

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW

BY-LAW NUMBER 101-2026

A By-law for the use, regulation, and protection of Parks in the City of Vaughan and to repeal Parks By-law 134-95 and its amendments.

WHEREAS subsections 11(2)6. and 11(2)8. of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 ("*Municipal Act*"), as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS subsection 11(3)5. of the *Municipal Act* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting culture, parks, recreation and heritage;

AND WHEREAS section 425(1) of *Municipal Act* allows municipalities to pass by-laws, providing that a person who contravenes the by-law is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS section 429(1) of *Municipal Act* enables municipalities to establish a system of fines for offences under a by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 434.1 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality may require a person to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with a by-law of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 441.1 of *Municipal Act* states that a municipality can add unpaid fines to the tax roll of the property of the person who owes them;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan deems it appropriate to repeal and replace the Parks By-law 134-95 and its amendments with a new by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan enacts as follows:

1.0 Authority and Short Title

(1) This by-law shall be known and may be cited as the "Parks By-law".

2.0 Applicability and Scope

(1) The provisions of this by-law apply to all *Parks* in the *City*.

3.0 Definitions and Interpretation

(1) In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number shall include the plural, and words imparting the masculine gender shall include the feminine and further, the converse of the foregoing also applies where the context requires.

(2) Wherever a word is used in this By-law with its first letter capitalized and the whole word italicized, the term is being used as it is defined in section 3.0(4) of this By-law. Where any word appears in ordinary case, the commonly applied English language meaning is intended.

(3) Any reference to a statute, regulation, by-law or other legislation shall include such statute, regulation, by-law or legislation as amended, re-enacted, replaced, or superseded.

(4) For the purposes of this By-law:

"Alcoholic Beverage" means spirits, wine, beer, or any combination thereof, and includes any alcohol in a form appropriate for human consumption as a beverage, alone or in combination with any other matter;

"Administrative Penalties By-law" means the *City's* Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024;

"Authorized Sign" means any sign, notice, or other device placed or erected in or upon a *Park*, under the authority of this By-law;

"Bicycle" includes a tricycle and unicycle but does not include a motor assisted bicycle or *Power-Assisted Bicycle*;

"Business Licensing By-law" means the *City's* Business Licensing By-law 122-2022;

"Cannabis" has the same meaning as in subsection 2(1) of the *Cannabis Act*, S.C. 2018, c. 16;

"City" means the Corporation of the City of Vaughan;

"Control" includes care and custody;

"Council" means the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan;

"Electric Kick-Scooter" means a vehicle that has:

- (a) two wheels placed along the same longitudinal axis, one placed at
- (b) the front of the kick-scooter and one at the rear,
- (c) a platform for standing between the two wheels,
- (d) a steering handlebar that acts directly on the steerable wheel, and
- (e) an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts that provides a maximum speed of 24 kilometres per hour;

"Electronic Cigarette" or "E-Cigarette" has the same meaning as subsection 1(1) of the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*;

"Fees and Charges By-law" means the *City's Fees and Charges By-law 051-2026*;

"Filming By-law" means the *City's Filming By-law 168-2020*;

"Fireworks By-law" means the *City's Fireworks and Pyrotechnics By-law 089-2022*;

"Deputy City Manager" means the Deputy City Manager of Public Works for the *City* or his or her designate;

"Designated Area" means an area defined or constructed for a specific use which may include *Posted* conditions;

"Disabled Person" includes a person who is blind or who has any degree of physical disability, which requires the physical reliance on a wheelchair, crutches, braces, canes or other similar remedial appliance or device;

"Highway Traffic Act" refers to *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8* and its regulations;

"Motorized Recreational Vehicle" means a *Vehicle* propelled by an internal combustion engine, electric motor, pneumatic motor, hydraulic motor, or any combination thereof, including but not limited to a snowmobile, go-cart, trail bike, minibike, all-terrain vehicle, scooter, or motorized skateboard;

“Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, pursuant to section 15 of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15 or section 55 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, to enforce the provisions of this By-law;

“Noise Control By-law” means the *City’s* Noise Control By-law 121-2021;

"Organized Sport or Activity" means a sport, game or activity pre-planned by a group or organization whether or not formally constituted and whether or not the players or members wear uniforms;

"Park" means land and land covered by water and all portions thereof owned by or made available by lease, agreement, or otherwise to the *City*, that is or hereafter may be established, dedicated, set apart or made available for use as public open space or golf course, and that has been or hereafter may be placed under the (jurisdiction) of the *Deputy City Manager* including any and all buildings, structures, facilities, erections, and improvements located in or on such land, save and except where such land is governed by other by-laws of the *City*;

