

District of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 477

A bylaw to regulate the establishment, extension,
layout and servicing of Campgrounds

The Council of the District of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the "Campground Bylaw 1984, No. 477".
2. The "Township of Chilliwack Tourist Accommodation Regulation Bylaw, 1958" and amendments thereto, and the "Township of Chilliwack Camping Regulation and Sanitary Control Bylaw, 1962" and amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.
3. (1) The provisions of this bylaw apply to any Campground constructed or established after the adoption of this bylaw and to any additional construction on an existing Campground and to any alteration to the layout of an existing Campground.
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(2) Where the construction or layout of an existing Campground does not conform to the provisions of this bylaw, no person may carry out additional construction or make an alteration to the layout of the Campground if the effect of such construction or alteration is likely to aggravate the non-conformity.
(3) This bylaw does not apply to Campgrounds licensed under the Community Care Facility Act.
4. Definitions:
In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
"approval" means approval in writing;
"buffer area" means the buffer area described in Section 16;
"campground" means a site occupied and maintained, or intended to be occupied or maintained, for the temporary accommodation of travelers in recreation vehicles or tents, but does not include a mobile home park, motel or hotel;
"campsite" means an area in a campground used for one recreation vehicle or tent;
"dependent recreation vehicle" means a recreation vehicle other than an independent recreation vehicle;

4. Definitions (continued):

- "independent recreation vehicle" means a recreation vehicle equipped with a water-closet and a place for washing, wastes from both of which may be disposed of directly into a sewage-disposal system through a drain connection;
- "Medical Health Officer" means the Medical Health Officer appointed under the Health Act for the territorial jurisdiction of the area in which a campground is located;
- "owner" means an owner, agent, lessor, or manager of, or any person who operates a campground;
- "safe water" means water which is approved for drinking purposes by the Medical Health Officer;
- "privy" means an approved building over an approved sanitary earth pit for the receiving and disposal by decomposition of human excrement, and includes a latrine;
- "recreation vehicle" means any vehicle or trailer constructed or equipped to be used for recreational enjoyment as temporary living or sleeping quarters not requiring continuous connection to sanitary, water and electrical hookups;
- "roadway" means road within a campground part or all of which is made suitable for normal vehicular use for access to abutting camping spaces and other facilities;
- "service building" means a building, other than a privy, housing toilet or bathing facilities or such other sanitation facilities as are required by this bylaw;
- "sewage disposal station" means a place where recreation vehicle sewage-storage tanks may be emptied and flushed.

5. Prohibitions:

- (1) No person may construct or layout a campground or any part of a campground without being in possession of a valid and subsisting permit for that purpose issued pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw.
- (2) No person may construct or layout a campground or part of a campground in a manner not authorized or in a manner prohibited by the provisions of this bylaw.

6. Severability:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

7. Administration:

- (1) The Building Inspector or such other officer appointed by Council shall administer the provisions of this bylaw.
- (2) The officer appointed under subsection (1) may enter any campground at all reasonable times for the purpose of administering or enforcing the provisions of this bylaw.

8. Permit Required:

- (1) No person shall construct, alter, extend, or expand a campground until written approval is received and permit is issued by the Building Inspector.
- (2) Written approval and permit under subsection (1) shall not be given until a sewage disposal permit has been issued, water supply system and garbage disposal method has been approved under the Health Act, Waste Management Act or Water Act.

9. Application, Approval and Permit:

- (1) All applications for campground approval and permit shall be made in writing to the Building Inspector and shall contain:
 - (a) the name and address of the applicant;
 - (b) a general description of the location of the land and a full legal description of the land on which the proposed campground is to be established, constructed, altered or extended;
 - (c) two full sets of working drawings to scale showing:
 - (i) the area, dimensions and legal description of the parcel(s) of land;
 - (ii) the dimensions and location of the buffer area required under section 16;
 - (iii) the number, location, dimensions, and designation of all campsites and location and dimensions of all roadways, the owner's residential plot (if any), common recreation areas and storage area (if any);
 - (iv) the location of service buildings, any sewage disposal station, or any other proposed structures;

9. Application, Approval and Permit (continued):

- (1) (c) (v) the internal layouts of all service ancillary buildings and other structures, apart from the owner's residence;
- (vi) the location and details of the source of water, treatment plants, water distribution lines and outlets;
- (vii) the location and details of all connections to the sewer, sewer-lines, septic tank(s) and sub-surface disposal field, or other private sewage treatment plants and disposal methods;
- (viii) the location of storm drains and catch basins;
- (ix) the location and details of all on-site garbage and refuse disposal areas;
- (x) a north arrow and notation of the scales used;
- (xi) a general landscaping plan for the site;
- (xii) all water courses or water frontage within or adjacent to the proposed campground;
- (xiii) all steep banks or slopes within or adjacent to the land concerned; and
- (xiv) the relationship of the proposed campground to adjacent roads/highways.

