

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

BYLAW NO. 3055

A BYLAW TO REGULATE AND PROHIBIT THE FIRING OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

WHEREAS the Council of City of Prince Rupert is concerned with the welfare and safety of the public and the hazard of indiscriminate firing of firearms within the municipal boundaries of the City of Prince Rupert;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of City of Prince Rupert, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1.00 DIVISION 1

DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw, unless the context requires, the following words shall have the meaning defined herein, that is to say:

- 1.01 *APPROVE, APPROVED* and *APPROVAL* shall mean permission in writing and bearing the signature of the official authorized by this bylaw to sign such permission.
- 1.02 *FIREARM* shall mean every species of gun or firearm for throwing projectiles by the explosion of gunpowder or other explosives and shall also include an air, gas or spring operated gun, rifle or pistol, a catapult, slingshot, long bow or cross bow.
- 1.03 *TO "FIRE"* shall mean to discharge or shoot.
- 1.04 *PERMIT, PERMISSION, and PERMITTED* shall mean approval in writing for a specific purpose authorized under this bylaw and bearing the signature of the official authorized by this bylaw to sign such approval.
- 1.05 *PERSON* includes any corporation, partnership, or party, and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of such person, to whom the context can apply according to law.
- 1.06 *SHOOTING GALLERY* shall mean an approved place where the firing of firearms may be permitted to be carried on using a device for the secure mounting, chaining or anchoring of the firearms to restrict and limit the direction in which they may be fired to an area which will effectively and completely stop the projectiles without danger of ricocheting and where, under any conditions, no person will be in the path of travel of the projectiles or fragmentation therefrom.
- 1.07 *SHOOTING RANGE* shall mean an approved area of land and/or water, or a building, or part of a building, planned and arranged for the firing of firearms and which is controlled and operated by a person as defined under this bylaw.

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1.08 *SHOOTING RANGE RULES* shall mean an approved list of rules prepared by the person controlling and operating the shooting range and upon which a valid and subsisting permit has been obtained for the control and operation of the shooting range.

2.00 DIVISION 2 REGULATIONS

- 2.01 Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall fire any firearm within the City of Prince Rupert boundaries except within a shooting range or shooting gallery as defined under this bylaw, and then only when such firing is done in conformity with the shooting range rules approved for such range and the approved procedure for the operation of such gallery.
- 2.02 No person shall fire a firearm when the projectile from which will or may land upon or pass over any part of the land or water within the City of Prince Rupert boundaries except as specifically provided under this bylaw.
- 2.03 No person shall establish, construct, extend or alter a shooting range within the City of Prince Rupert boundaries until plans and specifications and an application for such range have been submitted to and have received the approval of the Building Inspector and the Chief of Police.
- 2.04 No person shall operate a shooting range in the City of Prince Rupert boundaries without first having submitted to the Officer in Charge, City Detachment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police three (3) copies of the shooting range rules proposed for control and operation of such range and received from the Officer in Charge, City Detachment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police a permit for such person to operate such range.
- 2.05 (a) Notwithstanding Section 2.01, the Officer in Charge of the City Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Prince Rupert may issue a permit to a Pest Control Officer to discharge a 22 calibre rifle equipped with bird-shot loaded shells for the purpose only of destroying rodents at the Municipal Landfill site.
- (b) The Pest Control Officer must be the holder of a firearm licence issued by the Province of British Columbia and be competent in the use of firearms determined by the said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer.
- (c) The Pest Control Officer referred to in Section 2.05 (a) and (b) must have valid written authorization from the Clerk of City of Prince Rupert to act in that capacity in City of Prince Rupert.
- 2.06 The Officer in Charge of the City Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Prince Rupert may suspend at any time any permit issued by his office.

3.00 DIVISION 3

PENALTIES

3.01 Any person found guilty of an offense against this bylaw shall be liable upon conviction to a penalty not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), together with the costs of conviction.

4.00 DIVISION 4

GENERAL

4.01 This bylaw may be cited as **"CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW No. 3055, 1998"**

4.02 This bylaw shall take affect upon final adoption.

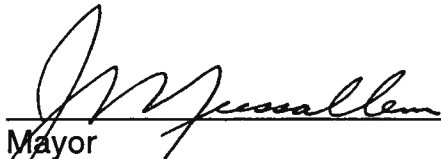
4.03 FIREARM BYLAW NO. 1759, 1967, FIREARM AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1932, 1972 AND FIREARM AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 2164, 1978, ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

READ FOR A FRIST TIME THIS 14th DAY OF April, 1998.

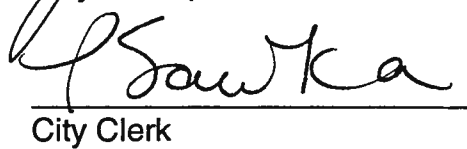
READ FOR A SECOND TIME THIS 14th DAY OF April, 1998.

READ FOR A THIRD TIME THIS 14th DAY OF April, 1998.

FINALLY ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF April, 1998.



Mayor



City Clerk