



DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF BYLAW NO. 1073, 2010

A Bylaw to regulate the discharge of firearms and hunting within the District of Vanderhoof.

WHEREAS Section 8(3e) and 8(5) of the Community Charter permits Council to, by bylaw, regulate and prohibit in relation to the discharge of firearms;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Vanderhoof, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Firearms means a firearm as defined in the Firearms Act.

Hunt or Hunting is as defined in the BC Wildlife Act.

CITATION

1. No person shall discharge any firearm or bow within the District of Vanderhoof except as herein provided:
 - a. Any Peace Officer, Conservation Officer, animal control officer or member of the Armed Forces of Canada lawfully engaged in the execution of their duty.
 - b. Any participant involved in the use of live ammunition on a federally accredited firearms firing range.
 - c. Any person who is the holder of a valid permit and is engaged in the discharge of blank cartridges for the purpose of training dogs.
 - d. Any person who is engaged in hunting wildlife for agricultural crop protection.
 - e. Any person carrying on a pest control business or employed by a pest control business engaged in the removal of an animal from a building or property.
 - f. Any person who is practicing the use of a bow or crossbow on their property with arrows having a practice tip.
 - g. Any Person who is disposing of a farm animal for humane purposes.
 - h. Any person who is in the act of protecting life and property.
2. Hunting is permitted only in A-1 zones, as indicated on the District of Vanderhoof Official Zoning Map, with the following restrictions:
 - a. The permission of the land owner is required to hunt on any land.
 - b. No hunting or discharge of firearms is allowed within the Nechako River Bird Sanctuary.
3. Every person who is guilty of an offence of any of the provisions of this bylaw is punishable in accordance with the *Offence Act* of British Columbia.
4. A person or group may make an application to Council for a permit to hunt or discharge a firearm in a restricted area for a specified period of time. Council, in its sole discretion, may grant or deny such an application.
5. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect as of its date of adoption.



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6. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “District of Vanderhoof Firearms and Hunting Regulation Bylaw, No. 1073. 2010”.
7. District of Vanderhoof Firearms and Hunting Bylaw No. 646, 1989, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed.

Passed 1st reading this 10th day of November 2010.

Passed 2nd reading this 10th day of November 2010.

Passed 3rd reading as amended this 9th day of February 2011.

Adopted this 23rd day of February 2011.

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services



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