"Permit" means any written authorization of *City* where such authority has been delegated;

“Photography Permits By-law” means the *City’s* Photography Permits By-law 169-2020;

"Post" or "Posted" refers to the erection or presence of permissive, regulatory, restrictive, warning or prohibitive *Authorized Signs* and "Posted Area" means an area where such *Authorized Signs* are erected;

“Power-Assisted Bicycle” means a vehicle that:

- (a) is pedal-driven bicycle of conventional exposed fork-and-frame bicycle design and appearance that does not resemble a motor scooter or motorcycle and that:
 - (i) has two or three wheels;
 - (ii) is fitted at all times with pedals that are always operable to propel the bicycle;

(iii) is capable at all times of being propelled on level ground solely by using muscular power to operate the pedals;

(iv) has steering handlebars;

(v) has wheels that have a width of not less than 35 millimetres and a diameter of not less than 350 millimetres;

(vi) has one or more electric motors that, singly or in combination, have a continuous rated output power not exceeding 500 watts and that is incapable of providing propulsion assistance when the bicycle attains a speed of 32 kilometres per hour or more; and

(vii) weighs not more than 55 kilograms;

(b) has the appearance of a motor scooter, with a seat and an open frame that may be stepped through and a platform on which the rider's feet may rest and that:

(i) meets the description in subclauses (a)(i) to (a)(vi); and

(ii) weighs not more than 120 kilograms;

(c) has the appearance of a motorcycle, with a saddle designed to be straddled and a footrest, pedals or pegs where the rider's feet may remain secure, and that meets the description in (b)(i) and (b)(ii);

"Road Allowance By-law" means the *City's Road Allowance By-law 126-2024*;

"Smoke or Smoking" includes the holding or carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, *E-Cigarette*, electronic vaporizer or any other lighted, heated or otherwise activated smoking or vaporizing equipment, that contains any *Tobacco, Cannabis* or other substance or product;

"Smoking By-law" means the *City's Smoking By-law 074-2019*;

"Tobacco" includes any product that contains tobacco;

"Vehicle" includes a motor vehicle as defined under the *Highway Traffic Act* and a trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road-building machine, *Bicycle, Motorized Recreational Vehicle* and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power, but does not include a *Power-Assisted Bicycle*,

Electric Kick-Scooter, a motorized snow vehicle or a street car;

"Watercraft" means any device for conveyance in or on water and includes but is not limited to boats, row boats, sailboard, canoes, kayaks, or dinghies.

4.0 Restricted Areas

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall enter into areas *Posted* to prohibit or restrict admission of the public.
- (2) No person shall enter into or remain in any *Park* between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. unless authorized by a *Permit*.

5.0 Conduct

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:
 - (a) indulge in any riotous, boisterous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language;
 - (b) cast, throw or in any way propel any object in such manner as may or does endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property;
 - (c) create a nuisance by loitering, spying, accosting, frightening, annoying or otherwise disturbing other persons; or
 - (d) create a nuisance or in any way interfere with the use and enjoyment of the *Park* by other persons;
 - (e) move or use any structure, facility or equipment, other than for its intended use;
 - (f) carry or possess any glass container or other breakable container while in playground areas.

6.0 Firearms and Offensive Weapons

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall be in possession of or use any firearm, air gun, bow and arrow, axe or offensive weapon of any kind unless authorized by *Permit*.
- (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, recreational archery equipment may be used in *Designated Areas* in accordance with *Posted* conditions and/or where supervised.

7.0 Fireworks

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall ignite, discharge or set off any firecrackers, rockets or other fireworks except as a fireworks display. A fireworks display shall not be permitted unless authorized by *Permit* issued by Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services Department pursuant to the *Fireworks By-law*.

8.0 Injury and Damage

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:
- (a) climb any building, structure or equipment, unless it is an equipment designed for climbing;
 - (b) break, injure, deface or remove the whole or any part of any flowers, plant material, trees or other vegetation or any building, structure, equipment or other property of the *City*;
 - (c) unless authorized by *Permit*, climb or remove the whole or any part of rocks, boulders, rock faces or remove any soil, sand, wood or mulch;
 - (d) in any manner, disturb ground which is under repair, prepared for planting, has been newly seeded or sodded or is in a *Posted Area*; or
 - (e) drive, park or walk in an area *Posted* to prohibit same.

