



DRONE/UAV Q&A

We held a public information session in November 2016. Here are the most common questions we received.



Can I fly my drone within the City limits?

A. The short answer here is **not at this time**. Regardless of the size/weight or use of the drone (recreational or commercial), you are required by law to operate under the terms of a [Special Flight Operations Certificate \(SFOC\)](#). This is due to the “Control Zone” of Calgary International Airport, as well as Springbank Airport, the connecting “corridor” between the two airports and the City of Calgary Bylaws.



Can I fly at a city park?

A. **No**. Parks and Pathways Bylaw 20M2003 Sec. 24(c) prohibits the operation of any remote controlled aircraft in or over a park.



I am a realtor. Can I fly my drone to take pictures of a property I am listing?

A. **Not without a [Special Flight Operations Certificate \(SFOC\)](#)**. The use of a drone in relation to any purpose of business, education, research or demonstration changes its classification to that of a commercial operation and all commercial operations require compliance with an SFOC.



Where can I fly my drone?

A. Outside of the City limits or at a **designated club for model aircraft**. The [Model Aeronautics Association of Canada \(MAAC\)](#) has a list of clubs and locations where you can enjoy flying your drone safely and within the rule of law. Regardless of where you decide to fly you are required to obey the rules laid out by Transport Canada as well as any Municipal regulations and bylaws. It is the operator’s responsibility to be familiar with these requirements by visiting both the Transport Canada website and any Municipal town site to ensure compliance.



Which City of Calgary Bylaws relate to drones?

A. **Parks and Pathways Bylaw 20M2003 Sec. 24(c) and Street Bylaw 20M88 Sec. 12** both prohibit the use of remote controlled aircraft within or over a park and a street.



Can I fly in my backyard?

A. No, unless you live **outside of the [Control Zone](#) and have more than 150 metres of clear distance from any building, vehicle, street, person or animals**.