



CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
MUNICIPALITY OF RAPIDES-DES-JOACHIMS

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-0502 TO ESTABLISH THE FEES AND
REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING MCCONNELL
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RESOLUTION 20240711-03**

By-Law to establish the fees and regulations for Camping McConnell

WHEREAS a notice of motion was given by Kelsey Daly during a regular meeting of the municipal council, that was held on May 9, 2024 to the effect that this by-law be drafted and submitted for adoption;

WHEREAS the draft By-Law 2024-0502 was adopted at the regular sitting of council on June 13, 2024;

WHEREAS the only change made to by-law 2024-0502 since the adoption its draft is sub-article 2.10 to include the consumption of cannabis on the camper's site;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims signed two (2) leases with the Minister of natural resources, wildlife and parks, on September 2nd 2003, being lease N° 700 243 000 and lease N° 700 243 001;

WHEREAS the agreement stipulates that the Minister leases to the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims, exclusively for commercial camping purposes, the land hereinafter designated and described, with a total area of approximately 65,550 square metres:

- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 34
- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 35
- Canton Aberdeen, Rang III, Lot 35, Parcel 6

WHEREAS it is necessary to regulate the management of Camping McConnell as well as the collection of all campground related fees;

CONSIDERING that the GST and QST has been included in the pricing of all campground related fees since 2021;

WHEREAS all Camping McConnell related fees are outlined in Appendix 'A' which forms an integral part of this by-law and may be revised and amended by the municipal council from time to time;

SECTION 1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 Control and manage with fairness the expenditures and revenues of Camping McConnell which the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims manages;
- 1.2 Provide Camping McConnell users with a policy based on transparency and equitable management, establishing rules, standards and procedures;

SECTION 2 REGULATIONS

- 2.1 All persons camping at and/or visiting the Campground must pay fees as identified in Appendix 'A' of this By-Law;
- 2.2 All persons within the Campground area must abide by the rules established by the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims;
- 2.3 No person shall behave in a manner that disturbs others (partying, vulgar language, etc.);
- 2.4 No person shall make excessive noise (loud music, ATV's, etc);
- 2.5 No person shall make a fire anywhere other than the fire pits on their sites;



- 2.6 No person shall cut any trees or wood from the forest for any purpose, including campfires;
- 2.7 No person shall drive mopeds, motorcycles or any other ATV through the Campground to go use the facilities at the main building, they can only be used for recreational purposes to leave the site and go to the trails;
- 2.8 Weapons of any sort such as firearms, air guns, firecrackers, bows & arrows, slingshots, knives, etc are strictly prohibited and will result in confiscation and/or expulsion without refund;
- 2.9 Possession, consumption or trafficking of illegal drugs will result in immediate expulsion without refund;
- 2.10 Alcohol and cannabis may only be consumed at the persons campsite;
- 2.11 All vehicles operating in the park must respect the speed limit of 5km/hr;
- 2.12 Glass bottles and containers are strictly prohibited on the beach for safety reasons;
- 2.13 All persons must dispose of garbage and waste in the designated area;
- 2.14 All seasonal campers are responsible for keeping their own site clean and free of garbage and debris;
- 2.15 All persons must participate in recycling;
- 2.16 Pets are allowed on the campground but not on the beach. All pets must be tied up or on a leash at all times and their droppings must be collected and disposed of in the garbage;
- 2.17 Campers must be at least 18 years of age to rent a campsite;
- 2.18 Children under 12 years of age must be supervised at all times. At no time can a minor be left unattended;
- 2.19 All persons who break or destroy property and/or equipment through negligence must pay for its repair and/or replacement;
- 2.20 All campers must report their arrival and departure to the campground attendant;
- 2.21 No person shall take shortcuts through sites on foot, bicycle, ATV or other;
- 2.22 At no time are fireworks allowed on campsites or at the beach unless permission is granted by the Municipality ahead of time;
- 2.23 All persons must respect the rules of the environment and not discharge sewage on campsites. The campground provides the necessary equipment for each camper to dump wastewater and sewage in the septic located at the main entrance of the campground;
- 2.24 All persons violating this rule will be fined as well as held responsible for the cost to clean the affected site;
- 2.25 All seasonal campers and their guests are responsible for maintaining a well-groomed site, free from unsightly debris, clutter and combustible materials and to respect common areas such as the shower house, bathrooms, laundry room, beach and boat launch;
- 2.26 No person shall cut, trim or remove any trees, brush or shrubs;
- 2.27 No person shall put nails or other sharp objects into trees;
- 2.28 No camper shall sub-lease or rent their site;



