

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS BYLAW

Bylaw No. 647 and amendments thereto

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This is a consolidation of the bylaws listed below. The amending bylaws have been consolidated with the original bylaw for convenience only.

Certified copies of the original bylaw should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaws on this subject.

<u>BYLAW NO.</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
647	May 28, 1975
907	August 17, 1982
1086	March 4, 1986
2032	April 3, 2001
2244	December 20, 2005

The bylaw numbers in **bold** at the end of the clause refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw.

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A Bylaw to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms.

The Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Pitt Meadows, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Pitt Meadows Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 647, 1975**".
2. For the purposes of this Bylaw the word "Firearms" means a rifle, pistol, or shotgun and includes airguns, air rifles, air pistols and spring guns, but does not include weapons used for the discharge of blank ammunition in connection with an athletic or sporting event.
3. "Public Highway" means highway as defined in the Municipal Act.
4. The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to Peace Officers required to use firearms in the line of duty.
5. No person shall discharge a firearm within the limits of the Municipality in those areas shown as "closed to discharge of firearms: on Schedule "A" attached hereto and as hereinafter provided.
6. No person shall discharge a firearm utilizing a single projectile within the Municipality except as specifically provided under Section 7(c) and Section 8 hereto.
7. A permit to allow the discharge of firearms within the Municipality shall be required:
 - (a) for the operation of a pistol, rifle, trap and/or skeet shooting range, and
 - (b) for an organized trap or skeet shooting event not located on a shooting range permitted to operate under this Bylaw, and
 - (c) when the discharge of firearms is to be conducted by a person who is the holder of a valid resident trapping licence and a resident hunting or firearms licence issued by the Province of British Columbia who has produced written permission from the owner or the lessee of the land upon which he proposed to operate his trap line.

A permit for the discharge of firearms may be issued providing the applicant is covered by an existing public liability and property damage insurance policy in the minimum amount of \$100,000.00 validated for the duration of the permit.

8. Notwithstanding Section 5, 6, and 7 hereof, but subject to (**Bylaw No. 907**) the Migratory Birds Convention Act, the Wildlife Act and regulations thereto, a person may discharge a firearm within the Municipality without first obtaining a permit therefor when:
 - (a) he is engaged in a farm operation and the firearm is discharged for the purpose of protecting his crops or livestock from birds or animals, or
 - (b) he is engaged in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock, or

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- (c) he is engaged in a commercial slaughterhouse operation, or
 - (d) he is engaged in shooting on pistol, rifle, trap or skeet shooting range duly authorized by a permit pursuant to Section 7 of this Bylaw,
 - (e) he is engaged in shooting an air gun, air pistol, air rifle or spring gun on property owned or occupied by the person performing the shooting or by his parents or guardians and provided the shooting is conducted on property not designated "Closed to the Discharge of Firearms: on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 hereof, a person may, outside those portions of the Municipality shown as "closed to discharge of firearms" on Schedule "A" which said schedule is hereto annexed and made part of this Bylaw, during that period of each year when the hunting of wildlife may be carried out in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and as required by the laws of the said Province and of Canada for the hunting and killing of such wildlife, discharge firearms therein without the necessity of obtaining a permit therefor pursuant to this Bylaw.
10. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Bylaw, no person shall discharge, within the limits of the Municipality, any firearm on or across any public highway or within 150 yards of any public highway, school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building or other place where persons may be assembled or engaged in work of any kind.
11. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or the provisions of this Bylaw, who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who does by any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be guilty of an infraction thereof and upon summary conviction therefor shall be liable to a fine and penalty not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or in default, payment thereof or in the alternative to imprisonment for a period of time not exceeding sixty (60) days.
12. The following Bylaws are hereby repealed:
- (a) Pitt Meadows Firearms Bylaw No. 490, 1970.
 - (b) Pitt Meadows Firearms (Rifles) Bylaw No. 289, 1953.

SCHEDULE "A"
(Bylaw No. 2244)

