



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH**

**BY-LAW NO. 38 OF 2018**

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE A POLICY ON MARRIAGES BEING PERFORMED ON MUNICIPAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF GODERICH**

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**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich deems it necessary and desirable to adopt a policy on Marriages being performed on Municipal Lands and Buildings;

**AND WHEREAS** this policy is attached hereto and forms part of this By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Goderich is agreeable to the terms of this policy;

**AND WHEREAS** By-Law 73 of 2007, being a By-Law to authorize the Civil Marriage Solemnization Service in the Town of Goderich and to authorize Commissioners to perform Civil Marriages, currently applies to Civil Marriages.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a policy on Marriages being Performed on Municipal Lands and Buildings in the Town of Goderich.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

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**MAYOR, Kevin Morrison**

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**CLERK, Janice Hallahan**

## POLICY – Marriages Being Performed on Municipal Lands and Buildings

- 1) The following locations are available for weddings to occur with the understanding that it is a public space and cannot be reserved exclusively for their use. Town Hall, Main Beach, St. Christopher's Beach, The Cove Beach, Bingham Park, Court House Park, Gaol Bank, Lighthouse Park, Lions Harbour Park, Sunset Park, Dutch Liberation Memorial Park, Lakeside Park, Lighthouse Park, Victoria Park and Taylor Morrison Park. These locations can be booked through the Festivals and Special Events Coordinator or the Town Hall with the prescribed fee being paid.
- 2) There is no alcohol allowed in any of the locations pursuant to the Municipal Alcohol Policy.
- 3) In addition, wedding ceremonies can occur on municipal lands and buildings located within the following zones: Public Open Space (OS1), Community Facility (CF1, CF2 and CF3) and Core Commercial (C4 & C5). Weddings are not permitted on other zoned municipal property.
- 4) Any take down, setup and arrangements will be that of the person(s) holding the wedding and are not the responsibility of the Municipality. Any equipment (chair, arbor, etc.) brought to the site will be the sole responsibility of the person(s) holding the wedding and timely removal of said equipment is required.
- 5) The Municipality does not assume any liability with regards to the event. Person(s) holding the event must provide the Town with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 with the Town of Goderich named as additional insured.
- 6) The Municipality is not responsible for any interruptions that occur by the general public also using the park area nor the natural environment (noise, birds, wildlife), pedestrian traffic or any disruption due to construction or traffic in certain locations.
- 7) No reserved parking necessarily available.
- 8) Washroom facilities and hydro hook ups may not be available in some parks.
- 9) Throwing of confetti and similar materials are prohibited.
- 10) The Municipality will endeavor to have the park in a condition that is acceptable to those persons(s) holding the wedding such as grass cut and trimming, however there are situations that may arise with regards to weather that prohibit this being done.