- 2.29 All seasonal campers must, at the end of the season, remove their trailers and any other equipment from their sites. This includes but it not limited to: Refrigerators, BBQs, bicycles, toys and furniture.
- 2.30 Modifications to the landscape of a site will become the property of the Municipality when site occupancy ends or is terminated;
- 2.31 All decks or other structures must not be attached to trailers and permission must first be granted by the Municipality, as well as for installation of storage sheds;
- 2.32 During a power outage or electrical breakdown, the showers, toilets and laundry facilities will be out of use and the main building will be locked for the duration of the outage. We invite you to use your own installations.
- 2.33 These rules are subject to modification by the municipal council without notice;

SECTION 3 CAMPING SEASON

- 3.1 Seasonal (May to October) rates for services will include:
- Tenting – No hook-ups
 - Trailer & RV – Water, sewer, 30 AMP service and internet
- 3.2 Check-in time is 2:00pm or earlier if the site is ready (subject to campground attendants' information)
- 3.3 Check-out time is 12:00pm (noon)

SECTION 4 SEASONAL SITE HOLDERS

- 4.1 All seasonal site holders will be required to provide a non-refundable deposit (set out in Appendix 'A') for each following season, before the closure of the campground in October, in order to retain their site and occupancy rights;
- 4.2 All seasonal site holders will be required to give the balance of their site fees before the end of April of that year. All persons not making the final payment before the deadline will lose occupancy reservation as well as the initial deposit;
- 4.3 All seasonal site holders who have not paid their site fees in full before the deadline will also have to remove their trailers and any other equipment/structures from their site before the opening of the campground;

SECTION 5 WINTER STORAGE

- 5.1 There is a winter storage fee, as set out in Appendix 'A' of this By-Law, that allows seasonal campers to store their trailers on site over the winter. All other equipment (see Section 2; sub-section 2.29) will still need to be removed from the site;
- 5.2 Seasonal campers interested in winter storage will have to sign a liability waiver and pay the winter storage fee in full before the closure of the campground to be eligible for this service;

SECTION 6 CAMPSITES & VISITORS

- 6.1 Each campsite allows a maximum of:
- 2 adults and their children
 - 1 vehicle
 - 2 tents if there is no trailer or RV on the site; 1 tent if there is
- 6.2 All other persons on the campsite are considered visitors and must register at the office and pay the appropriate fees as set out in Appendix 'A' of this By-Law;
- 6.3 All other vehicles must park in the visitor parking lot down at the beach;
- 6.4 No vehicles will be allowed to park on the road at any time for safety reasons;
- 6.5 No transports are allowed to park on site. They must park in the visitors parking;



All seasonal site holders are responsible for informing their visitors to check-in with the campground attendant. If this is not respected, the visitor's fees will be forwarded to the site holder;

- 6.7 Seasonal visitor passes are available to seasonal campers as set out in Appendix 'A';
- 6.8 Departure of visitors is 10:30pm;
- 6.9 Hours of tranquility (curfew) is from 11:00pm to 8:00am;