9.0 Waste and Pollution

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:
- (a) dispose of or dump garbage, litter, tree trimmings, or any other refuse, except that which is generated through the normal use of the *Park* and shall only deposit same in receptacles provided for such purpose;
 - (b) dispose of or dump garden refuse except in a *Designated Area* therefore;
 - (c) unless authorized by *Permit*, dump or deposit snow, fill, soil, building or construction materials;
 - (d) dump or drain any other material or liquid onto any soils or into the waters of any pool, pond, lake, stream, fountain, or watercourse of any kind, including but not limited to the backflushing of pools or hot tubs, or the redirecting of downspouts; or

(e) release into the air any balloons, lanterns or similar objects.

10.0 Protection of Wildlife

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

(a) subject to the provisions of Part 22.0, kill, attempt to kill, maim, injure, trap or disturb any animal, bird, waterfowl, fish, worms, or other wildlife;

(b) touch, injure or remove any nest or egg therefrom; or

(c) allow a pet to kill, attempt to kill, maim, injure, trap or disturb any animal, bird, waterfowl, fish, worms, or other wildlife.

11.0 Encroachment

(1) No person shall:

(a) encroach upon or take possession of any *Park* by any means whatsoever, including but not limited to the construction, installation or maintenance of any fence or structure, the dumping or storage of any materials or plantings, and any planting, cultivating, grooming or landscaping, unless in accordance with the *Road Allowance By-law*; or

(b) alter any *Park* fence, including the addition of gates, or otherwise creating access points to a *Park* through a fence.

12.0 Alcoholic Beverages

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

(a) possess an unsealed container of an *Alcoholic Beverage*;

(b) consume an *Alcoholic Beverage*; or

(c) serve and sell an *Alcoholic Beverage*,

unless in accordance with the *Liquor License and Control Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c.15, as amended, and authorized by a permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

13.0 Smoking

(1) While in any *Park*, unless otherwise provided for in this By-law, no person shall *Smoke*, except in accordance with the provisions of the *Smoking By-law*.

14.0 Campfires and Barbecues

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) light, build or stoke an open fire or bonfire unless in a *Designated Area* and authorized by a *Permit*;
- (b) use any barbecues unless authorized by a *Permit*;
- (c) leave a barbecue or campfire without extinguishing the fire and ensuring that the embers are cold.

15.0 Organized Gatherings and Picnics

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) unless authorized by a *Permit*, which must be produced for examination forthwith upon demand, hold a picnic, organized gathering or event for more than twenty-five persons; or
- (b) interfere with a picnic, organized gathering or event authorized by a *Permit*.

16.0 Amplifiers and Loudspeakers

(1) Except in accordance with the *Noise Control By-law* and unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person shall operate loudspeakers or amplifying equipment in any *Park*.

17.0 Camping and Lodging

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person shall dwell or lodge in any *Park*.

18.0 Tents and Structures

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person shall place, install or erect any temporary or permanent tent or structure in any *Park*.

19.0 Bathing, Swimming, and Sunbathing

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) enter any public swimming pool, except at times designated for swimming;
- (b) in or adjacent to any swimming pool, fail to abide by *Posted Authorized Signs* or to obey the instructions of any lifeguard or other authorized person;
- (c) swim, bathe or wade in any fountain, pond, lake or stream, except in a

Designated Area; or

- (d) utilize facilities without being properly attired including appropriate swim wear or beach clothing.

20.0 Use of Washrooms or Changerooms

- (1) No person shall enter any portion of any washroom, bathhouse, or change room in any *Park* set apart for the opposite sex.

21.0 Organized Sports or Activities

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) arrange or engage in an *Organized Sport or Activity*, unless authorized by a *Permit*; or

- (b) interfere with an *Organized Sport or Activity* authorized by a *Permit*.

- (2) In addition to the prohibitions set out in section 21.0(1), while in any *Park* no person shall utilize a *Designated Area* without a *Permit* where same is *Posted* to prohibit or restrict such use.

22.0 Fishing

- (1) No person shall fish in an area *Posted* to prohibit same, in any *Park*.

23.0 Golfing

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall play or practice golf or strike a golf ball except on a golf course or in a *Designated Area*.

- (2) On any golf course located in a *Park* no person shall:

- (a) play or practice golf unless registered on that day as a player;

- (b) hunt for or pick up any lost, misplaced or abandoned golf balls provided that nothing herein shall prevent a person registered as a player or such player's caddy from retrieving or attempting to retrieve golf balls lost by such registered player; or

- (c) during the period from April 1st to and including November 30th, enter in or upon the playing area thereof unless registered on that day as a player or accompanying such player as a caddy.

