



BYLAW 03-25

A BYLAW TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto, authorizes a municipality to regulate and prohibit the discharge of firearms within its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and in the interest of public safety to prohibit the use of firearms within the municipal boundaries of the Summer Village of Bondiss;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Summer Village of Bondiss, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Firearms Prohibition Bylaw."

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 "**Council**" means the municipal council of the Summer Village of Bondiss.

2.2 "**Firearm**" means any weapon from which any shot, bullet, or other missile is discharged by force of explosion, gas, compressed air, or mechanical means, and includes but is not limited to rifles, shotguns, handguns, air guns, and pellet guns.

2.3 "**Municipality**" means the Summer Village of Bondiss.

2.4 "**Peace Officer**" means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), or any other person designated by Council to enforce municipal bylaws.

2.5 "**Person**" means any individual, corporation, society, or other legal entity.

3. PROHIBITION

3.1 No person shall discharge, fire, or use any firearm within the municipal boundaries of the Summer Village of Bondiss.

3.2 The use of bows, crossbows, or similar projectile weapons is also prohibited within the municipal boundaries.

4. EXEMPTIONS

4.1 This Bylaw does not apply to:

- (a) Peace Officers acting in the course of their lawful duties.
- (b) Persons authorized by Council for the purpose of wildlife management or pest control, subject to provincial and federal laws.
- (c) Activities specifically permitted through a written exemption granted by the Municipality.

5. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

5.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to penalties as follows:

- (a) First Offense – a fine of **\$500**
- (b) Second Offense – a fine of **\$1,000**
- (c) Subsequent Offenses – a fine of **\$2,500** or prosecution in accordance with the Provincial Offences Procedures Act.

5.2 A Peace Officer may seize and hold any firearm used in contravention of this Bylaw pending further legal action.

5.3 Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

5.4 If a fine imposed under this Bylaw remains unpaid after the time specified for payment, the amount of the unpaid fine may be added to the tax roll of the property of the offender in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

6. SEVERABILITY

6.1 If any portion of this Bylaw is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw shall remain in effect.

7. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1 Bylaw 05-86 is hereby repealed.

7.2 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third reading and passing by the Council of the Summer Village of Bondiss.

Read a first time this 18th day of March, 2025.

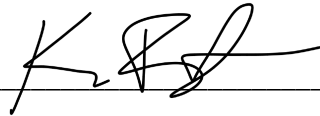
Read a second time this 18th day of March, 2025.

Consent to proceed to third reading this 18th day of March, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 18th day of March, 2025.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer