



Municipality of Souris-Glenwood Policy

Title:	Low-Impact Recreational Use of Marginal Lands
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Approved By:	Council
Administered By:	Administration
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1.0. Purpose/ Background

This policy provides a structured approach for the issuance of permits allowing low-impact recreational use of municipally owned marginal lands. The intent is to:

- Encourage community engagement and responsible land stewardship.
- Ensure minimum maintenance of unused lands at no cost to the municipality.
- Preserve the ecological integrity and future utility of municipal lands.

2.0. Scope

This policy applies to all municipally owned lands that:

- Are not currently designated for development, infrastructure, or other municipal purposes.
- Are deemed suitable for temporary, non-commercial, low-impact recreational use.

3.0. Definitions

- Marginal Lands: Lands owned by the municipality that are not actively used or maintained and have no immediate planned use.
- Low-Impact Recreational Use: Activities that do not involve permanent structures, excavation, or significant alteration of the land. Examples include:

Walking trails

Birdwatching

Temporary community gardens (no permanent beds or fencing)

Nature observation

Educational or cultural activities

4.0. Eligibility

Permits may be issued to:

- Individual residents of the municipality
- Community groups or associations

- Non-profit organizations
- Applicants must be in good standing with the municipality and demonstrate the capacity to maintain the land responsibly.

5.0. Application Process

Applicants must submit a written application including:

- Contact information
- Description of proposed use
- Duration of use
- Site plan or map (if applicable)
- Maintenance plan
- Acknowledgment of terms and conditions

Applications will be reviewed by municipal staff, and permits will be issued at the discretion of the municipality via Council resolution.

6.0. Terms and conditions

- *No Permanent Alterations*: No buildings, fences, grading, or other permanent modifications are allowed.
- *Maintenance*: The permit holder is responsible for keeping the area clean, safe, and free of debris or hazards.
- *Access*: The municipality retains the right to access the land at any time without prior notice.
- *Revocability*: Permits may be revoked at any time, for any reason, without compensation.
- *Restoration*: Upon revocation or expiration, the permit holder must restore the land to its original condition within 30 days or as otherwise specified.
- *Insurance*: The municipality may require proof of liability insurance depending on the nature of the use.
- *Signage*: No signage is permitted without prior written approval.

7.0. Environmental and Cultural Considerations

- Activities must not disturb wildlife, vegetation, or natural water courses.

8.0. Monitoring and Compliance

- Municipal staff may inspect the site at any time.
- Non-compliance may result in immediate revocation of the permit and potential penalties.
- Repeat violations may disqualify individuals or groups from future permits.

9.0. Liability

- The permit holder assumes all risks associated with the use of the land.
- The municipality is not liable for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from the permitted use.



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PERMIT FOR LOW-IMPACT RECREATIONAL USE OF MARGINAL MUNICIPAL LAND

Contact: sg.info@sourismanitoba.com

Permit Number: _____

Date Issued: _____

Expiration Date: _____

1. Permit Holder Information

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Description of Intended Use

3. Location of Land

Parcel ID or Legal Description: _____

General Location/Address (if applicable): _____

4. Duration of Use

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

5. Maintenance Plan

6. Terms and Conditions

- No Permanent Alterations: No permanent structures, grading, or modifications are allowed.
- Maintenance: The permit holder is responsible for keeping the land clean, safe, and free of hazards.
- Environmental Protection: Activities must not disturb wildlife, vegetation, or watercourses. Any discovery of archaeological or culturally significant materials must be reported immediately.
- Municipal Access: The municipality retains the right to access the land at any time without prior notice.
- Revocation: This permit may be revoked at any time, for any reason, without compensation. Upon revocation, the permit holder must restore the land to its original condition within 30 days or as otherwise directed.
- Insurance: Insurance requirements will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the intended use.
- Signage: No signage may be installed without prior written approval.
- Liability: The permit holder assumes all risks and liabilities associated with the use of the land. The municipality is not liable for any injury, loss, or damage.

7. Acknowledgment and Agreement

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the terms and conditions of this permit and the associated municipal policy. I agree to comply with all requirements and understand that failure to do so may result in revocation and other consequences.

Permit Holder Signature: _____

Date: _____

Municipal Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____