



# Private Property Camping

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 2017 Pilot Project

**Do you own property in Queen Charlotte, and are you looking for ways to supplement your income? PRIVATE PROPERTY CAMPING might be right for you.**

#### ***What is Private Property Camping?***

Private Property Camping provides property owners with the opportunity to allow, and charge for, tent and/or RV camping on their property through an online registration system [www.RVwithMe.com](http://www.RVwithMe.com). The Village of Queen Charlotte is offering this opportunity as a pilot project for the 2017 calendar year.

#### ***How can I participate?***

Those interested in offering camping on their property can apply for a permit that covers the period they would like to offer the service. You then list your property on the [www.RVwithMe.com](http://www.RVwithMe.com) website. You are individually responsible for ensuring the accuracy of your listing and pricing. The permit application can be found on the Village website at [www.QueenCharlotte.ca](http://www.QueenCharlotte.ca) and the permit fee is \$30.00.

#### ***What services would I have to offer?***

Property owners can decide if they want to offer only RV camping, or tent camping or both. For tent camping, the use of a bathroom must be provided. It is assumed that RV campers are self-contained. Other services such as showers or laundry can be offered for an additional fee if the property owner chooses. Water can be made available through a garden hose and guests must be provided with a garbage receptacle.

The property owner will need to provide a site plan (hand drawn is fine) that shows where on their property campers would set up, establishes a maximum occupancy and ensures access for emergency vehicles is maintained. Campers are also expected to comply with the Village Noise Bylaw 48-2011 and any other applicable bylaws and policies.

#### ***Tell me more about the Free Online Reservation System [www.RVwithMe.com](http://www.RVwithMe.com)***

[www.RVwithMe.com](http://www.RVwithMe.com) is an online community that helps campers and property owners in Canada and the USA connect. Campers make online reservations and pay their hosts upon arrival. RV parks, campgrounds and private landowners can list their properties for free on the site. There is even an app for mobile devices.

When guests request a reservation, the host is notified. Hosts are able to post comments regarding campers, both positive and negative, which are only seen by other hosts. When a request is received, the host can review the comments before accepting the reservation.

### ***What information would I need to provide for the listing?***

Property owners who want to participate will have their listing linked from the Village of Queen Charlotte website. You post your own rules, regulations, fees and any additional services. You can also post pictures, and only list what you want to offer for reservations.

### ***Do I have to allow campfires on my property?***

Property owners can choose not to allow campers to have campfires on their property. However, if the property owner chooses to allow campfires, they must provide an appropriate fire pit and ensure that the campers understand the Provincial guidelines produced by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations which can be found at: [http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/bcws\\_campfireposter.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/bcws_campfireposter.pdf).

### ***Is there anyone offering to supply firewood to campers for a fee?***

The Village campsite has firewood provided for a fee by two individuals, although there may be others willing to offer this service. Campers call to have the firewood delivered. You may wish to set up a similar arrangement. Potential firewood providers are:

- Cairns Ives 250-637-1428
- Kris Olson 250-559-8363

### ***Will the Village provide any other supports for this pilot program?***

The permit fees will be used to produce brochures for private property camping guests and also help to offset costs of marketing. Supplies of the brochure will be available to all permit holders and will be replenished on request.

The guest brochure will include information on the location of the sani-dump, laundry services, shower facilities, groceries, noise bylaw, and recycling. The Village website will highlight a link to the [www.RVwithMe.com](http://www.RVwithMe.com) website as will the [www.GoHaidaGwaii.com](http://www.GoHaidaGwaii.com) website.

The Village will also provide copies of a Guest Waiver Release of Liability, Waiver and Assumption of All Risks that hosts should have all guest campers complete PRIOR to allowing them to camp. Property owners may also want to seek additional insurance coverage if they have concerns about liability. Additional copies of the waiver will be replenished on request.

Once the pilot project is complete the administrative costs of the program will be reassessed and may be reevaluated if it is decided that the program should continue.