

# Summer Village of Larkspur – Policy 2023-1 Temporary Seasonal Docks/Lifts

<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Temporary Seasonal Docks and Lifts on Municipal Reserves</b>		
<b>Bylaw number</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>Date Approved:</b>	<b>Nov 21, 2023</b>
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**The purpose of this policy is to provide a guide to assist individuals who wish to place temporary seasonal docks and boat lifts on municipal reserves. This policy should be read in conjunction with the “Summer Village Bylaw #23-3 “ and with the “Alberta Government Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks and other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes”. (April 2021)**

Sections referenced in this policy are derived from that document.

Alberta Environment and Parks (“AEP”) have established a “Disturbance Standard” under section 3 of the *Public Lands Administration Regulation*. The Disturbance Standard, General Permissions section allows for municipalities to further regulate activities on Municipal Reserves. Section 5 (1) (e) stipulates that person(s) *shall obtain all federal, provincial, municipal, and other permits and approvals*, and section 5 (1) f requires that *the permitted activity shall comply with the federal and provincial laws, municipal bylaws and local government zoning restrictions* (emphasis added). This policy clarifies what is required by a person(s) who wishes to place a dock and/or lift on the shore and lakebed of a Municipal Reserve.

**Waterfront holders** are owners(s) whose property directly adjoins the bed and shore of of a water body.

**Semi-waterfront holders** are owners(s) whose property directly adjoins a municipal reserve where the reserve directly adjoins the bed and shore of a water body. Generally, there are two categories of Semi-waterfront holders within the Summer Village of Larkspur;

1. Owners with sole and exclusive access across a Waterfront Reserve (i.e. One owner abutting one municipal reserve property)
2. Owners who share access adjoining and abutting a Community Reserve (i.e. Multiple owners abutting one municipal reserve property)

**Waterfront holders do not** need to apply to the Summer Village to place a dock and/or lift on the shore or lakebed of their property. Waterfront holders are still however subject to requirements as outlined in the Disturbance Standard established by AEP.

**Semi-waterfront holders must** place a seasonal dock and/or a boat lift on the shore or lakebed of the municipal reserve in adherence with Disturbance Standard established by AEP or a Community Reserve Dock Plan approved by both AEP and the Summer Village of Larkspur.

**Placement and Use of Seasonal Docks and Lifts -**

- Semi-waterfront holders must collaborate with other adjacent semi-waterfront holders within their adjoining community reserve to share and optimize the usage and placement of the docks and boat lifts. Shared seasonal docks are strongly encouraged.
- Placement and use of seasonal docks and boat lifts is limited to between May 15 and September 15 of each calendar year.
- The holder is responsible for all efforts, resources, liabilities and costs within the installation, use, and removal of any equipment.
- The Summer Village is not responsible for any theft, damage, or nuisance use, personal liability for the use (intentional or otherwise)
- A semi-waterfront holder is restricted to placing one boat lift within the bed and shore located within a Community Reserve extending into the lake
- If an exception or deviation is requested to either the Disturbance Standard or Community Reserve Plan, the holder requesting is responsible for all costs in the pursuit of this endeavour. The Summer Village will work with the holder to best support their endeavours granted it does not interfere with the broader public use of that reserve.
- Where feasible, seasonal docks and boat lifts should be placed within the community reserve to limit the obstructions extending from the bed and shore into the waterbody. Public use of private seasonal docks and lifts, incidental or otherwise, is the sole liability of the holder.
- The owner is responsible for securing the necessary permissions and/or approvals for storage of any or all of the equipment used for the seasonal dock or lift.

**Role of Community Reserve Captain**

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