- (2) The Building Inspector may require the applicant to provide additional relevant information, including but not limited to topographic and soil condition data.

10. Fees:

Each application for a campground permit submitted shall be accompanied by an application fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first 50 campsites and Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each additional campsite shown in the campground plan.

11. Approval and Permit:

- (1) The Building Inspector shall examine each application for a campground permit and shall notify the applicant in writing within 60 days either that the permit is issued or that it is refused.
- (2) If a campground permit is refused, the Building Inspector shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for refusal.

11. Approval and Permit (continued):

- (3) A campground permit shall permit the establishment of a campground on the land concerned only in compliance with the campground plan approved and permit issued.
- (4) If the holder of the permit does not commence the construction permitted by the permit within one year of the date of the permit issued, the permit lapses.

12. Other Regulations:

- (1) Every campground shall comply with:
 - (a) the plumbing, electrical and building bylaws and regulations in force;
 - (b) all regulations, made pursuant to the Fire Services Act;
 - (c) all regulations made pursuant to the Forest Act relating to the fire protection, and other matters.
- (2) Nothing in this bylaw shall relieve the owners of a campground from the responsibility to seek out and comply with enactments applicable.
- (3) Where a known physical hazard exists such as threat of flood, erosion, avalanche etc., the owner of the campground shall provide safeguards deemed satisfactory by the District of Chilliwack Engineering Department and the Provincial Ministry of Environment, and in addition shall sign a restrictive covenant exempting the District of Chilliwack and the Province of British Columbia from any financial liability should damage occur to the campground or the occupants thereof.
- (4) Where a campground is located outside a standard dyke, all permanent structures must be elevated to above FLOOD CONSTRUCTION LEVEL as defined in the District of Chilliwack Zoning Bylaw.

13. Building Permit:

Prior to any work or construction in a campground, the applicant shall obtain a building permit for building or structure from the Building Inspector.

14. Drainage:

No person shall locate or extend a campground except on a site that is well drained and is at all times free of stagnant pools.

15. Camping Spaces:

Each campsite within a campground shall:

- (a) have a minimum area of 80m² and be clearly identified by a number or similar designation;
- (b) accommodate only one recreation vehicle or tent;
- (c) be no closer than 3m to a roadway;
- (d) be no closer than 7.5m to the boundary of the campground;
- (e) have one conveniently located parking space adjacent to the roadway. All or part of which may be within the setback required under clause (c).

16. Buffer Area:

- (1) A campground shall have immediately within its boundaries a buffer area of 7.5m within which no campsite, residential accommodation, parking, garbage disposal areas, privies, service buildings or recreational areas, except for water front recreation, shall be permitted.
- (2) The only roadways permitted in the buffer area are those which cross it as close to right angles as practicable and connect directly with the roadway system contained within the remainder of the campground.

17. Recreation Area:

- (1) A campground shall have open space for playground, park, sports, games and similar recreational areas to serve the campground in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the area of the campground.
- (2) The recreation areas shall not include buffer areas, parking areas, ancillary buildings, campsites, driveways and storage areas.

18. Signs:

Subject to the Motor Vehicle Act, Highway Act and Sign and Canopy Bylaw 1984, No. 458, and amendments thereto, an identification sign to a maximum height of 2m above ground and to a maximum area of 3m² may be located at the principal entrance to the campground.

19. Owner's Residence and Office Space:

Within a campground a dwelling unit including office space shall be provided for the accommodation of the owner or operator of the campground. The minimum site area for such facility shall be 450m².

20. Access:

- (1) At least one highway access shall be provided to a campground containing 80 or less campsites.
- (2) A second access from a public highway, separated by at least 50m from the first access shall be provided to each campground containing 81 or more campsites.

21. Customer's Parking/Holding Area:

Within 50 metres of the campground entrance or office there shall be provided customer's parking/holding area in an amount of 18m² for each 10 campsites up to a maximum of 140m² for the convenience and safety of the customers.

