



**BYLAW NO. 03-2024
OF THE TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF SMOKY LAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING USE OF THE CORRIDOR OWNED BY NORTH EAST MUNI-CORR LTD.

WHEREAS s.7 of the Municipal Government Act (Alberta), as amended, provides that a Municipality may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property, and

AND WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000,c. T-6, authorizes a Municipal Council to pass Bylaws to regulate the operation of off highway vehicles and regulate vehicle, animal and pedestrian traffic, within the Corporate Limits of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts:

CITATION

1. a) This Bylaw may be cited as the Town of Smoky Lake “Corridor Regulation Bylaw”.

DEFINITIONS

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- a) “Chief Administrative Officer” shall mean the individual who holds that position for the Town of Smoky Lake at any given time and includes any person authorized to act for and in the name of that individual.
 - b) “Council” means the Council of the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta.
 - c) “Town.” means the Town of Smoky Lake in the Province of Alberta.
 - d) “Muni-Corr” shall mean North East Muni-Corr Ltd. a body incorporated in Alberta under Part 9 of the Companies Act of Alberta.
 - e) “Hunting” shall mean the capturing or killing, or attempted capture or killing, of animals by means of traps, nets, firearms, bow and arrow, or other such similar means.
 - f) “Camping” shall mean staying overnight within the corridor in a tent, RV, holiday trailer, motor home or any other shelter or structure.

- g) "Peace Officer" shall mean a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Municipal Police Service, Special Constable Service, Provincial Conservation Officer, Bylaw Enforcement Officer and the Town of Smoky Lake Chief Administrative Officer.
 - h) "Corridor" shall mean the abandoned Railway Right-of-Way owned by Muni-Corr and under the joint care and control of the Town of Smoky Lake as per this Bylaw and the North East Muni-Corr Ltd. Master Agreement. This shall include any "Rest Stops", "Staging Areas" or additional "Lands".
 - i) "Trail" means the semi-developed middle 33 feet of the corridor which is leased by Riverland Recreational Trail Society and operated as Alberta's Iron Horse Trail.
 - j) "Usage Control Device" shall mean any sign, signal, marking or device placed, marked or erected under the authority of this Bylaw for the purpose of regulating, warning or prohibiting use of the Corridor.
 - k) "Trailer" means any device that is attached to or drawn by a Vehicle including but not limited to a towing trailer, tent trailer, camper, holiday trailer, and includes machinery or equipment used in construction or farming.
 - l) "Motor Vehicle" shall mean a Motor Vehicle as defined in Section 1(1) of the Traffic Safety Act R.S.A. 2000-C.T.6.
 - m) "Off Highway Vehicle" shall mean a Motor Vehicle as defined in Section 117 of the Traffic Safety Act R.S.A. 2000 C.T-6 that does not exceed 1.65 m in overall width as defined in the Alberta Recreation Corridor & Trails Classification System, B.i. B₁ to B₃(s).
 - n) "Weapon" means including, but not limited to, a rifle, shotgun, pistol, handgun, target pistol, air rifle, pellet gun, hunting bow, cross bow, sling shot, and paint ball gun.
 - o) "Mixed-Use" means a combination of non-motorized and motorized users on the same trail with exclusive tracked OHV use and non-motorized use from January 1st to March 31st and OHV and non-motorized use from April 1st to December 31st.
 - p) "Permit" means a letter of authorization from Muni-Corr for access to the Corridor lands.
3. Words importing the masculine gender only, include the feminine gender whenever the context so requires and vice versa.

4. Words importing the singular shall include the plural or vice versa whenever the context so requires.

REGULATIONS OF USE

5. Except as otherwise set out in this Bylaw, Council hereby delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer the authority to regulate and control the use of the Corridor as defined in this Bylaw.
6. Unless required or permitted by this Bylaw or by a Usage Control Device, or in compliance with the directions of a Peace Officer, a Person shall not stop, park, or operate a Motor Vehicle, or, an Owner, permit his Vehicle to be stopped, parked or operated, on the Corridor.
7. Unless required or permitted by this Bylaw or by a Usage Control Device a Person shall not park or leave a Trailer on the Corridor or, an Owner permit his trailer to be parked on the Corridor.
8.
 - a) The Chief Administrative Officer is hereby delegated the authority to prescribe where Usage Control Devices, either permanent or temporary, are to be located. The Chief Administrative Officer shall cause such devices to be placed such that they are clearly recognizable in all reasonable light and weather conditions.
 - b) Usage Control Devices authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer as delegated pursuant to s. 8(a) hereof, shall be deemed to have been made by bylaw of the Town of Smoky Lake.
9.
 - a) No person shall make or place an obstruction of any kind in, upon or above the Corridor or place any building or structure of any nature in a manner that encroaches upon any portion of the Corridor unless permission has been granted by Muni-Corr and upon such terms and conditions as he deems necessary.
 - b) Every person who fails to obtain permission or comply with the conditions attached thereto shall be guilty of an offence and shall, in addition to any other penalty, cause the removal of the obstruction or encroachment within the time frame indicated after being notified to do so by Muni-Corr. After the expiration of the said time frame, Muni-Corr may cause the removal of the obstruction or encroachment and such removal shall be at the expense of the person causing, placing or permitting the obstruction or encroachment of the Corridor.
 - c) Where an obstruction or encroachment of any kind exists in, upon, or above any Corridor and, in the opinion of Muni-Corr it creates an unsafe condition, Muni-Corr shall be entitled to take such measures as are required for the protection of life or property.
- 9.1 No person, shall hunt or discharge any weapon on or over the Corridor.

