

## Staff Report

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**Report To:** City Council  
**Report From:** Pamela Coulter, Director of Community Services  
**Meeting Date:** May 26, 2025  
**Report Code:** CS-25-056  
**Subject:** License Agreement with Transport Canada for Use of Lands for Derby Camping

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### Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-25-056 respecting a License Agreement with Transport Canada for Use of Lands for Derby Camping, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.

### Highlights:

- Council has approved a new Regulatory By-law for Derby Camping.
- A License Permit with Transport Canada is required to permit the use of the federal lands for Derby Camping during the fall derbies.

### Strategic Plan Alignment:

[Strategic Plan](#) Priority: Safe City.

### Climate and Environmental Implications:

This supports the objectives of the City's Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan by considering climate adaptation in the development of the City's strategies, plans and policies.

The Regulatory By-law approved includes restrictions on waste, dumping grey or blackwater, cooking grease, etc., with associated penalties to protect the environment.

### **Previous Report/Authority:**

Report [CS-25-006](#) - Extended Parking along the Harbour During the Annual Fishing Derbies

Report [CS-25-036](#) - Report 2 Regarding Extended Derby Parking (Derby Camping) Regulatory By-law and Other Implementation

[Regulatory By-law 2025-047](#)

### **Background:**

The City has updated the Regulatory By-law that controls the use of lands for “Derby Camping” during the fall fishing derbies. The Regulatory By-law permits Derby Camping on 4 properties (see maps attached). The lands in the west and east harbour area are owned by Transport Canada and are not subject to a lease agreement with the City, and the previous reports identified the need for an agreement with Transport Canada for the use of these lands.

### **Analysis:**

A draft License Permit has been prepared by Transport Canada that provides for the use of this space by the City during the period when Derby Camping is permitted as well as a short window in advance for set up and following the event for clean up. The Agreement is for a one-year term.

### **Financial Implications:**

The cost of the License Permit is \$750 + HST for both properties.

The sale of permits for this space will generate revenue for the City aimed at recovering the City costs to support the use of the space by anglers during the derbies.

## **Communication Strategy:**

A communications plan has been developed and is in the implementation phase for Derby Camping. The sale of passes will commence June 17.

## **Consultation:**

The draft License Permit is being reviewed by the City Solicitor and changes recommended by the solicitor will be incorporated prior to the Agreement being signed by the City.

## **Attachments:**

Map of Derby Camping areas

## **Recommended by:**

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## **Submission approved by:**

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

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