

Town of Norman Wells

By-Law No. 09-01

Being a By-Law of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Norman Wells in the Northwest Territories to regulate the discharge of firearms within the Municipal Boundaries, pursuant to the provisions of the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, 2003, S.N.W.T., c-22, section 70.

Whereas the Council for the Town of Norman Wells deems it to be necessary and in the public interest to restrict the use of firearms within the Municipal Boundaries of the Town of Norman Wells,

Now Therefore, the Council of the Town of Norman Wells, in session duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. **Short Title**

This By-Law shall be referred to as **“The Firearms By-Law”**.

2. **Definitions**

- a. ‘Boundaries’ means the actual Municipal Boundaries of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Norman Wells.
- b. ‘Council’ means the Council of the Town of Norman Wells.
- c. ‘Firearm’ means any long bow, crossbow, or any device or barreled 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 device or barreled weapon and anything that can be adapted for use as a firearm.
- d. ‘Permit’ means written authorization by the Senior Administrative Officer of the Town of Norman Wells or his/her designate.
- e. ‘Town’ means the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Norman Wells.

3. A firearm discharge restricted area shall be established within the Municipal Boundaries of the Town and described as follows:-

COMMENCING FROM THE EASTERN BANK OF THE MACKENZIE RIVER BANK AND INTERSECTING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2172 PLAN 3650 (KNOWN AS WELL SITE I-18X) AND FOLLOWING IN A STRAIGHT LINE HEADING NORTH EAST TO ENCOMPASS THE RIDGE TRAIL AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE TRAIL IN A SOUTH EASTERLY DIRECTION TO EXTEND AND ENCOMPASS JACKFISH LAKE ROAD AND CONTINUING TO THE PARKING AREA OF JACKFISH LAKE AND THENCE TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING ALONG THE WESTERN SHORE OF JACKFISH LAKE AND FROM THE SOUTH WESTERN BOUNDARY OF JACKFISH LAKE SHORE LINE HEADING IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE AREA KNOWN AS THE FIRST FIRE BREAK. INTERSECTING AT THE FIRST FIRE BREAK AND HEADING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE EASTERN RIVERBANK OF THE MACKENZIE RIVER AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE MACKENZIE RIVER TO THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF LOT 2172 PLAN 3650 FOLLOWING THIS PATH ENCOMPASSES ALL LANDS WITHIN THIS GRID AND TO ALSO INCLUDE THOSE ISLANDS IN THE MACKENZIE RIVER KNOWN AS GOOSE ISLAND, FRENCHY ISLAND, A PORTION OF BEAR ISLAND AND IMPERIAL OILS SIX ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS.(THE BOUNDARIES AS SHOWN IN YELLOW ON SCHEDULE “A”)

4. That Schedule “A” is attached and forms part of this By-Law.

5. That a person under the age of 14 shall not be in possession of a firearm within the restricted area unless accompanied by a responsible adult person.

6. 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 duly appointed representative of Environment & Natural Resources Department who, in the cause of his/her duties, may be required to discharge firearms.
 - c. By a person or group who has been duly authorized by application for and receipt of a permit from the Town.
 - d. In the area designated by the Council of the Town of Norman Wells as the Gun Range.
7. 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.
8. That 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 30 days or to a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or to both such fine and imprisonment.
9. 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 shall be forthwith returned by the R.C.M.P. to the owner.
10. That this By-Law shall come into force and repeal By-Law No. 99-05 upon third reading.

Introduced and read a first time this 13th day of January, 2009 A.D.

Mayor

Senior Administrative Officer

Read a second time this 13th day of January, 2009 A.D.

Mayor

Senior Administrative Officer

Read a third time and finally passed this 14th day of December, 2009 A.D.

Mayor

Senior Administrative Officer

It is hereby certified that this By-Law No. 09-01 has been made in accordance with the requirement of the Cities, Towns and Villages Act and the By-Laws of the Town of Norman Wells.

Town Manager / S.A.O

SCHEDULE "A"