24.0 Model Aircrafts and Rockets

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall operate any remote-controlled or other powered devices, including but not limited to powered models of aircraft, rockets, *Watercraft*, drones or *Vehicles* unless authorized by a *Permit*.

25.0 Gliders and Hot Air Balloons

- (1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person shall tether, launch or land any hot air balloon, hang glider, ultra-light aircraft, parachutes or similar conveyance in any *Park*.

26.0 Skating

- (1) On any natural or artificial ice surface located in any *Park*, no person shall:
- (a) use speed skates unless authorized by a *Permit* or in a *Posted Area* in accordance with *Posted* conditions;
 - (b) skate in such a manner as to interfere with and/or endanger any other person using the surface; or
- (2) use a stick of any kind except in accordance with *Posted* conditions.

27.0 Skiing, Tobogganing and Sledding

- (1) No person shall ski, toboggan, snowboard, skibob or sled in any *Park Posted* to prohibit same.

28.0 Roller Skates and Skateboards

- (1) While in any *Park*, no person shall obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the *Park* while operating or utilizing traditional or in-line roller skates, skate boards or like conveyances.

29.0 Tennis

- (1) No person shall enter, walk, or play upon a *Designated Area* for tennis in any *Park*, except in accordance with the *Posted* rules and regulations.

30.0 Roadways

- (1) The *Council* or, where such authority has been delegated, the *Deputy City Manager*, is authorized to establish appropriate regulations to regulate the use of *Park* roadways.

(2) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, and except as provided in Part 33.0 with respect to *Bicycles*, no person shall while in any *Park* drive, operate, pull or ride any *Vehicle* except on a roadway or parking area.

31.0 Parking

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) park or leave a *Vehicle* except in a *Designated Area* for parking;
- (b) park or leave a *Vehicle* between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., except in a *Designated Area* allowing for such overnight parking, or where authorized by a *Permit*;
- (c) stop or park a *Vehicle* in a *Designated Area* for parking, except in a parking space and in accordance with *Posted* conditions;
- (d) stop or park a *Vehicle* in a designated disabled parking space, unless a *Disabled Person* parking permit issued in accordance with the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act* is properly displayed on or in the *Vehicle*; or
- (e) use any parking space except while using the *Park*.

32.0 Other Activities

(1) No person shall make use of any roadway or parking lot in any *Park* for:

- (a) washing, cleaning, servicing, maintaining or, except in the event of an emergency, the repair of any *Vehicle*; or
- (b) instructing, teaching or coaching any person in the driving or operation of a *Vehicle*.

33.0 Bicycles

(1) While in any *Park*, no person shall:

- (a) ride or operate any *Bicycle* where *Posted* to prohibit same; or
- (b) obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the *Park* while riding or operating a *Bicycle*.

34.0 Motorized Recreational Vehicles

(1) No person shall ride, drive, park or be in possession or *Control* of a *Motorized*

Recreational Vehicle in any *Park* except in a *Designated Area*.

35.0 Electric-Kick Scooters and Power-Assisted Bicycles

(1) No person shall operate, ride, drive, or park an *Electric-Kick Scooter* or *Power-Assisted Bicycle* in any *Park*.

36.0 Trucks and Commercial Vehicles

(1) No person shall, unless authorized by a *Permit*, drive, operate, pull or ride in any *Park*:

- (a) any heavy machinery or equipment of any description and whatever the mode of power; or
- (b) any truck, trailer or bus whatsoever, except a *Vehicle* that is being used for the purpose of making a delivery to a point within the limits of the *Park* while it is proceeding to or from such point of delivery, or operated for personal, recreational, or non-commercial use.

37.0 Speed

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, while in any *Park* no person shall operate:

- (a) any *Vehicle* on a roadway at a speed in excess of the *Posted* limit; or
- (b) a *Bicycle* other than on a roadway at a speed in excess of 20 kilometres per hour.

38.0 Horses

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person as owner or person having *Control* of any horse shall permit it to enter or remain in a *Park* unless:

- (a) within a *Designated Area* for use by horses; and
- (b) it is well broken and wearing a bridle.

(2) No person riding or having *Control* of a horse in any *Park* shall obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the *Park*.

39.0 Dogs

(1) While in any *Park*, no person as an owner or person having *Control* of any dog shall:

(a) allow it to run at large, except as permitted within a *City* designated off-leash zone;

(b) permit any dog to enter any beach, pond, swimming area, farm area, garden, landscaped area, playground or sports field, or any other area *Posted* to prohibit same, excluding blind persons reliant upon a guide dog.

