

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH

BY-LAW 309

A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH, IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND USE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, PASSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 183 (C) OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT BEING CHAPTER M-15 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES 1974 AS AMENDED.

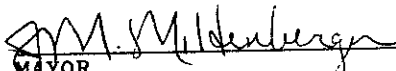
WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories, deems it to be in the public interest to restrict indiscriminate use of firearms within the Municipal Boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Fort Smith, at a duly assembled meeting enacts as follows:

1. That this By-Law shall be known as "The Firearms Control By-Law";
2. That a firearm shall be described as any barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death to a person and includes any frame or receiver of such a barrelled weapon, any thing that can be adapted for use as a firearm and includes B-B guns and pellet guns.
3. That a firearm discharge restricted area be established within the Municipal Boundaries, described as; "commencing from the Northwest corner of Lot 216 Plan 19 then in a Southerly direction along the West property line of Lot 216 to the Alta/NWT Border, then in an Easterly direction along the Alta/NWT Border to the high water mark on the South side of the Slave River, then along the high water mark of the Slave River in a Northwesterly direction to the point of commencement" as illustrated and outlined in red on Schedule "A" attached to forming part of this by-law;
4. That a firearm shall not be discharged within the restricted area, except:
 - a. By an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or other duly authorized Law Enforcement Officer;
 - b. By a Dog Catcher duly appointed by the Secretary Treasurer;
 - c. In an area designated by the Council as a shooting range, practice arena or gun club.
5. That a loaded firearm, being one with a live shell in the breach or chamber, shall not be transported within the restricted area, with the exceptions as noted in Section 4.
6. That a person under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be in possession of a firearm within the restricted area, unless accompanied by a responsible adult person.

7. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment not exceeding one (1) month or to a fine not exceeding TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) or to both such fine and imprisonment.
8. That a person who is charged with failure to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall have their firearm confiscated by a duly appointed officer and that upon conviction of the non compliance, the firearm confiscated shall be destroyed.
9. That the manner of destruction of a firearm shall be as described by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
10. That Section 1 of By-Law # 34-74 is hereby amended by the removal of the words "firearms and";
11. That Sections 2 (a) (b) (c) and Section 3 of By-Law # 34-74 are here repealed.
12. That this By-Law shall come into full force and take effect upon third reading thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 03 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1987 A.D.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS 15 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1987 A.D.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS 15 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1987 A.D.


MAYOR


SECRETARY-TREASURER

