

DISTRICT OF FORT ST. JAMES
FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW
NO. 842, 2007

A bylaw to regulate the use of firearms in the municipality.

The Council of the District of Fort St. James, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "District of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 842, 2007."

REPEAL

2. Village of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation By-Law No. 221, 1976, and all amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.

INTERPRETATION

3. In this bylaw:
 - (a) ***Animal Control Officer*** means the person contracted by the municipality to perform Animal control duties.
 - (b) ***Bow*** includes a long bow, recurve bow, composite bow or cross bow.
 - (c) ***Chief of Police*** means the commanding officer at the Fort St. James detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
 - (d) ***Municipality*** means the District of Fort St. James.
 - (e) ***Conservation Officer*** a person appointed as conservation officer under the British Columbia Environmental Management Act.
 - (f) ***Firearm*** includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun or spring gun and any device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring but does not include a bow.
 - (g) ***Police Officer*** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
 - (h) ***Shooting Range*** means a facility approved in writing by the *Chief of Police*, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be imposed, for training and practice of the proper use of *firearms* or *bows*.

REGULATIONS

4. No person shall discharge a *firearm* or *bow* at any time within the boundaries of the District of Fort St. James.

5. Notwithstanding section 4, the provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to:
- (a) *police officers, conservation officers or animal control officers* required to discharge *firearms* in the line of duty;
 - (b) the discharge of *firearms* or *bows* within or upon a *shooting range*;
 - (c) the discharge of blank ammunition used for athletic or sporting events; or
 - (d) the discharge of *firearms* by a person authorized in writing by the *Chief of Police* for the control of wildlife or waterfowl on public or private property.

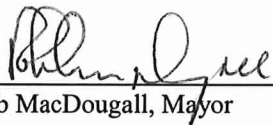
PENALTIES

6. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw shall,
- (a) upon summary conviction, be liable to pay a penalty of not more than \$2,000.00; or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 (six) months or to both fine and imprisonment; or
 - (b) if an information is laid by means of a ticket, be liable to pay a fine as set out in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2007

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2007.


Rob MacDougall, Mayor


Nigel Black, Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a True Copy of "District of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 842, 2007 ."


Nigel Black, Chief Administrative Officer

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SCHEDULE "A": FINES

The following fines may be imposed by means of a ticket information, at the discretion of a Police Officer:

Section	Violation	Fine
4.	Discharge a <i>firearm</i> or <i>bow</i>	\$200.00