

TOWN OF PRINCETON

BY-LAW #523

Being a By-law of the Town of Princeton to establish required standards for the maintenance of real property and to prohibit littering.

WHEREAS Section 932(g) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.290, and amendments thereto, provides Municipal Council with the authority by bylaw to prohibit persons from causing or permitting water, rubbish or noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter to collect or accumulate around their premises, or from depositing or throwing bottles, broken glass or other rubbish in any open place;

AND WHEREAS Section 932(h) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 290 and amendments thereto, provides Municipal Council with the authority by bylaw to prohibit the owners or occupiers of real property from allowing property to become or to remain untidy or unsightly, and require the owners or occupiers of real property, or their agents, to remove from it any accumulation of filth, discarded materials or rubbish of any kind;

AND WHEREAS Section 932(k) of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 290 and amendments thereto, provides Municipal Council with the authority by bylaw to require the owners or occupiers of real property, or their agents, to clear the property of brush, trees, noxious weeds or other growths;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Princeton, in Open Meeting Assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Princeton Property Maintenance Bylaw No. 523, 1988."

2. In this Bylaw:

(A) "Bylaw Enforcement Officer" shall mean the person designated or appointed by the Municipal Council to enforce the bylaw or bylaws generally.

(B) "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Princeton.

(C) "Municipality" means the Municipal area comprised within the boundaries of the Town of Princeton.

(D) "Noxious Weed" means any weed so designated by the regulations to the Weed Control Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 432 and amendments thereto and shall include:

Canada Thistle	-(Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop.)
Dodder	-(Cuscuta spp.)
Halogeton	-(Glomeratus)
Russian Knapweed	-(Centaurea repens L.)
Diffuse Knapweed	-(Centaurea diffusa Lam.)
Poison Ivy	-(Rhus toxicodendron L.)
Sow Thistle, annual and perennial	-(Sonchus spp.)
Spurge	-(Euphorbia spp.)
Toadflax	-(Linaria vulgaris Hill)
Wild Oats	-(Avena fatua L.)

and includes the seeds of the noxious weed.

(E) "Untidy or Unsightly" includes but is not limited to:

(a) the accumulation of building material on any property other than premises licensed under the Business Licence Bylaw, unless the owner or occupier of the property is in possession of a valid building permit or unless the accumulation is stored in a covered building;

2. (g) (b) the storage or accumulation of all or part of any motor vehicle which is not:
 - (i) validly registered and licensed in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 288; or
 - (ii) capable of movement under its own power, unless stored in a covered building;
 - (c) the accumulation of filth, discarded materials or rubbish of any kind, including but not limited to ashes, dead animals, paper, cardboard, tin cans, leaves, wood, bedding, crockery, glass, bags and appliances.
3. No person shall cause or permit water, rubbish or noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter to collect or accumulate around their premises.
4. No person shall deposit or throw bottles, broken glass or other rubbish in any open place.
5. No owner or occupier of real property shall cause or permit that property to become or to remain untidy or unsightly.
6. Every owner and occupier of real property, or his agent, shall remove from the property any accumulation of filth, discarded materials or rubbish of any kind.
7. Every owner and occupier of real property, or his agent, shall clear the property of brush, trees, noxious weeds, wild grass and other untended growths.
8. Pursuant to the Weed Control Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 432, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer shall be the Weed Control Officer within the Municipality and shall be authorized to enforce those provisions of the Weed Control Act on behalf of the Council.
9. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offence and every day during which there is an infraction of this Bylaw shall constitute a separate offence.
10. Where any person fails to comply with Section 5, 6, or 7 of this Bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may give written notice to that person to comply within fourteen (14) days of delivery of the notice, by registered mail or certified mail, addressed to the address of the property or the last known address of the owner or occupier, and in the event of failure to comply with the notice the Council may by its employees or contractors enter the property and effect the removal of the offending material at the expense of the person defaulting.
11. The cost of effecting any removal pursuant to Section 10 of this Bylaw shall be due and payable by the person in default immediately upon removal, and if such charge remains unpaid on December 31 in any year, the charge will be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as taxes in arrears.
12. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may at all reasonable times enter upon any property in the Municipality in order to ascertain whether the regulations and requirements of this Bylaw are being observed.
13. If any portion of this Bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.
14. "The Princeton Property Maintenance, Unsightly and Untidy Premises and Weed Control Bylaw No. 487, 1987" is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 5th DAY OF December, 1988.

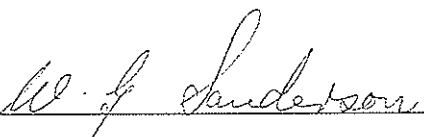
READ A SECOND TIME THIS 5th DAY OF December, 1988.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 5th DAY OF December, 1988.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF December, 1988.



Mayor



Clerk