

# VILLAGE OF SAYWARD

## BYLAW NO. 420

### FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW

**WHEREAS** it is desirable to establish rules and regulations for the control of firearms with the Village of Sayward.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Village of Sayward enact as follows:

#### **Repeal**

1.1 That Firearms Regulations Bylaw No. 167, 1987 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

#### **Citation**

2.1 This Bylaw may be cited as "**Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 420, 2018**".

#### **Interpretation**

3.1 In this Bylaw:

- (a) "Firearm" includes any gun using as a propellant, explosives, compressed air or gas and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes pellet pistols, pellet guns and B.B. guns whether explosives, compressed air or gas are used as a propellant therein or otherwise.
- (b) "Bow" means a longbow or crossbow.
- (c) "Hunt and Hunting" includes any searching for, chasing, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of stalking or lying in wait for any wildlife while in possession of a firearm.

#### **Regulations**

- 4.1 Except as provided in this bylaw no person other than a Peace Officer or Conservation Officer shall discharge a firearm or bow within the Village of Sayward.
- 4.2 Except as provided in this bylaw no person shall hunt any wildlife within the boundaries of the Village of Sayward.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 and 4 of this Bylaw, Council delegates to the Chief Administrative Officer the authority to issue a permit for the discharge of firearms or bows for a specific purpose which the Chief Administrative Officer deems necessary.
  - (a) Each applicant shall complete and submit a signed application in writing, setting out the purpose for which the firearm is required, together with all additional information as shall be required by the Chief Administrative Officer.
  - (b) No special use permit shall be issued for a term of more than six months.
  - (c) All special permits shall be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer and a copy of such permit shall be forwarded to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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**Enforcement**

5.1 Every person who contravenes, violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this Bylaw, or who fails to do anything required by this Bylaw, commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$10,000 (and not less than the fines prescribed in the Village of Sayward Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw), the cost of prosecution and any other penalty or order imposed pursuant to the Community Charter (British Columbia) or the Offence Act (British Columbia). Each violation against this Bylaw shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offence, and, where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence is continued constitutes a separate offence.

Read a first time on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

Read a second time on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

Read a third time on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

Adopted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer