

**TOWN OF PRINCETON
BYLAW NO. 912, 2016**

A bylaw to regulate the use of firearms and bows within the Town of Princeton

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council deems it necessary to provide for the protection and enhancement of the well-being of the Community in relation to firearms, bows and arrows and other weapons within the Town of Princeton;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, pursuant to Section 8 of the *Community Charter*, has the authority to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to firearms, bows and arrows and other weapons;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Princeton, in the Province of British Columbia, hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

PART 1: TITLE

- 1) This Bylaw may be cited as "FIREARMS AND BOW REGULATION BYLAW NO. 912, 2016".

PART 2: DEFINITIONS

- 2) In this Bylaw:

BOW means a long bow, compound bow, re-curve bow, cross bow, or any class thereof, from which any arrow or any other projectile can be discharged and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to a person;

FIREARM means any weapon from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and that is capable of causing bodily injury or death to a person and includes a sling shot, air gun, paint ball gun, and spring gun;

MUNICIPALITY means the area within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Princeton.

PART 3: PROHIBITION

- 3) No person shall discharge a firearm or bow within any part of the Municipality except in accordance with this Bylaw.

PART 4: EXEMPTIONS

- 4) Section 3 of this Bylaw does not apply to:
 - i) Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, an armoured car guard, or an employee of the Government of British Columbia or the Government of Canada, who discharges a firearm in the performance of that person's duties;
 - ii) The lawful operation of an indoor shooting or target range;
 - iii) A firearm used for the discharge of blank ammunition in connection with an athletic or sporting event;
 - iv) Pneumatic tools designed specifically for construction.

PART 5: OFFENCES, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- 5) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Bylaw, commits an offence punishable on summary conviction and is subject to a fine not less than \$250 and not more than \$10,000.
- 6) Each day that a violation exists or is permitted to exist is deemed to be a separate offence against this Bylaw.
- 7) This Bylaw may be enforced by means of a ticket in the form prescribed for the purpose of section 264 of the *Community Charter*.
- 8) Pursuant to section 264(1)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the Town Administrator, the Town's Bylaw Enforcement Officers, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are designated to enforce this Bylaw.
- 9) Pursuant to section 264(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*, the words or expression in Column 1 of Schedule "A" to this Bylaw designate the offence committed under the Bylaw section number appearing in Column 2 opposite the respective words or expression.
- 10) Pursuant to section 265(1)(a) of the *Community Charter*, the fine amount in Column 3 of Schedule "A" to this Bylaw is the fine amount that corresponds to the section number and words or expression set out in Columns 2 and 1 opposite the fine amount.
- 11) Council hereby delegates to the Town's Chief Administrative Officer the authority to refer any disputed tickets to the Provincial Court.

PART 10: SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL

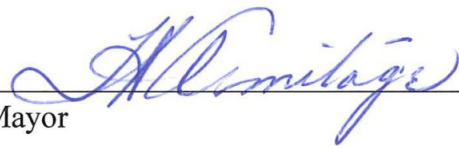
- 12) If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity does not affect the remaining portions of the Bylaw.
- 13) Town of Princeton Firearms and Fireworks Regulation and Prohibition Bylaw No. 380, 1981 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

READ A SECOND TIME THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

READ A THIRD TIME THE 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

ADOPTED THE 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "A"

Fine Schedule

Description of Offence	Section #	Amount of Fine
discharge firearm or bow within the Municipality	3	\$200