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PART I: INTRODUCTION

1. Authority

- (a) Pursuant to section 13 of The Regional Parks Act, 2013, the Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park Authority, hereby enacts this Domestic Animal Bylaw.

2. Title

- (a) This Bylaw shall be known as the "Domestic Animal Bylaw" of the Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park.

3. Scope

- (a) This Domestic Animal Bylaw shall apply to the whole of the Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park.

4. Purpose

- (a) The purpose of the Domestic Animal Bylaw shall be:
 - (i) To regulate and control Domestic Animals within Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park;
and
 - (ii) To provide for the health, protection, safety and general welfare of persons within Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park.

PART II: DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, the following words and terms shall have the indicated meaning, unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in the Bylaw:

BEACH AREA means all shoreline areas within the Park including the waters adjacent to the shoreline, plus immediate land (surrounding the shoreline) area whether sand, reeds, or grass, signed as beach.

BOARD means the members of the Sandy Beach Regional Park Authority.

BYLAW means the Sandy Beach Lake Regional Parks Bylaw

DOMESTIC ANIMAL - is acknowledged as an animal that is traditionally accepted as a household pet and is normally residing in the home or in an outdoor enclosure within the leased residential or camping lots, and includes: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets, Hamsters / Gerbils / Guinea Pigs, Tortoise, Fish, Rabbits, Parakeet/Budgie. Any other animal is excluded unless approval is granted by the Park Authority.

PARK means the area that is designated as Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park.

PARK AUTHORITY means the people who are, from time to time, appointed for the purpose of carrying out the management and administration of the Sandy Beach Lake Regional Park.

PARK OFFICER means any member of the Park Authority, as well as any person employed by the Park Authority for the Administration and Management of the Park area, and the enforcement of this Bylaw within that area.

PEACE OFFICER shall have the same meaning as defined in the Criminal Code of Canada.

PERSON or **PERSONS** means any individual, business, partnership, firm, corporation, or occupant of the Park.

POLICE OFFICER shall mean any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

RIDING ANIMAL means an animal such a horse that a person can ride and control the movement of.

SWIMMING AREA means an area where signs or standard markers have been placed identifying the area as a swimming area.

PART III: BYLAWS

A. GENERAL

1. No person having the custody or control of a domestic animal shall:
 - (a) allow the domestic animal to run at large in the Park; or
 - (b) bring the domestic animal into or allow it to remain in any:
 - (i) beach area, swimming area, or in any water within ninety (90) meters of a beach or swimming area;
 - (ii) public washroom, change house, concession, picnic shelter or other public structure; or
 - (iii) an area where the Park Authority has caused signs to be set up prohibiting domestic animals.
 - (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to an animal required by a person for medical alert assistance or guiding due to visual impairment.
2. No person having the custody or control of a riding animal shall:
 - (a) ride, drive, lead or keep any riding animal in the Park except on trails or other areas that the Park Authority has designated; and
 - (b) tether a riding animal within the Parkwithout the prior written consent of the Park Authority.
3. Every person who owns, or has the care and control of, or keeps or harbours, any domestic animal which by reason of excessive barking or excessive howling disturbs other persons is guilty of an offence under this bylaw.
4. Where in the opinion of a Park Officer, Peace Officer or Police Officer, a domestic animal:
 - (a) is a nuisance or danger to the life, safety, health, property or comfort of any person in the Park, the Park Officer, Peace Officer or Police Officer may:
 - (i) prohibit the admission of the domestic animal to the Park; or
 - (ii) order the domestic animal be removed from the Park;
 - (b) Is not under the proper care or control of a person or is running at large in the Park, a Park Officer, may notify a Peace Officer, or Police Officer and request that he/she exercise his/her powers under The Animal Protection Act, 1999.
5. No animals, other than domestic animals and riding animals as provided for in this Bylaw, shall be allowed in the Park.

6. Unless otherwise stated, any Act and regulations referred to in this Bylaw shall include any amendments to the legislation and regulations and any legislation and regulations proclaimed successive to that specifically referred to herein.

B. PENALTY CLAUSES

General Penalty Clause:

7. (a) Any person who contravenes any provision of these Bylaws is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine in an amount not exceeding:
 - (i) \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) in the case of an individual;
 - (ii) \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) in the case of a public corporation;or, in default of payment by an individual, by imprisonment for a term of not more than 30 (thirty) days.

Voluntary Penalty Clause:

8. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of the Bylaw, may be, at the discretion of the officer, subject to a voluntary penalty as listed:
 - (a) Section 1 = \$100.00;
 - (b) Section 2 = \$100.00; and
 - (c) Section 3 = \$100.00

PART IV: EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAW

1. Park Authority Readings and Adoption

Introduction this 28th day of April 2020

Read a first time this 28th day of April 2020

Read a second time this 12th day of May 2020

Read a third time this 29th day of September 2020

Adoption of Bylaw this 6th day of October 2020

Chairperson 

Secretary 