22. Roadways:

- (1) Access to and from a campground shall have a minimum roadway width of 10m and a minimum hard surfaced or gravelled width of 7m. No parking shall be allowed on the access roadway.
- (2) All camping spaces, owner's or operator's residence, service buildings as well as other facilities where access is required shall have access by an internal roadway system.
- (3) Roadways giving access to and from campsites shall have a minimum roadway width of 6m and a minimum hard surfaced or gravelled width of 4m and shall wherever possible be of a one-way direction.
- (4) Roadways in a campground shall be well drained, and maintained in such a manner as to render them free from dust at all times.
- (5) Dead end roadways and cul-de-sacs shall have a turning circle at the end with a radius of at least 12m.

23. Water Supply:

- (1) The owner of a campground shall provide a water supply system to furnish a constant supply of safe water in compliance with the Health Act. The system must have a backflow preventer at the entrance.
- (2) Water mains and sewerage laterals shall be separated horizontally by a minimum distance of 3m.
- (3) Where campsites are equipped with water-service connections, such connections shall be protected against physical damage and contamination during connection and disconnection of water or sewer connecting pipes and hoses.
- (4) Where campsites are not equipped with water-service connections, no campsite shall be more than 60m from a potable-water standpipe.

24. Sewage Disposal:

- (1) The owner of a Campground shall provide for a disposal of all waste water and of all human excretion generated within the campground by causing all sewage and waste water to be discharged into a public sewer if available or into a private sewage disposal system in compliance with the Health Act or Waste Management Act.
- (2) The owner shall obtain either a sewer disposal permit from the Ministry of Health or from the Ministry of Environment, Waste Management Branch, depending on the amount of discharge generated.
- (3) If there is not sufficient supply of water to operate flush toilets, privies and/or alternative methods of liquid waste disposal may be permitted in accordance with the Sewage Disposal Regulations, under the Health Act.
- (4) Where water and sewer systems are available, each camping space intended for use by an independent recreation vehicle shall be provided with at least a 4 inch sewer connection. The 4 inch sewer connection shall have a restriction inside the pipe to prevent recreation vehicle pipe sliding into the sewer pipe. The sewer connection shall be provided with a suitable fitting so that a water tight connection can be made between the recreation vehicle drain and the sewer connection. The connection shall be so constructed that it can be closed when not linked to a trailer, to prevent the escape of odours.

25. Service Buildings:

(1) Where sewer and water systems are installed, the campground shall be provided with at least one service building equipped with flush type fixtures and other sanitary facilities as prescribed below:

Number of Campsites*	Toilets		Urinals	Washbasins		Showers		Other Fixtures
	Men	Women	Men	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1 - 15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
16 - 30	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	
31 - 45	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1 slop sink**
46 - 60	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	
61 - 80	3	4	2	4	4	2	2	
81 - 100	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	

For each campground having more than 100 campsites*, there shall be provided one additional toilet and washbasin, for each sex, for each additional 30 campsites*, one additional shower for each sex for each additional 40 campsites; and one additional men's urinal for each additional 100 campsites.

* Campsites for tents and dependent recreation vehicles only.

** A conveniently located slop sink(s) for disposal of liquid wastes.

(2) Service buildings shall:

- (a) be located at least 4.5m and not more than 150m from any campsite; the 150m distance shall not apply to an independent recreation vehicle campsite;
- (b) be of permanent construction and adequately lighted;
- (c) have walls, floors, and partitions that can be easily cleaned and will not be damaged by frequent hosing, wetting or disinfecting;
- (d) have all rooms well ventilated, with all openings effectively screened;
- (e) provide separate compartments for each bathtub or shower and toilet and a tight partition to separate those facilities designated for males and females.

(3) (a) Laundry facilities shall be provided in the ratio of one laundry unit for every 30 campsites and shall be in a separate room of a service building or in a separate building;

(b) A laundry unit shall consist of not less than one laundry tub and one clothes washing machine in working order;

25. Service Buildings (continued):

- (3) (c) If there are laundry facilities available to the public within 8 km (vehicle/road travelled distances) of a campground, the requirements under (a) and (b) are waived.

