

Examples of Clauses that Support Active Communities from Northern Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws

Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws often include clauses that guide the decisions made by local Councils and Staff for how to develop the built environment. Examples of these clauses are often included in the following:



- General Development Goals of the Community Plan
- Land Designation objectives and policies of the Community Plan
- Regulations related to subdivision development and site planning found in the Zoning Bylaws

The following are sample clauses from several different NWT Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws.



EXAMPLE CLAUSES FROM DIFFERENT NWT COMMUNITY PLANS AND ZONING BYLAWS

Community	Checklist Category	Section	Clause
Town of Inuvik Community Plan	Buildings Roads	Section 2.2 General Goals	Goal #5 – Community facilities appropriate for people of all ages and income levels are provided and located to encourage active living and community spirit. Goal #7 – Circulation routes are provided that are suitable for vehicle and active transportation choices.
	Trails & Walkways	Section 3.1 Residential Land Uses	Objective #5 - To reduce vehicle/pedestrian/bike conflicts, encourage active transportation and to connect residential areas to open space and community recreation facilities.
		Section 3.2 Commercial Land Use	Description: Pedestrian activity is important in the downtown core. Objective #2 - To maintain an active Town Centre where people have opportunities to live, work and come together in a safe and walkable area. Supporting Policy: New commercial development or redevelopment in the downtown core/Town Centre will be encouraged subject to the following: i. Pedestrians access is given high design priority ii. The exterior appearance contributes to the character of the downtown core as an active and welcoming place iii. Dedicated parking is provided within easy walking distance, and is not located along the main street
Parks & Playgrounds	Section 3.3 Park & Recreation Land Use	Description: The Goal of the Plan is to enhance the liveability of the Town through the provision of adequate recreational use lands Objective #1 - To allocate and maintain lands in the Town to meet the needs of various ages and interests by providing for a range of parks which vary in size and function including: a. Natural area parks b. Campgrounds c. Day Use/picnic area d. Trails e. Water based recreation activities (boating, swimming) f. Outdoor winter recreation (Ski trails, sliding hills) g. Neighbourhood parks h. Playgrounds i. Tot Lots Supporting Policy: Tot lots will be provided by the developer of all multi-unit developments to provide 'back yards' for small children	

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Town of Inuvik Community Plan	Parks & Playgrounds	Section 3.3 Park & Recreation Land Use	<p>must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Be constructed at the developer's cost ii. Provide up to 0.25 hectares per development <p>Playgrounds will be provided by the Town to provide play facilities for children under 12 years of age and will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Be located to serve all housing units within a 0.5 kilometre radius ii. Be up to 1 hectare in size
	Trails & Walkways	Section 4.3 Active Transportation	<p>Description: Pedestrian and bicycle circulation routes give residents and visitors transportation choices, reducing dependence on vehicles.</p> <p>Objective #1 - To support active living.</p> <p>Objective #2 - To provide public access routes to persons of all ages and abilities who do not have access to or choose not to use vehicles for transportation or recreation.</p> <p>Supporting Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clearly identifiable walking trails that link open spaces, parks and institutional facilities will be provided wherever possible. b. Free unobstructed movement of pedestrians of all abilities will be provided by a system of public walkways throughout the community and links to private developments will be design requirements. c. The Town will assist private developers to overcome any constraints created by utilidor. d. Access for the disabled and elderly shall be a consideration in the review of all development proposals.
Town of Inuvik Zoning Bylaw	Parks & Playgrounds Gardens	Section 6.12 P-Parks and Open Space	<p>Description: This Zone designated land for active and passive recreational uses.</p> <p>Permitted Uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Playgrounds; b. Community parks; c. Community gardens; d. Natural areas for environmental protection; and e. Buildings and uses accessory to above
City of Yellowknife Zoning Bylaw	Trails & Walkways Open Space Buildings Roads	Section 7.1 Rules Applicable to All Zones	<p>Site Planning: Proposed developments are encouraged to provide pedestrian access points to public roadways, public transit and any adjoining trails and open spaces;</p> <p>Proposed development shall incorporate proper site surface drainage so that the removal of surface waters will not adversely affect adjacent properties or the public storm drainage system. Storm water shall be</p>

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City of Yellowknife Zoning Bylaw	Trails & Walkways Open Space Buildings Roads	Section 7.1 Rules Applicable to All Zones	removed from all buildings and paved areas and carried away in a manner acceptable to the Development Officer. Surface water in all paved area shall be collected at intervals so that it will not obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and will not create standing water in the paved areas or walkways. Approved site surface drainage shall be maintained for the life of the development.
	Trails & Walkways	Section 8.3 Design Standards for Greenfield Sites	Development shall provide separate pathways for pedestrian circulation to access and egress a site.
Hamlet of Tulita	Parks & Playgrounds Open Space	Section 6 Recreation and Open Space	<p>Background: The purpose of Recreation and Open Space areas is to reserve land for recreation, traditional and open space uses. Land in Recreation and Open Space are intended to be primarily used for outdoor recreational purposes.</p> <p>Land Use Guidelines: The following policies of Council shall guide the development of those areas shown as Recreation and Open Space.</p> <p>i. Council supports the development of a community picnic and campground area in those areas designated as Recreation, Open Space or Bush</p> <p>ii. Hard surface play areas shall be developed for outdoor recreation activities such as basketball</p>

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