(2) While in any *Park*, every person as an owner or person having *Control* of any dog shall:

(a) ensure that it is on a leash or chain, unless within a *City* designated off-leash zone;

(b) pick up and remove forthwith excrement left by the dog and dispose of it in a sanitary manner in a receptacle for litter or in some other suitable container, excluding *Disabled Persons*.

(3) Subsection 39.0(1)(a) shall not apply to animals within a designated leash free area.

40.0 Dangerous Animals

(1) No person as an owner or person having the *Control* of any animal shall bring into or permit such animal to enter any *Park*, if it may or does constitute a danger to other *Park* users.

41.0 Boating and Mooring

(1) No person shall, subject to any right at law to do so, place, operate, drive, ride or moor any *Watercraft* in any *Park* in any area *Posted* so as to prohibit or restrict the type and allowable uses of *Watercraft*.

42.0 Sale of Merchandise, Trade or Business

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit* issued by the *City*, and operating in accordance with the terms and conditions of that *Permit*, no person shall, while in any *Park*, sell or offer or display for sale:

(a) any food, drink or refreshment;

(b) any goods, wares, merchandise or articles including promotional materials, souvenirs and novelties; or

(c) any art, skill, service or work.

(2) While in any *Park*, no person shall practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession.

(3) No person shall use any *Park* or its facilities for commercial or business purposes, whether or not for profit, unless permitted under section 42.0(1).

(4) Notwithstanding any provisions of Part 42.0, *Parks* may be used for the walking of dogs for licensed Commercial Dog Walkers pursuant to the *Business Licensing By-law*.

43.0 Filming and Videotaping

(1) Except in accordance with the *Filming By-law* and the *Photography Permits By-law*, while in any *Park*, no person shall take or permit to be taken for remuneration any film, photograph, video tape or television broadcast unless authorized by a *Permit*.

44.0 Circular and Advertisements

(1) Unless authorized by a *Permit*, no person shall:

(a) while in any *Park* distribute, discard, or display any handbill, notice, or other circular, bill or advertisement; or

(b) post, nail, attach, stencil or otherwise fasten or erect any poster, sign, notice, placard or other circular, bill, advertisement or paper to any *Park* property, including trees.

45.0 Permits and Licences

(1) *Permits* issued for activities contemplated in this By-law may be subject to such fees, as per the *Fees and Charges By-law*.

(2) *Permits* issued for activities contemplated in this By-law may include conditions as to time, location, area, equipment, number of participants, type of activities, release, indemnity, letter of credit and insurance coverage.

(3) The issuance of a *Permit* pursuant to this By-law shall not relieve any person from the necessity of acquiring any other licence or permit required for such activity by any governmental or public authority.

(4) No *Permit* contemplated by this By-law shall be issued if same would result in the contravention of other applicable law.

46.0 Posting of Signage

(1) The *Deputy City Manager* is authorized to *Post Authorized Signs* of permission, regulation, restriction, warning or prohibition with respect to uses of or activities in any *Park* in accordance with the provisions hereof.

47.0 Closure

(1) The *Deputy City Manager* is authorized to close off for such period or periods as the *Deputy City Manager* deems appropriate any *Park* or parts thereof to relieve or prevent overcrowding or traffic congestion, or in the interests of public safety, or as may otherwise be authorized by *Council*.

(2) All *Parks* within the *City* shall be open from 06:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., except where exemptions for special events have been granted.

48.0 Exclusions and Exemptions

(1) This By-law shall not apply to:

(a) the drivers, operations or other personnel of ambulances, police or fire department vehicles, or the riders or attendants of police department horses, while engaged in the performance of their duties;

(b) employees or agents of the *City* while engaged in works or services undertaken for or on behalf of the *City*; or

(c) a *Park*, property or building that is now or hereafter under the jurisdiction of a board established by the *Council* or by statute, the members of which are appointed by *Council*.

(2) This By-law shall be subject to provisions of contracts and agreements now or hereafter entered into by the *City* covering works or services to be performed in any *Park*.

49.0 Orders and Enforcement

(1) Any police officer, provincial offences officer or *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* is authorized to inform any person of the provisions of this By-law and to

request compliance therewith.

(2) In addition to any other authority they may have, any police officer, provincial offences officer or *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer*, is authorized to order any persons believed to be contravening or who has contravened any provision of this By-law:

(a) to desist from the activity constituting or contributing to such contravention;

(b) to remove from the *Park* any animal or thing owned by or in the *Control* of such person which the officer or employee believes is or was involved in such contravention; or

(c) to leave the *Park*.

