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Council approves Parks and Open Spaces Bylaw

The Sylvan Lake Town Council passed a bylaw last night that protects parks and open spaces from excessive residential and maintenance traffic.

The bylaw is intended to regulate vehicle and off-road traffic as well as vandalism, camping and private storage of materials or waste in an effort to maintain parks and green spaces within the town.

“We need to protect our green spaces from unnecessary damage -- as well as to safeguard pedestrians from potential accidents with vehicles or heavy equipment,” Ron Lebsack, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture said. “We have seen an increase of pedestrian traffic over the last few years and it is essential that we provide safe, clean and beautiful areas for our residents to enjoy.”

A Permit to Access Park/Open Space will be issued for residents or contractors who need to utilize the restricted areas. The sites will be inspected before and after the area is utilized and the permit holder will be responsible for returning the area to its original state.

“We’re confident that residents will be pleased with this move as it ensures the beauty of the town they call ‘home’ as well as keeping green areas safe for pedestrians,” Lebsack said.

A complete copy of Bylaw 1477/2008 is available online at <http://www.town.sylvan-lake.ab.ca/bylaws.htm>.

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