township for certain Crown lands for use as municipally operated campgrounds and Crown Roads that provide access to North Frontenac Parklands;

**And Whereas** it is a term of the Land Use Permit that the Township may charge fees for the use of the Campsites and for vehicle use of the Crown Roads within North Frontenac Parklands;

**Therefore** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac enacts as follows:

### **1. Definitions**

For the purpose of this By-law, the following definitions shall apply;

- 1.1 “Authorized Inspector” means any persons authorized by the Township to issue, inspect, or rescind Road Access Permits, including the Township’s By-law Enforcement Officer and North Frontenac Parklands Staff.
- 1.2 “Camp Equipment” means any equipment used for the purpose of camping or dining and includes but is not limited to a tent, tent-trailer, recreational vehicle, dining shelter or other similar equipment.
- 1.3 “Campsite” means an area intended for personal use with Camping Equipment designated by a camp site number, post, markers or other identification within the North Frontenac Parklands.
- 1.4 “Campsite Permit” means a permit issued by the Township for use of a Campsite in North Frontenac Parklands and includes one (1) Road Access Permit valid for the same time as the Campsite Permit.
- 1.5 “Child” or “Children” means any person or persons under the age of majority
- 1.6 “Crown Road” means a road located on Crown land within North Frontenac Parklands and operated by the Township under the terms and conditions of the Land Use Permit.
- 1.7 “North Frontenac Parklands” means an area of land established for use as a campground and further defined as the Crown Land Stewardship Program in accordance with this By-law and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Land Use Permit and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).
- 1.8 “Resident” means ratepayer (taxpayer) in the Township of North Frontenac.
- 1.9 “Road Access Permit” means a permit issued by the Township for use of a Crown Road operated by the Township in accordance with this By-law and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Land Use Permit.
- 1.10 “Township” means The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac.
- 1.12 “Vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O.

1990, c.H.8 and shall include, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motor homes, motorcycles, dirt bikes, dune buggies, and all-terrain vehicles.

## **2. North Frontenac Parklands**

- 2.1 The location of North Frontenac Parklands shall include the Municipal Lands as described in Schedule "A" and all Crown Lands as set out in the Land Use Permit as approved annually by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.
- 2.2 The operating season of North Frontenac Parklands shall begin each year on May 1 and end on October 31 for camping; and April 1 to November 15 for maintained Crown Roads within North Frontenac Parklands.

## **3. Camping**

- 3.1 No person shall camp at any location within North Frontenac Parklands, except within a designated Campsite.
- 3.2 No person shall use a Campsite unless the required fee has been paid and a current, valid Campsite Permit has been issued to or for the benefit of such person.
- 3.3 Campsite Permit shall include one complementary Road Access Permit for one (1) vehicle only. Additional Road Access Permits shall be obtained for each additional Vehicle using the Crown Roads within North Frontenac Parklands.
- 3.4 A Campsite Permit may be issued for nightly or multiple night purposes to a maximum of twenty-one (21) consecutive days.
- 3.5 A Campsite Permit shall be in effect from 12 pm on the permit's "Start Date" until 12 pm on the permit's "End Date."
- 3.6 Every person to whom a Campsite Permit has been issued shall produce the permit for inspection on request by the Township's By-law Enforcement Officer, North Frontenac Parklands Staff or any person authorized by the Township.
- 3.7 Within the North Frontenac Parklands, no person shall:
  - a) leave camp equipment or other personal property on the campsite after departure;
  - b) leave a fire unattended unless it is fully extinguished;
  - c) start a fire or permit a fire to continue to burn except in a fire pit provided by the Township, in a portable stove or a barbeque. Burning regulations and restrictions shall be as set out in the Township's Burn By-law.
  - d) remove, damage or deface any property of the Township;
  - e) cut or remove any living trees;
  - f) build or attach any permanent structure of any type;
  - g) deposit litter or other debris;
  - h) dispose of or abandon any vehicle, boat, trailer or other equipment;

- i) shout, play loud music or make any other noise at levels that are disturbing, disruptive or annoying to other users of North Frontenac Parklands ;
- j) engaging in horseplay or other rowdy or unruly behavior that is disturbing, disruptive or annoying to other users of North Frontenac Parklands;
- k) leave human waste anywhere other than in a provided privy; or
- l) act in any other manner that is contrary to the posted Rules and Regulations of North Frontenac Parklands.

3.8 A person to whom the Campsite Permit has been issued may allow guests to use the Campsite on the following conditions:

- a) No person shall allow the number of persons occupying the Campsite to exceed the maximum number of persons permitted, being no more than six (6) persons at the same time, unless such persons consist of parents and Children camping together as a single family group. Exclusions apply for non-profit groups which shall not exceed ten (10) persons at the same time providing the campsite can accommodate ten (10) persons.
- b) The person to whom the Campsite Permit is issued shall be responsible for the conduct of the person's guests at all times.