- 9.2 No person shall camp overnight in the Corridor unless it is in a designated area or a permit has been obtained from Muni-Corr as outlined in Section 12.
- 9.3 Fires are allowed in designated fire pits only and the use of a fire is subject to Municipal and Provincial fire ban regulations.
- 9.4 Except as provided for in Section 11, motor vehicles are not permitted on the Corridor.
- 9.5 Off Highway Vehicles, are permitted to be operated on the Corridor provided they comply with the following rules of the road:
- a) Registered in accordance with the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, C.T-6.
 - b) Insured, including liability insurance, in accordance with the Traffic Safety Act RSA 2000, C.T-6.
 - c) Operated with consideration for the other users of the Corridor.
 - d) Operated in such a manner so as to only cause minimal disturbance to persons residing adjacent to the Corridor.
 - e) Operated in such a manner so as not to disturb, harass, injure or kill any livestock located adjacent to or within the Corridor.
 - f) Operated at a speed, that considering the circumstances, is reasonable.
 - g) Operated in a manner, that considering the circumstances, is not careless.
 - h) Yielding the Right of Way to other users of the Corridor, who are not operating Off Highway Vehicles.
 - i) Moving to the right side of the Corridor when encountering approaching Off Highway Vehicles.
 - j) When crossing a Highway that intersects with the Corridor, following the rules laid out in the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, C.T-6, Section 120(3).
 - k) Park in a manner so as not to obstruct the Corridor or its access points or intersections with any Highway, and not inconvenience or prevent the use of the

Corridor by any other persons.

- l) Follow all aspects relating to Off Highway vehicle use in accordance with the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, C.T-6 and its regulations.
- 9.6 The Trail is Mixed-Use allowing exclusive use for tracked OHV and non-motorized users from January 1st to March 31st and OHV and non-motorized users from April 1st to December 31st.
 - 9.7 No person shall place, permit to be placed, or throw any substance, or thing of any kind, on the Corridor or property located adjacent to the Corridor.
 - 9.8 No person shall climb, deface, or interfere with any structure, trees, protection system, or utility located on or adjacent to the Corridor.
 - 9.9 No person shall willfully remove, throw down, deface, alter, damage or destroy a Usage Control Device, placed, marked or erected on, or adjacent to, the Corridor.
 - 9.10 No person shall conduct himself or otherwise position himself on the Corridor in such a manner as to obstruct or inconvenience any other user of the Corridor.

POWERS OF PEACE OFFICERS

- 10. a) Any Peace Officer is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed any Motor Vehicle, or Trailer parked in contravention of this Bylaw.
- b) Any such Motor Vehicle, or Trailer may be removed to a place designated by the Peace Officer where it will remain impounded until claimed by the owner thereof or his authorized agent.
- c) The Towing away of the Motor Vehicle, or trailer shall be in accordance with the Towing and Impound Laws contained in the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, C.T-6.
- d) In the event that an owner of a Motor Vehicle, or Trailer does not claim such Motor Vehicle or Trailer, the storage and removal charges may be collected by the Tow Company pursuant to the provisions of the Traffic Safety Act, RSA 2000, C.T-6.

EXCEPTIONS

- 11. Where, considering the circumstance, it is reasonable and safe, the following groups may operate motor vehicles on the Corridor when required to do so:
 - a) Emergency Motor Vehicles and Off Highway Vehicles including, ambulance services, fire department, search & rescue, emergency aircraft, vehicles being operated by on duty Peace Officers or trail groomers.

- b) Motor Vehicles used in conjunction with the servicing of public utilities including but not limited to telephone systems, electric systems, natural gas systems and Cablevision systems to whom a permit has been issued by Muni-Corr as outlined in Section 12.
- c) Municipal and other government public works Motor Vehicles and Off Highway Vehicles.
- d) Towing service Motor Vehicles.
- e) Owners of land adjacent to the Corridor to whom a permit has been issued by Muni-Corr as outlined in Section 12.
- f) Any other individual to whom a permit has been issued by Muni-Corr.

