

**PARKLAND COUNTY
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

BYLAW 2022-06

**BEING A BYLAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UTILITY IN
ACHESON INDUSTRIAL AREA AND IMPOSING UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE UTILITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS Parkland County contracts with public and private service providers to deliver the public transportation utility to certain lands in Parkland County, such lands being in an area described as Acheson Industrial Area;

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions contained in the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, s.7, a council of a municipality may pass a bylaw respecting public utilities, including the imposition of fees and charges for the public utility;

WHEREAS the Council of Parkland County wishes to pass a bylaw pursuant to the Municipal Government Act to establish the fees and charges that will be collected for the public transportation utility, such fees and charges established to recover the net costs to deliver the said utility in Acheson Industrial Area on the terms set out in this bylaw; and

WHEREAS Parkland County wishes to promote business growth, attract and retain businesses through a business attraction program, and shall contribute funds to the costs of the said utility;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Parkland County duly assembled and under the authority of the Municipal Government Act hereby enacts the following:

TITLE

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "Public Transportation Utility Bylaw".

DEFINITIONS

2. The following definitions will apply to the corresponding words in this bylaw:
 - (1) "Assessed Value" means the assessed value of a Serviced Lot, including land and improvements.
 - (2) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the individual appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer by Parkland County Council and includes an employee of Parkland County to whom the Chief Administrative Officer has delegated authority.
 - (3) "Owner" means the person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner in fee simple of a Serviced Lot.
 - (4) "Public Transit Stop" means a location within Acheson Industrial Area at which the scheduled buses and Shuttle Service vehicles pickup or drop off passengers or both.
 - (5) "Public Transportation" means the scheduled bus service between Acheson Industrial Area, as described in Schedule A, and the City of Edmonton and City of Spruce Grove, provided by or on behalf of Parkland County; and the Shuttle Service provided by or on behalf of Parkland.
 - (6) "Serviced Lot" means a lot located within the Acheson Industrial Area described in Schedule "A".
 - (7) "Shuttle Service" means the transportation of a passenger by a shuttle vehicle to or from a Public Transit Stop to or from a Serviced Lot, as an extension of the scheduled bus service provided by or on behalf of Parkland County.
 - (8) "Utility Charge" means the fee imposed for the delivery of Public Transportation utility established in this bylaw.

INTERPRETATION

3. The headings in this bylaw are for reference purposes only.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UTILITY

4. The Public Transportation utility is hereby established.
5. Public Transportation shall be provided to the Serviced Lots at the Public Transit Stops as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer of Parkland County. Such locations bear signage to identify the locations as a Public Transit Stop.

6. Utility Charges for the supply of Public Transportation utility to Acheson Industrial Area, shall be imposed against the Serviced Lots.
7. Each Serviced Lot shall receive the Public Transportation utility at the Public Transit Stop closest to that lot or by the Shuttle Service.
8. The Utility Charge is imposed against all Serviced Lots except those Serviced Lots which are in a residential or agricultural land use district or are public lands. The Utility Charge is payable by the Owners of the Serviced Lots.
9. The estimated net cost of the delivery of Public Transportation utility during 2022 is \$486,400. This cost is calculated by taking estimated expenses \$520,900 and subtracting estimate ticket revenue \$34,500.
10. In 2021 based on the estimated budget the Public Transportation Utility Charge and general taxation over collected by \$18,894 when compared to actual year end expenses. The 2022 Public Transportation utility net cost of \$486,400 will be adjusted by reducing this amount by the \$18,894 surplus, resulting in the 2022 Public Transportation utility net adjusted cost being reduced to \$467,506.
11. Parkland County will cost share the Public Transportation utility net adjusted cost by 50%, a value of \$233,753.
12. The Utility Charge in 2022 for each Serviced Lot not otherwise exempted shall be equal to \$0.09258 for each \$1,000 of Assessed Value of the Serviced Lot.
13. Owners of Serviced Lots shall be invoiced annually for Utility Charges imposed under this bylaw. Such amounts are due and payable 30 days after invoicing. Unpaid utility fees shall be subject to penalties imposed by the County. Late payment interest forms part of the Utility Charge. Utility Charges which remain unpaid for 60 days after invoicing may be added to the tax roll of the Serviced Lot to which the unpaid Utility Charges relate.
14. Utility Charge invoices in an amount less than \$10.00 will be withdrawn and cancelled.
15. The Council of Parkland County shall be at liberty from time to time, by bylaw, to amend Schedule "A" of this bylaw for the purpose of determining the lots which receive the Public Transportation utility pursuant to this bylaw.
16. The Utility Charge may be revised from time to time and at least annually, based on the annual net cost to deliver the Public Transportation utility in Acheson Industrial Area.
17. All revenues received by Parkland County for transit fares or transit related advertising will offset the total cost of the Public Transportation utility.

ENACTMENT/TRANSITION

18. Should any provision of this bylaw be deemed invalid then such invalid provision will be severed from this bylaw and such severance will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw, except to the extend necessary to give effect to such severance.
19. Schedule "A" shall form part of this bylaw.
20. Bylaw 2021-11 is hereby repealed.
21. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of third reading and signing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 14th day of June, 2022.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of June, 2022.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 14th day of June, 2022.

SIGNED AND PASSED this 14th day of June, 2022.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 2022-06

