TOWN OF EATONIA

BYLAW NO. 1/24

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF EATONIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PEST CONTROL OFFICERS AND THE CONTROL OF PESTS

The Council of the Town of Eatonia, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Pest Control Bylaw".

2. Definitions

In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Town of Eatonia, or any person acting or authorized to act on their behalf.
- b) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Eatonia.
- c) "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 to a person.
- d) "Firearm" means a non-restricted firearm as defined in The Criminal Code of Canada.
- e) "Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed pursuant to Section 373(1) if *The Municipalities Act*.
- f) "Owner" means the owner of a property or the person in charge or control of property.
- g) "Person" means any individual, firm, company, or partnership.
- h) "Pest Control Officer" means any person appointed to hunt and dispose of any pest animals.
- i) "Sling Shot" means a y-shaped stick with an elastic strip between the prongs for shotting stones and other small missiles.
- j) "Town" means the Town of Eatonia, in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- k) For the purposes of the definition of "wildlife" as in Section 2 of The Wildlife Regulations, "vertebrate animal" includes any hybrid animal that has an ancestor, within and including four generations, that was an individual of a species that is wild by nature.

3. Regulations

- 3.1 No person shall discharge any firearm, sling shot or cross-bow within the Town, except as provided in this Bylaw.
- 3.2 No person shall discharge any firearm in such a manner so that the projectile crosses the limits of the Town.
- 3.3 This Bylaw does not apply to peace officers as defined by The Criminal Code of Canada.

4. Pest Control

- 4.1 The Council may appoint a Pest Control Officer to hunt and dispose of animals pursuant to this Bylaw.
 - a) The appointment shall commence upon receipt of the requirements in subsection 4.2 of this Bylaw and resolution of the council.
- 4.2 A Pest Control Officer shall provide the Town with:
 - a) a criminal record check from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
 - b) a copy of their current Possession and Acquisition License (PAL).
- 4.3 A Pest Control Officer shall keep a copy of the Town's Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit from Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment in their possession.
- 4.4 Pursuant to clause 6(2) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981,* a Pest Control Officer may capture or kill any wildlife that is wounded, diseased, a danger to the public or a public nuisance.

- 4.5 Pursuant to clause 13(3) of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*, a Pest Control Officer may hunt the following animals within five hundred (500) meters of any building, stockade, or corral within the Town without the consent of the owner:
 - a) rodentia (mice and rats) other than red squirrels, muskrats, black-tailed prairie dogs, Ord's Kangaroo rats;
 - b) mephitidae (skunks);
 - c) procyonidae (raccoons);
 - d) icteridae (blackbirds) other than rusty blackbirds, bobolinks, Baltimore orioles, Bullock's orioles, orchard orioles and western meadowlarks;
 - e) passeridae (house sparrows);
 - f) sturnidae (starlings);
 - g) columbidae (pigeons and doves) other that band-tailed pigeons, mourning doves and white-winged doves;
 - h) corvidae (crows, magpies and jays) other than blue jays, gray jays, Clark's nutcrackers and ravens;

5. Offences and Penalties

- 5.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
 - a) for the first offence, to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
 - b) for the second offence and any subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- 5.2 Where damage is done to property by an unlawful act under this Bylaw, the presiding judge shall adjudge payment of all damages occasioned by the unlawful act and the same shall be applied for the repair and reconstruction of the property damaged or destroyed.

6. Effective Date

This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of final passing thereof.

Given 1st reading this 9th day of January 2024.

Given 2nd reading this 9th day of January 2024.

Given 3rd reading and hereby adopted this 9th day of January 2024.

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Mayor

Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1/24 adopted by resolution of Council on the 9th day of January 2024.

Administrator