

BYLAW NO. 21-870 of the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16

A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16, in the Province of Alberta, to restrict the use of firearms and bows within the boundaries of the Hamlet of Grande Cache.

Whereas, Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26 provides that Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

Whereas, Section 74 of the *Municipal Government Act*, provides that a Council may pass a bylaw prohibiting the shooting or use of firearms or other device that propels a projectile in all or part of the municipal district. A bylaw under this section does not come into force until the bylaw has been approved by the Minister responsible for the *Wildlife Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter W-10.

Whereas, Council deems it desirable and in the best interest of the public to prohibit the discharge of firearms within specified parts of the municipality;

Therefore, the Council of the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. TITLE

1.1. This bylaw shall be cited as the "Firearms Restrictions in the Hamlet of Grande Cache" Bylaw.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. CAO means the Chief Administrative Officer of Greenview;
- 2.2. Cross-Bow means a device with a bow and a bowstring mounted on a stock that is designed to propel an arrow, a bolt, a quarrel or any similar projectile on a trajectory guided by a barrel or groove and that is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death.
- 2.3. **Firearm** means any barreled weapon from which any shot or other projectile 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 barreled weapon and anything that can be adapted or used as a firearm.
- 2.4. **Greenview** means the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16.

- Peace Officer is as defined in Section 1(k) of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter P-34. For the purposes of this bylaw Peace Officer also includes the RCMP and Fish and Wildlife Officers.
- 2.6. **Violation Ticket** means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act.*

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1. This Bylaw does not apply to any Member of the RCMP, Fish and Wildlife Officers, Peace Officers, or Officers of the Grande Cache Institution, or employees of other agencies, who are required to use or discharge a firearm or weapon in the operation of their duties, or designated employees of Greenview, who may require the use of a firearm to destroy pests, or immobilize animals to facilitate their capture.
- 3.2. This Bylaw applies exclusively within the Grande Cache Firearms Restrictions Boundaries identified in Schedule 'A' attached to, and forming part, of this Bylaw, (the "Firearm Restriction Area") being a portion of Greenview described as lands in Meridian 6, Township 56, Range 8, Section 20, 29, 32 and 33 inclusive; and Section 21, 28, 34 West of the Sulphur River; Section 19,30, 31 East of the Smoky River; Section 34 excluding the portion of the South East belonging to Victor Lake Cooperative; and the North West portion of Section 35 excluding the portion belonging to Victor Lake Cooperative. Lands in Meridian 6, Township 57, Range 8, Sections 3 and 4 inclusive, Section 2 West of Highway 40, Section 5 East of the Smoky River, and south portions of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11.
- 3.3. In the event of a discrepancy between the Grande Cache Firearm Restrictions Boundaries identified in Schedule 'A' and the legal description in section 3.2 on the boundary of the Firearm Restriction Area, the Grande Cache Firearm Restrictions Boundaries identified in Schedule 'A' shall prevail.
- 3.4. This Bylaw does not apply to a shooting range, archery range, gun club, or similar facility, if established, which is designated and operated in accordance with the Land Use Bylaw and all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws and regulations.

4. PROHIBITIONS

- 4.1. No person shall carry a loaded firearm within the Firearm Restriction Area, unless written permission is granted by Greenview for a special event.
- 4.2. No person shall discharge a firearm within the Firearm Restriction Area, unless written permission is granted by Greenview for a special event.
- 4.3. No person shall discharge a bow or cross-bow, and arrow or bolt, within the Firearm Restriction Area, unless written permission is granted by Greenview for a special event.

5. WRITTEN PERMISSION BY GREENVIEW

- 5.1. Written approval by Greenview may be obtained for special events or for the ceremonial discharge of firearms using blank ammunition within the Firearm Restriction Area. A request must be submitted in writing to the CAO, or designate and shall include the following:
 - A. Full name and address of the applicant;
 - B. Age of individual(s) that will be discharging firearms;
 - C. Type of firearm intended to be used;
 - D. Location within the Firearm Restriction Area where the shooting will occur;
 - E. Time and duration in which the shooting will occur;
 - F. Reason or purpose of request;
 - G. Any other information as the CAO may reasonably require.
- 5.2. A written request must be submitted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the planned event.
- 5.3. The written authorization shall be available at the event and presented upon request by a Peace Officer.

6. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 6.1. A Peace Officer, Member of the RCMP, or Fish and Wildlife Officer may enforce the provisions of this Bylaw and may issue a violation ticket to any person who violates a provision of this Bylaw.
- 6.2. The violation ticket shall be in a form normally used by a Peace Officer in the issuance of notices of offence, in accordance with the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act.*
- 6.3. Any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to:
 - A. A fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a first offence, or in default of payment, to imprisonment of no more than three (3) months.
 - B. A fine of not more than Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for a second or subsequent offence, or in default of payment, imprisonment of not more than six (6) months.

7. SEVERABILITY

7.1. Should any provision of this Bylaw be found to be invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered separate and severable from the Bylaw and the remainder shall remain in force and effect.

8. REPEAL

8.1. Grande Cache Bylaw 499 "Arrow Release" is hereby repealed.

9. COMING INTO FORCE

9.1. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon approval of the Minister responsible for the *Wildlife Act* and upon third and final reading.

Read a first time this 13th day of April, 2021.

Read a second time this 13th day of April, 2021.

Read a third time and passed this 10 day of January, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 74 of the Municipal Government Act, this Bylaw is hereby approved

Dated at the	of	Edmonton	, Alberta, this <u>26th</u> day of
July	, 2023.		

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Minister of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

In the

REEVE

Stacey Wabick

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



