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# Metal Detecting on Village Property

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## **Policy Statement**

The Village of Hussar permits the use of recreational metal detectors on Village recreational property so long as the activity results in no damage or loss to plants or animals.

## **Purpose**

To regulate the use of recreational metal detectors on Village of Hussar property to allow enjoyment or metal detecting as a hobby while protecting and preserving our resources.

## **Guidelines**

The use of metal detectors is allowed within the Village of Hussar parks, free of charge and without a permit, as long as the user complies with the following provisions:

1. Digging/probing may only occur on those properties as indicated on the attached “Metal Detecting Map”;
2. To minimize the disruption of the ground and maximize restoration of the area, the only permissible excavating tools are hand tools that are no longer than 4 inches/10 cm in width and 12 inches/10 cm in length. Shovels and long handheld tools are prohibited;
3. Any area disturbed by digging/probing must be restored to its original condition so that there is no noticeable impact to the property resulting from the metal detecting activity;
4. All trash, litter or other debris uncovered must be removed and placed in a trash receptacle;
5. Probing or digging is strictly prohibited within 10 feet/3 m of any tree;
6. Metal detecting activities must not interfere with other park uses, events or activities;
7. Individuals will comply with any directive to move or cease their actions by any Village employee;
8. Any collecting may be done for personal use only and not commercial purposes;
9. Items found meeting the following criteria must be turned in to the Village for further review and so that attempts can be made to find the original owners as appropriate:
  - a. Items of archeological or historical significance; and
  - b. Identifiable personal property, including jewellery, which does not belong to the finder. These items will be returned to the finder after a reasonable attempt has been made to locate the original owner.