And the person(s) who has been issued the order shall comply with it.

(3) Any police officer, provincial offences officer or *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* may enforce the provisions of this By-law.

(4) Where any person contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law, or fails to comply with the order referred to in section 49.0(2) hereof, the permission and licence of such person to remain in the *Park* is revoked.

(5) Any police officer, provincial offences officer, or *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* who on reasonable grounds believes that an individual is contravening, or has contravened any provision of this By-law, may direct such individual to immediately identify themselves and produce suitable documentation to verify their identity.

50.0 Fines

(1) Any person contravening any of the provisions of this By-law, other than section 37.0(1)(a) resulting from the operation of a *Vehicle*, or fails to comply with an order issued under this By-law, is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine in such amount provided by the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.33, as may be amended from time to time.

(2) Any person contravening the provision contained in section 37.0(1)(a) of this By-law, resulting from the operation of a *Vehicle*, is guilty of an offence under the *Highway Traffic Act* and, pursuant to the provisions thereof, on conviction is liable

to a fine in such amount provided for by the *Highway Traffic Act*.

- (3) The owner of a *Vehicle* that is parked or left in contravention of Part 31.0 of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is subject to the provisions of this section, unless at the time of the offence the *Vehicle* was in the possession of another person without the owner's consent.

51.0 Administrative Penalties

- (1) Instead of laying a charge under the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter P.33, for a contravention of any provisions of this By-law, a *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* may issue an administrative penalty to the person who has contravened the By-law, as per the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.
- (2) If a person is required to pay an administrative penalty under section 51.0(1), no charge shall be laid against the same person for the same contravention.
- (3) The amount of the administrative penalty for a contravention under this By-law is listed in Schedule "A" to this By-law.
- (4) Every person who contravenes this By-law may be subject to an administrative penalty on each subsequent day in which the contravention continues.
- (5) If an order has been issued under this By-law and the order has not been complied with, the person to whom the order was issued may be subject to an administrative penalty on each day the order is not complied with.
- (6) A person who is issued an administrative penalty shall be subject to the procedures provided for in the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.

52.0 Removal of Vehicles

- (1) A police officer, provincial offences officer or *Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer* may, upon discovery of any *Vehicle* parked or standing in contravention of Part 31.0 of this By-law may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for removing, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the *Vehicle* which may be enforced in the manner provided by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.R.25*, as may be amended from time to time, or any successor acts thereto.

53.0 Cost Recovery

- (1) Costs incurred by the *City* in doing the work required in the order issued under Part 49.0 may be recovered by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as taxes.

54.0 Severability

- (1) Where a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section of this By-law to be invalid, or to be not in force, or without effect, it is the intention of the *Council* in enacting this By-law that the remainder of this By-law shall continue to be in force and applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the fullest extent possible according to law.

55.0 Conflict with Other By-laws

- (1) Where there is a conflict or contradiction between this By-law and any other by-law of the *City*, the provisions establishing the more restrictive standard shall prevail.

56.0 Designated By-law

- (1) This is a designated By-law as per Schedule 1 of the *Administrative Penalties By-law*.

57.0 Repeal of Other By-laws

- (1) The Parks By-law 134-95 and its amendments, including By-laws 343-99, 196-2000, 283-2002, 116-2009, 035-2017, 059-2019, 065-2020, 088-2022, 159-2023, 051-2025, 093-2025 and 149-2025 are hereby repealed.

58.0 Transition

- (1) Notwithstanding the repeal of by-laws 134-95, 343-99, 196-2000, 283-2002, 116-2009, 035-2017, 059-2019, 065-2020, 088-2022, 159-2023, 051-2025, 093-2025 and 149-2025, those by-laws shall continue to apply to any acts, omissions, occurrences, and to any offences that took place prior to this by-law coming into effect.

59.0 Force and Effect

- (1) This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date enacted by *Council*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 26th day of May, 2026.