PERMITS

- 12. a) To obtain a permit pursuant to Sub-Sections 9.2, 11(b), 11(e) and (f) of this Bylaw, an application must be made to Muni-Corr.
 - b) Muni-Corr may refuse to grant the permit with such terms and conditions, as he deems necessary.
 - c) Muni-Corr may grant the permit for a specified date or may allow a permit of indefinite duration.
 - d) Muni-Corr may grant a permit for a Special Event for a specified date or may allow a permit of indefinite duration.
 - e) Any applicant requesting a permit under subsection (a) hereof shall make an application in writing to Muni-Corr providing the following information:
 - (i) The description and registration information for the Vehicle or Trailer to be parked or operated on the Corridor.
 - (ii) The location of the Corridor the applicant wishes to access.
 - (iii) The date on which the applicant proposes to access the Corridor the applicant is requesting a permit of specific duration.
 - (iv) The purpose for which access to the Corridor is requested.
 - (v) Such other information as may be required.
- 13. Coincident with issuance of the permit, the applicant shall enter into an agreement to indemnify the Town of Smoky Lake and Muni-Corr. for any and all damages caused to the Corridor or any works made or done over, upon or under the same, as a result of the use of the Corridor pursuant to a permit.
- 14. Muni-Corr may in writing alter, suspend or revoke a permit whenever it is determined that:
 - a) The permit was issued in error.

- b) The permit was issued based on incorrect information supplied.
 - c) The permit is in violation of any Municipal bylaw or resolution.
15. Upon request by an applicant or permit holder and when it is determined by Muni-Corr that extenuating circumstances exist, Muni-Corr is hereby authorized to waive or alter any term of an agreement or permit required by this Bylaw.

PENALTIES

16. Except as otherwise provided herein, every person who contravenes any provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for a first offence and a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for a second offence.
17. Every person who contravenes any provisions of this Bylaw, as enumerated in Schedule "A" herein, is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to the penalty specified therein for such offence.
18. An offence ticket shall be deemed to be sufficiently served:
- a) If served personally on the accused.
 - b) If mailed, by ordinary mail, to the address of the registered owner of the Motor Vehicle, Off Highway Vehicle or Trailer concerned, or to the person concerned.
 - c) If attached to or left securely and visible upon the Motor Vehicle, Off Highway Vehicle or Trailer in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

TRANSITION SECTION

19. All Usage Control Devices which are in place on the effective date of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be valid Usage Control Devices for the purposes of this bylaw until removed.

REPEAL

20. That Bylaw 001-07 known as the "Corridor Regulation Bylaw" be and is hereby repealed.

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on third and final reading.

READ a FIRST time this 18th Day of March 2024.

READ a SECOND time this 10th Day of June 2024.

READ a THIRD and FINAL time this 10th Day of June 2024.

Original Signed

Amy Cherniwchan
Mayor

Original Signed

Dawn Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

Penalties and Fees

OFFENCES	SECTION	SPEC PENALTY
Operate/Stop/Park Motor Vehicle on Corridor	6	\$500 2 nd Offence \$1000
Park Trailer on Corridor	7	\$250.00
Place Obstruction/Structure/On/Over/ Encroaching on/ the Corridor	9(a)	\$250.00
Discharge weapon on/over/ the Corridor	9.1	\$500 2 nd Offence \$1000
Camping overnight in the Corridor outside designated areas and without a permit.	9.2	\$250
Unregistered Off Highway Vehicle	9.5(a)	Use TSA
Uninsured Off Highway Vehicle	9.5(b)	Use TSA
Operate/Park Off Highway Vehicle without consideration for others	9.5(c)	\$250
Operate Off Highway Vehicle in a manner so as to only cause minimal disturbance to persons residing adjacent to the Corridor	9.5(d)	\$250
Operate Off Highway Vehicle in a manner that kills/disturbs/harasses livestock	9.5(e)	\$250
Operate Off Highway Vehicle at unreasonable speed	9.5(f)	\$250

Operate Off Highway Vehicle without care and attention	9.5(g)	\$250
Operator of Off Highway Vehicle fail to Yield to other user	9.5(h)	\$250
Operator of Off Highway Vehicle fail to keep to the Right when meeting other person	9.5(i)	\$250.00
Crossing intersection	9.5(j)	Use TSA
Operator of Off Highway Vehicle obstruct/Inconvenience/Prevent use by/ other users	9.5(k)	\$250.00
Operating an untracked Off Highway Vehicle between January 1 st to March 31 st .	9.6	\$500 2 nd Offence \$1000
Littering	9.7	\$1,000.00
Climb/Deface/interfere with Structure/Trees/Protection System/Utility	9.8	\$500
Remove/Throw down/Deface/Alter/Damage/ Destroy Usage Control device	9.9	\$500
Person Obstruct/Inconvenience another user	9.10	\$250