26. Sewage Disposal Station:

- (1) Where a campground contains campsites for use by recreation vehicles, the owner shall, except where privies are permitted or sufficient sewer connections are available in accordance with section 24(4), provide a recreation vehicle sewage disposal station for the purpose of receiving the contents of a recreation vehicle sewage storage tank.
- (2) Recreation vehicle sewage disposal station shall be located in an area apart from any roadway and out of which a recreation vehicle may be easily and conveniently moved.
- (3) Recreation vehicle sewage disposal stations shall be constructed in accordance with the design shown in Appendix A to this bylaw. 47

27. Privies:

Where privies are permitted, all privy buildings shall be subject to the requirements of the Sewage Disposal Regulations under the Health Act and shall be so constructed and maintained so that:

- (a) flies, insects, rats or small domestic animals do not have access to the waste materials;
- (b) the surface or ground water cannot enter the pit or vault;
- (c) it is no closer to any campsite or building than 15m.

28. Garbage Disposal:

- (1) The owner of a campground shall dispose or arrange for disposal of garbage or refuse.
- (2) The owner of a campground shall:
 - (a) provide one garbage container for every two campsites or a common disposal bin with closing lid within 60m of all campsites;
 - (b) maintain the containers so that they shall not become foul smelling, unsightly, or a breeding place for flies;
 - (c) be responsible for ensuring that no person shall dispose of garbage, waste, or refuse except in accordance with the arrangements made for the campground.

29. Supervision:

- (1) The owner of a campground shall maintain all equipment in or on the campground in a clean, safe and sanitary condition;
- (2) The owner of a campground shall not register or accommodate more parties or campers than there are camping spaces;
- (3) The owner shall take adequate steps to keep the campground free of vermin;
- (4) Every campground shall be kept free of inflammable debris and rubbish at all times;
- (5) Fires shall be made only in stoves, incinerators, outdoor barbecues, or other equipment or structures designed for that purpose, and approved by the District of Chilliwack Fire Department;
- (6) No owner or person in charge of a dog, cat or other pet or animal shall permit it to run at large or to commit any nuisance within the limits of the campground;
- (7) (a) Where a condition exists which, in the opinion of the Medical Health Officer, is a menace to the public health as herein provided, such Medical Health Officer may order the owner to take such action as he deems appropriate to correct that condition and, if necessary, to close such campground to the public until such conditions have been remedied, and any person who continues to operate a campground after such closing order by the Medical Health Officer while such conditions exist shall be guilty of an infraction of these regulations;
(b) An appeal shall lie from the order of the Medical Health Officer to the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance or Cabinet, but, pending the determination of the appeal, the order shall remain in force;
- (8) The owner of a campground shall insure that the campground is accessible only by registered campers during the period of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and that a responsible person is available on a 24 hour basis;
- (9) The owner of a campground shall insure that a telephone is available for emergency use on a 24 hour basis within 1 km of the campground.

30. Offence and Penalty:

Any person who constructs or lays out a campground or any part of a campground without being in possession of a valid and subsisting permit for such purpose, or who constructs or lays out a campground or any part thereof in contravention of any of the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to the penalties prescribed by the Offence Act.

