

TOWN OF CHESTERMERE POLICY HANDBOOK

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PURPOSE AND INTENT

To establish a policy for use of the Boat Launch facility located at John Peake Park.


POLICY

1. Residents of the Town of Chestermere who use the Boat Launch facility at John Peake Park, must register their boats / watercraft at the Town Office or the Boat Launch facility.
2. If the status of their registration changes (ie: addition or deletion of registered watercraft or change of resident's address), it must be renewed at the Town Office. If there are no changes, the registration will automatically be renewed annually.
3. When using the Boat Launch, residents must show the Launch Attendant their Driver's License as proof of residency.
4. Residents who have registered their boat / watercraft are permitted to use the boat launch and parking lot at no charge.
5. Non-residents are required to pay the following fees to launch their boat / watercraft from the Boat Launch:
 - a. Boat: \$40.00/day – includes parking
 - b. Personal Watercraft: (i.e. Sea-Doo) \$30.00/day – includes parking

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BOAT LAUNCH 2006

Fee Increases

On May 1, 2006, Chestermere Town Council passed a motion to increase the fees at the Boat Launch. Some of the reasons for this increase are:

1. The boat launch facility and the entire John Peake Park have undergone extensive upgrades over the past few years, and will continue until the project is complete. The Town is offering an upgraded facility and therefore needs to recoup some funds from the users of the facility.
2. Costs to operate the Boat Launch include wages for the Attendants. Once again these expenditures are borne by the Town and should be recouped in some manner. Our boat launch staff informs lake users of the speed limits, ensures that they are registered boat owners and hold their Pleasure Craft Operators License, and monitors noise and behavior.

Please note:

1. Council felt the increased fees will not cause undue hardship as they are still less than the cost of taking your family or friends to most other entertainment and/or recreational activities, such as a day of skiing or golf, going to the movies, or tickets to a hockey game.
2. The speed limit on the north side of the lake is posted at 12 kms/hr. The reason for the speed restriction is due to fish spawning bodies of water being Federally Legislated by DFO (Dept of Fisheries & Oceans) to protect the riparian (natural shoreline) area.

Town Residents Registration Information:

Town Residents are not required to pay any fees to launch, however their boats and/or personal watercraft must be registered either at the Town Office or at the Boat Launch. To do so, residents must provide:

1. A copy of your Pleasure Craft License, which has to be kept by boat launch personnel and to submitted to the Town Office to be kept on file (If you register at the Town Office, a copy of this documentation can be made on site). The license must list a Chestermere address, or a copy of your Driver's License must also be provided as proof of residency in Chestermere.
2. If your watercraft has previously been registered with the Town, and your name is already on the list of registered boat owners, you must present your Driver's License as proof of ID and residency each time you launch your boat.