

## **Bylaw No. 4433**

### **Swimming in the River Bylaw, 1965**

**Codified to Bylaw No. 9639  
(August 26, 2019)**

## **BYLAW NO. 4433**

A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to prohibit swimming in the South Saskatchewan River and to require water skiers to wear life jackets.

The Council of The City of Saskatoon enacts as follows:

1. No person shall swim in the South Saskatchewan River within the limits of the City of Saskatoon except as permitted by Section 1.1.
- 1.1 (1) The prohibition contained in Section 1 does not apply to a person participating in an athletic or recreational event approved in advance by City Council.
- (2) The primary concern in the approval of a proposed event is the safety of the participants and other persons using the South Saskatchewan River at the time of a proposed event.
- (3) In deciding whether to approve an event, City Council may consider:
  - a) the date of the proposed event;
  - b) the time and duration of the proposed event;
  - c) the flow and condition of the South Saskatchewan River anticipated at the time of the proposed event;
  - d) the nature of the proposed event;
  - e) the anticipated number of participants in the proposed event;
  - f) the skill and experience of the participants in the proposed event;
  - g) the skill and experience of the person seeking approval of the proposed event;
  - h) the affiliation, if any, of the person seeking approval of the proposed event with any recognized athletic organization or body;
  - i) the first-aid and rescue services proposed for the event;

- j) the benefit to the community-at-large from the proposed event;
  - k) the number and frequency of events using the South Saskatchewan River during the preceding year; and
  - l) any other matter that City Council considers advisable.
- (4) As a condition for the approval of an event, City Council may require the person seeking approval to provide:
- a) a release of the City by each participant in an event from all claims arising out of an event;
  - b) an indemnification of the City from all claims arising out of an event;
  - c) public liability insurance in an amount specified by City Council against all claims arising out of the event; and
  - d) any other matter that City Council considers advisable.
2. No person shall water ski on the South Saskatchewan River within the limits of the City of Saskatoon unless they are wearing a lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) of a type approved by Transport Canada, at all times while so engaged.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

Read a first time this 18th day of May A.D. 1965.

Read a second time this 18th day of May A.D. 1965.

Read a third time and passed this 18th day of May A.D. 1965.

"C.A. Wheaton"  
Deputy Mayor

"L.A. Kreutzweiser"  
City Clerk

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