# PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BIENFAIT

#### **TOWN OF BIENFAIT**

**BYLAW NO. 3 (2020)** 

# A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF BIENFAIT

The Council of the Town of Bienfait in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

### 1. Title

a) This Bylaw may be cited as "The Firearms Bylaw"

#### 2. <u>Definitions</u>

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression:

- a) "Town" shall mean the Town of Bienfait in the Province of Saskatchewan
- b) "Town Manager" shall mean the Town Manager or any person acting or authorized to act on their behalf.
- c) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Town of Bienfait
- d) "Cross-bow" shall mean a cross-bow as defined in The Criminal Code of Canada
- e) "Firearm" means a non-restricted firearm as defined in The Criminal Code of Canada
- f) "Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to Section 337 of *The Cities Act*
- g) "Owner" means the owner of property or the person in charge or control of property
- h) "Person" means any individual, firm, company or partnership
- i) "Pest Control Officer" means any person appointed to trap, hunt and dispose of any pest animals
- j) "Sling shot" means a Y-shaped stick with an elastic strip between the prongs for shooting stones and other small missiles

# 3. Regulations

- a) No person shall discharge any firearm, sling shot or cross bow within the Town, except as provided elsewhere in this bylaw.
- b) No person shall discharge any firearm in such a manner so that the projectile crosses the limits of the Town.
- c) This bylaw does not apply to peace officers as defined by *The Criminal Code of Canada*.

#### 4. Pest Control

- a) The Town Manager may appoint a Pest Control Officer to trap, hunt and dispose of animals pursuant to subsections 4(c), 4(d) and 4(e) of this Bylaw.
- b) A Pest Control Officer shall provide the Town with:
  - i) A criminal record check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
  - ii) A copy of their current Firearms License (Possession Acquisition); and
  - iii) A Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit from Saskatchewan Environment
- c) Pursuant to clause 6(2) of *The Wildlife Regulations*, 1981, a Pest Control Officer may capture or kill any wildlife that is wounded, diseased, or a danger to the public or a public nuisance.
- d) Pursuant to clause 13(3) of *The Wildlife Regulations*, 1981, a Pest Control Officer may hunt those animals listed on clauses 4(1)(f), (g) and (h) of *The Wildlife Regulations*, 1981 within five hundred (500) meters of any building, stockade or corral within the Town without the consent of the owner.
- Pursuant to clause 13(3.1) of *The Wildlife Regulations*, 1981, a Pest Control Officer may hunt animals other than those listed on clauses 4(1)(f), (g) and (h) of *The Wildlife Regulations*, 1981 within five hundred (500) meters of any building, stockade or corral within the Town without the consent of the owner.

# 5. Offences and Penalties

- a) Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
  - i) For the first office, a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
  - ii) For the second offence and any subsequent offence, a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
  - iii) Where damage is done to property by an unlawful act under this Bylaw, the presiding Judge shall adjudge payment of all damages occasioned by the unlawful act and the same shall be applied for the repair and reconstruction of the property damaged or destroyed

# 6. Coming Into Force

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on May 11, 2020.



Mayor

Administrator

Section 214 The Municipalities Act

Read a third time and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup>/day of May 2020

Administrator