

The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill

By-Law 143-25

A By-law to amend Chapter 942 of the City of Richmond Hill Municipal Code, being by-law 19-22, a By-law to provide for the Use, Regulation, Protection and Governance of Public Parks within the City of Richmond Hill

Whereas on June 8th, 2022, the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill (the “City”) enacted by law By-law 19-22 that regulates the use, regulation, protection and governance of public parks within the City of Richmond Hill (“Park Use By-law”);

And whereas on December 10th, 2025, Council of the Town adopted the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole in respect of various proposed amendments to the Park Use By-law as set out in Staff Report SREIS.25.013 and directed staff to bring forward this by-law;

1. That Article 1 – Interpretation, Section 1.2 - Definitions in Chapter 942, being By-law 19-22 of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (the “Park Use By-law”), be amended by inserting the following text, in alpha-numerical order:

Actively Charging – defined

“Actively Charging” means the period during which an Electric Vehicle is connected to an Electric Vehicle Charge Station and electricity is actively delivered to the Electric Vehicle’s battery, as indicated by the Electric Vehicle Charge Station’s network, display or visual indicators.

Electric Vehicle – defined

“Electric Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle that is powered wholly or partially by electricity and is capable of being charged by an Electric Vehicle Charge Station and shall include battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Electric Vehicle Charge Station– defined

“Electric Vehicle Charge Station” means a device or group of devices installed for the purpose of transferring electricity to a battery in an Electric Vehicle through a connection between the station and the vehicle.

Electric Vehicle Charging Space – defined

“Electric Vehicle Charging Space” means a parking space equipped with an Electric Vehicle Charge Station and signed for the purpose of charging an Electric Vehicle.

Engaged in a Charging Session – defined

“Engaged in a Charging Session” means the period during which an Electric Vehicle remains physically connected to an Electric Vehicle Charge Station, whether or not electricity is actively being drawn, and the session remains open or ongoing on the Electric Vehicle Charge Station’s network, display or visual indicators.

2. That Article 3 – Prohibitions in Chapter 942, being By-law 19-22 of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (the “Park Use By-law”), be amended by deleting the following text:

3.8 Parking

No Person shall park any vehicle in a Parking Area except while using the Park during Park hours or in accordance with a Permit;

3. That Article 3 – Prohibitions in Chapter 942, being By-law 19-22 of the Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill (the “Park-Use By-law”), be amended by inserting the following text, in alpha-numerical order:

3.8 Parking

No person shall park any Motor Vehicle in a Parking Area except in any of the following circumstances:

- a) while using the Park during Park hours;
- b) in accordance with a Permit; or
- c) if such Motor Vehicle is an Electric Vehicle that is parked in a designated Electric Vehicle Charging Space for the purpose of Actively Charging or Engaging in a Charging Session; and

provided that such Motor Vehicle is otherwise in compliance with the City's by-law enacted to regulate the parking of Motor Vehicles on public highways and other property.

Except as herein provided and as required to give effect to the amendments in this By-law 143-25, the provisions of the Park Use By-law continue in full force and effect without amendment.

Passed this 10th day of December, 2025.

David West
Mayor

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City Clerk