Steven Del Duca, Mayor

Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 8 of Report No. 22 of the Committee of the Whole.
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on May 26, 2026.
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on May 26, 2026.
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 007-2026 dated May 26, 2026.
Effective Date of By-Law: May 26, 2026

Schedule “A” Offences and Corresponding Administrative Penalties

Section	Description	Fine Amount
4.0(1)	Enter into areas <i>Posted</i> to prohibit or restrict admission of the public.	\$250.00
4.0(2)	Enter into or remain in any <i>Park</i> between the hours of 11:01 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.	\$250.00
5.0(1)(a)	Indulge in any riotous, boisterous, violent, threatening, or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language.	\$400.00
5.0(1) (b)	Cast, throw or in any way propel any object in such manner as may or does endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property.	\$250.00
5.0(1) (c)	Create a nuisance by loitering, spying, accosting, frightening, annoying or otherwise disturbing other persons.	\$250.00
5.0(1)(d)	Create a nuisance or in any way interfere with the use and enjoyment of the <i>Park</i> by other persons.	\$250.00
5.0(1)(e)	Move or use any structure, facility or equipment, other than for its intended use.	\$250.00
5.0(1)(f)	Carry or possess any glass container or other breakable container while in playground areas.	\$250.00
6.0(1)	Be in possession of or use any firearm, air gun, bow and arrow, axe or offensive weapon of any kind unless authorized by <i>Permit</i> .	\$400.00
8.0(1)(a)	Climb any building, structure or equipment, unless it is equipment designed for climbing.	\$250.00
8.0(1)(b)	Break, injure, deface or remove the whole or any part of any flowers, plant material, trees or other vegetation or any building, structure, equipment or other property of the <i>City</i> .	\$250.00
8.0(1)(c)	Climb or remove the whole or any part of rocks, boulders, rock faces or remove any soil, sand, wood or mulch without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$250.00
8.0(1)(d)	Disturb ground which is under repair, prepared for planting, has been newly seeded or sodded or is in an area <i>Posted</i> to that effect.	\$250.00
8.0(1)(e)	Drive, park or walk in an area <i>Posted</i> to prohibit same.	\$250.00
9.0(1)(e)	Release into the air any balloons, lanterns or similar objects.	\$250.00
11.0(b)	Alter any <i>Park</i> fence, including the addition of gates, or otherwise creating access points to a <i>Park</i> through a fence.	\$500.00
12.0(1)(a)	Possess an unsealed container of an <i>Alcoholic Beverage</i> .	\$450.00
12.0(1)(b)	Consume an <i>Alcoholic Beverage</i> .	\$450.00
12.0(1)(c)	Serve and sell an <i>Alcoholic Beverage</i> .	\$450.00
14.0(1)(a)	Light, build or stoke an open fire or bonfire unless in a <i>Designated Area</i> and authorized by <i>Permits</i> .	\$450.00
14.0(1)(b)	Use any barbecues unless authorized by <i>Permit</i> .	\$450.00
14.0(1)(c)	Leave a barbecue or campfire without extinguishing the fire and ensuring that the embers are cold.	\$450.00
15.0(1)(a)	Hold a picnic, organized gathering or event for more than twenty-five persons without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$250.00
15.0(1)(b)	Interfere with a picnic, organized gathering or event authorized by <i>Permit</i> .	\$325.00
16.0(1)	Operate loudspeakers or amplifying equipment in any <i>Park</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$300.00

