

Mackenzie County

Title:	Mackenzie County Recreational Area Policy	Policy No:	ADM040
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Purpose:

To identify County Recreational Areas. To properly classify all County and/or Partnership Recreational Areas, based on area usage, community need, natural features present and currently maintained areas.

Policy Statement

Mackenzie County strives to offer Recreational Areas for our citizens and visitors to the County. Mackenzie County strives to engage our citizens and visitors of all ages in recreational opportunities. Recreational Areas are characterized into different Classifications in order to provide the best possible opportunities for all. Classifications for playgrounds and campgrounds may be combined when available or applicable combined efforts in regards to Park Spaces will be recognized. Examples or such partnerships may be School Division, Provincial Government agencies, local Community Groups.

1. Classifications of Campgrounds and Playgrounds

- a. Green Space
- b. Playground
- c. Urban Park
- d. Regional Park
- e. Lease Holder

Council has identified and classified the following as County Recreational Areas:

Recreational Area	Location	Classification	Operational Authority / Partnership
Mackenzie Housing Park	Fort Vermilion Hamlet	Urban Park	County/Fort Vermilion Recreation Society
Fort Vermilion Pioneer Park	Fort Vermilion Hamlet	Playground	County
Fort Vermilion Arena Park	Fort Vermilion Hamlet	Urban Park	County / Fort Vermilion Recreation Society
D.A. Thomas Park	Fort Vermilion Hamlet	Urban Park	County
Fort Vermilion Walking Trails	Fort Vermilion Hamlet	Green Space	County/Fort Vermilion Walking Trail Committee
Fort Vermilion Bridge Campsite	Fort Vermilion Rural	Regional Park	Province of Alberta

Recreational Area	Location	Classification	Operational Authority / Partnership
Ball Diamond	La Crete Hamlet	Urban Park	La Crete Recreation Society / County
Big Back Yard Park	La Crete Hamlet	Playground	County
West Ridge Park	La Crete Hamlet	Playground	County
Jubilee Park	La Crete Hamlet	Urban Park	County
Knelsen Park	La Crete Hamlet	Urban Park	County
Reinland Park	La Crete Hamlet	Urban Park	County
La Crete Walking Trails	La Crete Hamlet	Green Space	County / La Crete Walking Trail Committee / AEP
La Crete Arena Park	La Crete Hamlet	Urban Park	County / La Crete Recreation Society
Tourangeau Lake	La Crete Rural	Urban Park	County / AEP
Atlas Landing	La Crete Rural	Green Space	County
Zama Community Park	Zama Hamlet	Regional Park	County / Zama Recreation Society
Zama Community Hall	Zama Hamlet	Urban Park	County/Zama Recreation Society
Buffalo Head Tower	Green Space	Regional Park	County
Hutch Lake Campground	High Level Rural	Regional Park	County / AEP
Machesis Lake	Rocky Lane Rural	Regional Park	County / Provincial Parks
Wadlin Lake	Fort Vermilion Rural	Regional Park	County / AEP
Fort Vermilion Rodeo Grounds	Fort Vermilion Rural	Lease Holder	County/Fort Vermilion Recreation Society
La Crete Ferry Campground	Tompkins Landing Rural	Lease Holder	County/La Crete Ferry Campground Society / AEP
Janelle's Park	La Crete Hamlet	Playground	County

2. Recreational Area Classification Definitions

Recreational Areas are classified taking into account, current features, natural features, usage and grant and partnership opportunities. Parks will be upgraded and maintained to provide the best possible uses and may or may not include all amenities that are listed under their classification. All Park areas amenities inclusions will be under the jurisdiction of the County Parks & Recreation Committee in conjunction of the County's Park & Recreation Master Plan (when implemented).

a. Green Space

Must Include:

- Good repair and maintenance of property
- Passive features like picnic tables, benches
- Garbage receptacles & collection

May Include:

- Walking Trails (either soft or hard surface)
- Dock or boat launch where applicable
- Parking Area
- Green spaces & natural landscaping items such as flowers & trees
- Toilets
- Shelters

b. Playground

Must Include:

- Good repair and maintenance of property
- Basic equipment is supplied and installed (ex. swings, sandbox, slides etc.)
- Garbage receptacles & collection

May Include:

- Passive features like picnic tables, benches
- Playground structure
- Green spaces & landscaping items such as flowers & trees

c. Urban Park

Must Include:

- Good repair and maintenance of property
- Garbage receptacles & collection
- Green spaces & landscaping items such as flowers & trees
- Passive features like benches, picnic tables

May Include:

- Picnic area(s)
- Toilets
- Shelters
- Playground structure
- Fencing
- More intensive recreation areas: such as ball diamonds, sports fields and/or courts, spray pools, recreation centres, outdoor rinks.

d. Regional Park

Must Include:

- Good repair and maintenance of property
- Picnic areas
- Fire pits and firewood
- Outhouse facilities
- Parking area
- Garbage receptacle & collection
- Green spaces & natural landscaping items such as flowers & trees
- Passive features like benches
- Individual and/or group camping sites

May Include:

- Playground structure
- Dock and/or boat launch
- Shelters
- Washroom and/or shower facilities
- Non-potable and/or potable water facilities
- Walking trails
- Heritage sites
- Caretaker/residence site
- Campground office
- Partial or full services

e. Lease Holder

Must Include:

- Obtain and maintain current lease agreement.
- Operating authority.

3. Signage

- All County Parks will have appropriate signage that clearly shows Ownership and/or Operational parties; Classification.
- Other signage including emergency contacts, rules, regulations and special issues will be reviewed as a yearly sign upgrade package.
- All signage will be in good repair and clearly visible.

4. Inspections

- All playground equipment shall be inspected pursuant to the Playground Inspection Policy ADM020.
- All County park facilities shall be inspected regularly by departmental staff to ensure a safe and friendly environment for all users.

5. Operating Authority

- Recreational areas may be placed under the control of a Partnership Group (such as a Local Recreational Society, School, Provincial Agency or other registered Non-Profit group when it is mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- Operating authorities are responsible for maintenance and inspections of facilities pursuant to this and other applicable county policies. A detailed Operating Agreement must be agreed upon by all Partnered bodies to ensure the safe and proper operation of County Recreational Areas.

6. Partnerships

- Partnerships for recreational areas will be explored and combined in all instances where circumstances warrant

7. Promotion of Recreational Areas

- The County will strive to provide adequate promotional materials and venues for all County Recreational Areas.

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