

Communication, Communication, Communication.

When faced with a new issue - it is important to educate first. High Flyers have been around for many years but certain animal welfare standards had not been previously established. All regulatory bodies (HFA, RCMP, SPCA and District Staff) now have consistent information clear and communication for what permitted and what is not.



Clarifications Around Animal Cruelty

The District received a number of inquiries this summer around what the regulations were for High Flyer Pigeons in Municipal Parks. District Staff worked with the RCMP and SPCA to establish new parameters when looking at the animal welfare of racing pigeons. Because of this work it was established that:

- 1) Up and down movements (bouncing) on boards is not permitted and would be deemed as animal cruelty.
- 2) Pigeons are not permitted to be flown in temperatures above 25 degrees Celcius. No maximum temperature had previously been set. This would also be deemed as animal cruelty.

Unethical practices are never permitted on public property and penalties will be enforced. Cease and desist letters will be served by the SPCA or RCMP in cases where this is taking place.

The High Flyer Association has worked in cooperation with the District and distributed this information to all user groups.

If you witness these actions please contact the SPCA or RCMP.

Amendments to Special Events Permits

Gatherings of more than 25 people will now require a Special Event Permit in District Parks.

The District can only issue special event permits for District Properties. This does not include private residences or schools.

Applicants will be required to provide proof of liability insurance.

All Special Events permits are submitted to the Fire Chief, RCMP, Bylaw Enforcement and Director of Public Works.

Event organizers may be required to pay for any additional District Staff time requested.