SECTION 7 CAMPFIRES

- 7.1 All campfires must be contained in a fire ring. All persons are responsible for the supervision of their campfires at all times;
- 7.2 Firewood is available to purchase from the campground attendant. Cost for firewood is set out in Appendix 'A' of this By-Law;
- 7.3 All persons who bring their own firewood must ensure the firewood is clean;
- 7.4 SOPFEU and municipal guidelines must be followed and are set out in Appendix 'B' of this By-Law;
- 7.5 When a fire ban is in effect, only fireplaces conforming to the SOPFEU standard will be allowed and any other form of fire will not be tolerated and may lead to expulsion;
- 7.6 Campfires must be extinguished by 1:00am;

SECTION 8 OFFENCE & PENALTY

- 8.1 After two (2) warnings, one verbal warning and one written warning, the camper will be evicted from the campground without reimbursement for site rental whether it be for a day or for the season, unless otherwise specified in Section 2: Regulations;
- 8.2 The Municipality reserves the right to remove anyone at the site holders' expense (without any refund) that:
- Is in breach of any provisions of this By-Law
 - Poses a threat to others' health and safety
 - Has altercations with other campers, staff, or campground visitors

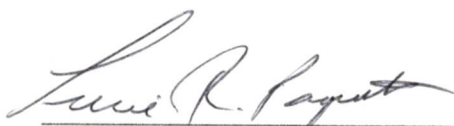
SECTION 9 FINAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 By-Law number 2024-0502 shall come into force according to law, shall repeal all previous campground regulations and shall apply for future years until it is amended or repealed.

THEREFORE, it is moved by Kelsey Daly

AND RESOLVED THAT the council of the Municipality of Rapides-des-Joachims authorizes that By-Law Number 2024-0502 was read and adopted this 11th day of July, 2024

Notice of motion:	May 9, 2024
Adoption of Project By-Law:	June 13, 2024
Adoption of By-Law:	July 11, 2024
Notice of promulgation:	July 12, 2024


Lucie Rivet Paquette, Mayor


Alana Bowes, Clerk-Treasurer



APPENDIX 'A'

Pricing at Camping McConnell: effective for the 2025 season and until further notice

PRICING FOR 20 & 30 AMP SITES				
Trailer/RV sites include water, electricity and internet				
DAY	WEEK	MONTH	SEASON	SEASONAL VISITORS PASS
\$60	\$360	\$1,080	\$1,800	+ \$60

PRICING FOR 50 AMP SITES				
Trailer/RV sites include water, electricity and internet				
DAY	WEEK	MONTH	SEASON	SEASONAL VISITORS PASS
\$100	\$600	\$1,560	\$2,400	+ \$60

PRICING FOR TENT SITES	
Tent sites DO NOT include water or electricity	
DAY	WEEK
\$42	\$250

VISITORS FEES	AGE GROUP	DAY	WEEK
	Under 12	\$10	\$48
	12 to 17	\$14	\$72
	18+	\$18	\$90

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PRICING	
Firewood	\$6 per wheelbarrow load
Laundromat	\$1.50 per load per machine

SEASONAL SITE USERS	
Deposit fee for next season	\$500
Winter storage fee	\$240

**The federal Goods and Services Tax of 5% (usually listed as TPS on receipts – Taxe sur les produits et services) and the provincial sales tax of 9.975% (TVQ on receipts – Taxe de vente du Québec) are included in the above pricing.*

APPENDIX 'B'

Open Fires Ban – Fireplaces with spark arrestors permitted

In order to comply with prevailing standards, **spark arrestor openings must be no wider than 1 centimetre.**



The SOPFEU fire danger rating is a good guideline to follow! The appropriate behaviour to adopt for each level of fire danger is laid out below.

- **LOW:** This is a good time to make campfires.
- **MODERATE:** Make only small fires.
- **HIGH:** Do not light fires if wind speed exceeds 20 km/h.
- **VERY HIGH:** Fires should only be made in fire places equipped with standard spark arrestors, whose openings are no wider than 1 centimetre.
- **EXTREME:** Avoid making fires.

When the fire danger rating is **extreme**, a complete fire ban will be put in effect. This means that **NO fires whatsoever are to be lit.**