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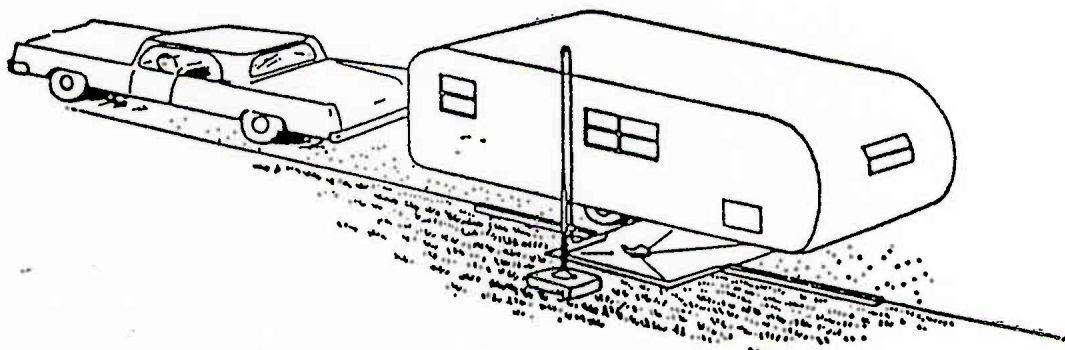
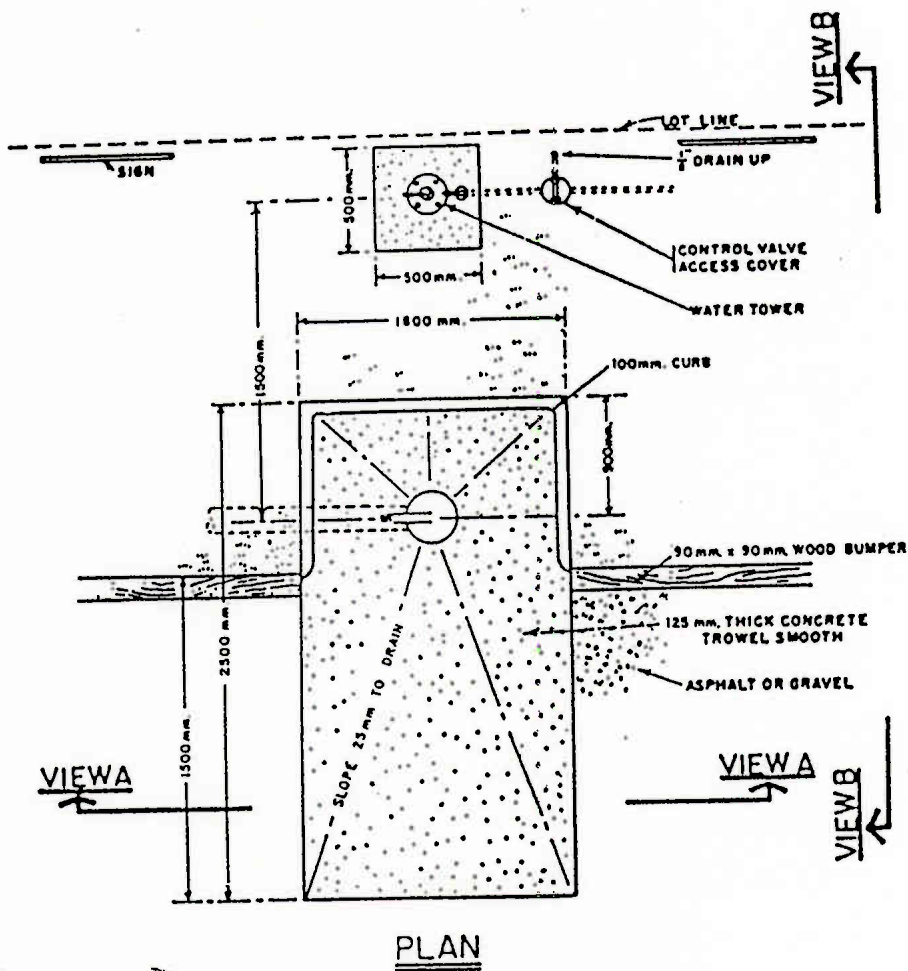
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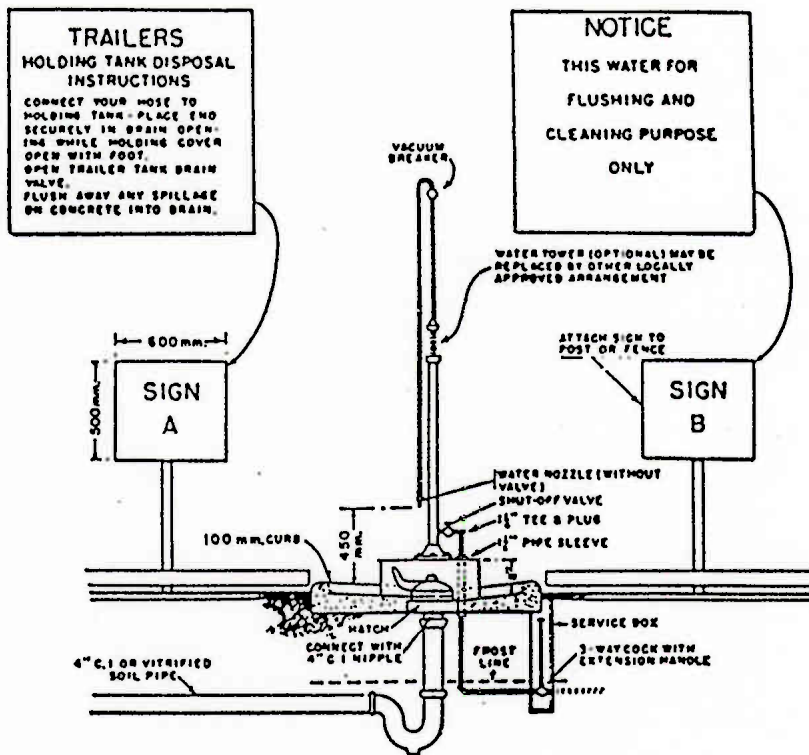
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APPENDIX A
Trailer Sewage Disposal System



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VIEW A



VIEW B