3.9 Every person over the age of eighteen (18) shall be responsible for the conduct of any Child under the person's care and control and failure by the Child to comply with this By-law shall be deemed to be a failure by the responsible person to comply with this By-law.

3.10 No person shall interfere with the lawful use of issued Campsite permits.

3.11 A Campsite Permit allows the permit holder to use the Township's Waste Sites for their camping waste on the days that the permit is valid, providing they adhere to the Township's Waste and Recycling By-law.

#### **4. Crown Roads (within North Frontenac Parklands)**

4.1 The Crown Roads shall be as set out in the Land Use Permit as approved annually by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Township.

4.2 Crown Roads within North Frontenac Parklands shall be operated and maintained by the Township in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Land Use Permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, but shall not be public highways.

4.3 At the entrance of all Crown Roads within the North Frontenac Parklands, a sign shall be posted advising that Road Access Permits are required.

4.4 No person shall park or operate any Vehicle on a Crown Road within North Frontenac Parklands unless a valid Road Access Permit has been issued for the Vehicle in accordance with this By-law.

4.5 A Road Access Permit may be issued for daily, weekly and seasonal purposes. Daily and weekly permits shall be valid from 12:01 am on the Start Date to midnight on the End Date. A seasonal permit shall be valid from 12:01 April 1st or at the time of issuance, if issued after April 1, to midnight on November 15th of the same year.

- 4.6 Road Access Permits shall be displayed on the Vehicle's front dashboard or front windshield in such a manner that permits its inspection at any time from outside the vehicle by an Authorized Inspector. The driver of any Vehicle using a Crown Road within North Frontenac Parklands must produce their permit for inspection on request by an Authorized Inspector.
- 4.7 The Authorized Inspector may revoke a Permit if the Vehicle is operated in an erratic, reckless or hazardous manner or in a manner contrary to any posted traffic control signs or other rules and regulations governing use of Crown Roads within North Frontenac Parklands.
- 4.8 A Road Access Permit is not required in respect of any Vehicle owned by or operated on behalf of the following persons in connection with their normal business activities:
- The Government of Canada
  - The Government of Ontario
  - The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac
  - Bell Canada
  - Hydro One
  - Any company licensed to cut timber on Crown land within the North Frontenac Parklands

## **5. Fees**

- 5.1 The fees payable for Camping Permits and Road Access Permit shall be as set out in The Township of North Frontenac's Fees and Charges By-law.
- 5.2 Refunds will be administered according to the rules and regulations set out on the North Frontenac Parklands website or at the Manager of Community Development's discretion.

## **6. Penalties and Enforcement**

- 6.1 This By-law shall be administered by the CAO and enforced by the By-law Enforcement Officer or any other person appointed by Council.
- 6.2 Any person violating any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a penalty pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, Chapter 33P.33, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.
- 6.3 The operator of a vehicle, not being the owner, is liable to any penalty provided under this By-law.
- 6.4 The owner of the vehicle may be charged with and convicted of an offence under this By-law for which the driver of the vehicle is subject to be charged unless, at the time of the offence, the vehicle was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner's consent, and on conviction the owner is liable to the penalty prescribed or provided for the offence.
- 6.5 Set fines may be established for certain offences contained in this By-law. Such set fines shall be established pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act and shall become effective upon the approval of same by the Chief Judge of the Provincial Offences Court.

## **7. Application**

- 7.1 Any section, subsection or part thereof of this By-law declared by any Court of Law to be illegal or ultra vires, such section or subsection or part thereof shall be severable and all parts hereof are declared to be separate and independent.
- 7.2 By-law #11-99, By-law #97-13, and By-law #114-13 are hereby repealed.
- 7.3 All Resolutions, By-laws or parts of by-laws which are contrary to or inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.
- 7.4 This By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the date of passing.

**Read** a first and second time **March 15, 2024**.

**Read** a third time and finally passed this **March 15, 2024**.

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**Gerry Lichty, Mayor**

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**Tara Mieske, Clerk**

## **Schedule “A”**

### **Municipal Lands**

The location of North Frontenac Parklands shall include the Municipal Lands as described in Schedule “A” and all Crown Lands as set out in the Land Use Permit as approved annually by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

All those lands described as the Township owned 66 foot Shore Road Allowance lying along the shores of the following lakes (abutting Crown Land only):

- a) Big Gull Lake
- b) Fortune Lake
- c) Govan Lake
- d) Granite Lake
- e) Hungry Lake
- f) Kashwakamak Lake
- g) Long Schooner Lake
- h) Mair Lake
- i) Mosque Lake
- j) Redhorse Lake
- k) Round Schooner Lake