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## **Vandal Fined and Agrees to Apologize**

**Revelstoke, B.C** – A prolific vandal appeared in Provincial Court to plead guilty to seven counts of vandalism, including graffiti and fire damage, in several City of Revelstoke parks.

The court orders resulted in a \$7000 fine, which may be reduced if the young offender:

- handwrites an apology to the City,
- handwrites a 500-word essay on why graffiti is wrong, and
- completes 120 hours of community service, including graffiti clean-up, repainting and parks beautification projects in the City.

If the young offender breaches the order or fails to comply with the consent plea order, the full \$7000 will be payable to the City of Revelstoke.

The young offender is banned from attending or loitering within ten (10) meters of certain public parks and is banned from possessing paint, markers, lighters and like tools used in graffiti and vandalism for a one-year period. Additionally, the parents agree to submit the young offender to five (5) sessions of counselling on anti-drug and anti-graffiti topics with a counsellor or therapist licensed to practice in British Columbia.

City of Revelstoke Bylaw Compliance Officers, working in cooperation with local RCMP, assembled security camera and photographic evidence of the young offender committing fire and graffiti damage between the months of May 2025 and July 2025. City crews and private restoration companies repaired the damage, at significant cost to Revelstoke taxpayers.

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The City's legal counsel, Kismet Bhandar, informed the court that the City could have taken a more punitive approach, but instead provided the family with incentives to support this young offender to getting on the right track. As a result of this approach, the orders are more rehabilitative than punitive.

Revelstoke is delivering a clear message that it will not tolerate graffiti and other damage to City property and will continue to seek all available penalties to address damage caused by all offenders. Offenders, over the age of 18, if found guilty of graffiti and fire damage, are liable to fines up to a maximum of \$50,000 per offence.

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