



TOWN OF BENTLEY

Public Works

Policy No. 10/2012 PW

Policy Title: Green Space, Play Spaces and Equipment Maintenance & Inspection

Date Adopted: February 14, 2012

Scheduled Review Date: March, 2017

Authority: Municipal Government Act, 2010, Section 3 (b) & (c) states “.... to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality and to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.”

Canadian Standard Association. Children’s Playspaces and Equipment, 2008, CAN/CSA-Z614-07, Pg. 16, Section 11 (11.1.2) states “a program of daily and monthly maintenance schedules shall be created by the owner/operator and strictly followed in order to promote a safe play environment and to minimize injuries to children.”

Town of Bentley By-law 138/2010

Purpose:

- To provide maintenance to open spaces and green areas which support the safety of unsupervised public access
- To provide regular inspection and maintenance to the playspace equipment and the infrastructure which comprise of what is commonly referred to as a playground.
- To provide attractive, well maintained public parks, playgrounds and open spaces as essential elements of the Town’s image and quality of life
- To recognize that well maintained green spaces and playgrounds are important elements that make the Town an attractive place to live
- To reduce the exposure to risk and liability

Definitions: The term “greenspace” refers to any park or open space area owned by the Town and designated as an area that is open to the public for use as pedestrian play, sports and other social gatherings.


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The term “playstructure” refers to a free standing structure designed and intended for children and its supporting infrastructure

The term “playground” refers to an area of one or more free standing play structures and its supporting infrastructure designed and intended for children to play on.

**Policy
Statement:**

A regular schedule of grass mowing, weed trimming, garbage collection and general site cleanup of green spaces shall be undertaken in accordance with Standard Operating Guidelines.

A regular schedule of playground inspection and repair shall be undertaken in accordance with Standard Operating Guidelines.

This policy shall be adhered to by the Public Works Department and is subject to the financial and manpower resources of the Town.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer