



Dear Homeowner,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer in Birchcliff!

Enjoying the summer often involves equipment such as boat lifts, docks, and fire pits, among other things. As the summer draws to an end, one of the challenges becomes finding a place to store this equipment. Often this equipment is left on municipally owned reserves, particularly along the shoreline. As you may or may not be aware, Birchcliff has a bylaw that prohibits this: the "Use of Reserves, Parks, and Pathways Bylaw 229-21". The storage of private property on reserves is part of section 5 of this bylaw:

5. On Village Reserves no persons shall:

- a) Light a fire;
- b) Abandon any garbage or refuse of any kind including animal droppings;
- c) Cause or permit any noise that annoys or disturbs the peace of any other person, or cause any nuisance, as listed in Birchcliff's Community Standards Bylaw;
- d) Be in possession of a firearm or other weapon;
- e) Use a Reserve to launch trailered watercraft;
- f) Use motorized vehicles or ATV's except for specific authorized tasks. Off-highway vehicle use is permitted along the RA15 right-of-way;
- g) Cut or remove vegetation without Village approval
- h) Store any private property of any kind on Reserve land, with exceptions where allowed through access and encroachment agreements. Any private property found on Reserve land will result in the removal of the property at the owner's expense.

It is our duty to care for the public reserves and the environment. While this may not have been strictly enforced in the past, it is the intention of Council to enforce it this coming off season. Please make arrangements for the storage of your personal equipment, as anything stored on reserve lands after September 30, 2022 will be removed at the owner's expense.

Thank you,

Tanner Evans
Chief Administrative Officer
Summer Villages on Sylvan Lake