17.0(1)	Dwell or lodge in any <i>Park</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$350.00
18.0(1)	Place, install or erect any temporary or permanent tent or structure in any <i>Park</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$350.00
19.0(1)(a)	Enter any public swimming pool, except at times designated for swimming.	\$500.00
19.0(1)(b)	Fail to abide by <i>Posted Authorized Signs</i> or to obey the instructions of any lifeguard or other authorized person in or adjacent to any swimming pool.	\$350.00
19.0(1)(c)	Swim, bathe or wade in any fountain, pond, lake or stream, except in a <i>Designated Area</i> .	\$350.00
19.0(1)(d)	Utilize facilities without being properly attired including appropriate swim wear or beach clothing.	\$350.00
20.0(1)	Enter any portion of any washroom, bathhouse, or change room in any <i>Park</i> set apart for the opposite sex.	\$350.00
21.0(1)(a)	Arrange or engage in an <i>Organized Sport or Activity</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$375.00
21.0(1)(b)	Interfere with an <i>Organized Sport or Activity</i> authorized by <i>Permit</i> .	\$450.00
21.0(2)	Utilize a <i>Designated Area</i> without a <i>Permit</i> where same is <i>Posted</i> to prohibit or restrict such use.	\$500.00
22.0(1)	Fish in an area <i>Posted</i> to prohibit same.	\$300.00
23.0(1)	Play or practice golf or strike a golf ball except on a golf course or in a <i>Designated Area</i> .	\$300.00
24.0(1)	Operate any remote-controlled or other powered devices, including but not limited to powered models of aircraft, rockets, <i>Watercraft</i> , drones or <i>Vehicles</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$500.00
25.0(1)	Tether, launch or land any hot air balloon, hang glider, ultra-light aircraft, parachutes or similar conveyance.	\$400.00
26.0(1)(a)	Use speed skates without a <i>Permit</i> or in a <i>Posted Area</i> in accordance with <i>Posted</i> conditions on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any <i>Park</i> .	\$500.00
26.0(1)(b)	Skate in such a manner as to interfere with and/or endanger any other person using the surface on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any <i>Park</i> .	\$500.00
26.0(1)(c)	Use a stick of any kind except in accordance with <i>Posted</i> conditions on any natural or artificial ice surface located in any <i>Park</i> .	\$500.00
27.0(1)	Ski, toboggan, snowboard, skibob or sled in any <i>Park</i> <i>Posted</i> to prohibit same.	\$200.00
28.0(1)	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the <i>Park</i> while operating or utilizing traditional or in-line roller skates, skate boards or like conveyances.	\$350.00
29.0(1)	Enter, walk, or play upon a <i>Designated Area</i> for tennis in any <i>Park</i> , except in accordance with the <i>Posted</i> rules and regulations.	\$350.00
30.0(2)	Drive, operate, pull or ride any <i>Vehicle</i> except on a roadway or parking area without a permit.	\$500.00
31.0(1)(a)	Park or leave a <i>Vehicle</i> except in a <i>Designated Area</i> for parking.	\$150.00
32.0(1)(a)	Make use of any roadway or parking lot in any <i>Park</i> for washing, cleaning, servicing, maintaining or, except in the event of an emergency, the repair of any <i>Vehicle</i> .	\$250.00
32.0(1)(b)	Make use of any roadway or parking lot in any <i>Park</i> for instructing, teaching or coaching any person in the driving or operation of a <i>Vehicle</i> .	\$350.00
33.0(1)(a)	Ride or operate any <i>Bicycle</i> where <i>Posted</i> to prohibit same.	\$250.00
33.0(1)(b)	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the <i>Park</i> while riding or operating a <i>Bicycle</i> .	\$300.00

34.0(1)	Ride, drive, park or be in possession or <i>Control</i> of a <i>Motorized Recreational Vehicle</i> in any <i>Park</i> except in a <i>Designated Area</i> .	\$600.00
35.0(1)	Operate, ride, drive, or park an <i>Electric-Kick Scooter</i> or <i>Power-Assisted Bicycle</i> in any <i>Park</i> .	\$300.00
36.0(1)(a)	Drive, operate, pull or ride in any <i>Park</i> any heavy machinery or equipment of any description without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$600.00
36.0(1)(b)	Drive, operate, pull or ride in any <i>Park</i> any truck, trailer or bus without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$600.00
38.0(1)	Being an owner or person having <i>Control</i> of any horse, permit the horse to enter or remain in a <i>Park</i> without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$250.00
38.0(2)	Obstruct, inconvenience or endanger other users of the <i>Park</i> while riding or having <i>Control</i> of a horse.	\$300.00
40.0(1)	Being an owner or person having the <i>Control</i> of any animal, bring into or permit such animal to enter any <i>Park</i> if it may or does constitute a danger to other <i>Park</i> users.	\$250.00
41.0(1)	Place, operate, drive, ride or moor any <i>Watercraft</i> in any <i>Park</i> in any area <i>Posted</i> so as to prohibit or restrict the type and allowable uses of <i>Watercraft</i> .	\$250.00
42.0(1)(a)	Sell or offer or display for sale any food, drink or refreshment without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$350.00
42.0(1)(b)	Sell or offer or display for sale any goods, wares, merchandise or articles including promotional materials, souvenirs and novelties without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$350.00
42.0(1)(c)	Sell or offer or display for sale any art, skill, service or work without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$350.00
42.0(2)	Practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession.	\$350.00
42.0(3)	Use any <i>Park</i> or its facilities for commercial or business purposes, whether or not for profit.	\$350.00
43.0(1)	Take or permit to be taken for remuneration any film, photograph, video tape or television broadcast unless authorized by <i>Permit</i> .	\$400.00
44.0(1)(a)	Distribute, discard, or display any handbill, notice, or other circular, bill or advertisement without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$400.00
44.0(1)(b)	Post, nail, attach, stencil or otherwise fasten or erect any poster, sign, notice, placard or other circular, bill, advertisement or paper to any <i>Park</i> property, including trees without a <i>Permit</i> .	\$400.00