

Subject: **Update to Policy 12-5 Parks Drone Policy**  
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
 Prepared By: Fallon Sherlock, Acting Manager of Parks & Ag Services  
 Presented By: Fallon Sherlock, Acting Manager of Parks & Ag Services

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That Council approve the recommended amendments and adopt the Policy 12-5 Parks Drone Policy as presented.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)**

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

**Federal (cite)-** Canadian Aviation Regulations- Part IX- Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems.

**Provincial (cite)-** N/A

**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** N/A

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

Since the adoption of the Drone policy in 2022, administration has had the opportunity to work with the system created for permitted drone use at County sites and determine changes to be made. The changes being proposed create better alignment between this policy and the federal regulations as well as the rapidly evolving UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) industry and technology.

**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

The changes being proposed to this policy are highlighted in the attached draft policy and as follows:

- Policy Guideline 3 changed to read “*Drone (UAV) registration must comply with Transport Canada regulations and restrictions*”.
- Policy Guideline 4 changed to read “*Drone operators must have, at minimum, a “Basic Operators License” but may be required to hold an “Advanced Operators License” in compliance with Transport Canada regulations and restrictions.*”
- Added Policy Guideline 5 “*Documentation of applicable, valid drone registration and operators license must be provided to Kneehill County upon submission of application.*” and changed policy numbering to include this new point.
- Policy Guideline 7 added “*liability*” in front of “*insurance*”.

**FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:**



Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:

Public Notification

Other:

### ATTACHMENTS:

12-5 Drone Policy 2024 updates

### COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. That Council approves the recommended changes and adopt 12-5 Parks Drone Policy as presented.
2. That Council make additional amendments and adopt 12-5 Parks Drone Policy as amended.
3. That Council rejects all changes, keeps 12-5 Parks Drone Policy as it currently stands and receives this report as information.

### FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Sign updated policy

### APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

