

**BY-LAW #2814/25**

**OF THE**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS**

**Being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands to provide for the regulation and control of Firearms within the Townsites and Designated Areas located in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsection 232(1) of *The Municipal Act* SM. 1996, c.58 – Cap.M225, a Council may pass by-laws for Municipal purposes respecting, among other things, the safety, health, protection and well-being of people, and the safety and protection of property, as well as the use of rifles, guns and other firearms, and the use of bows and arrows and other devices, and enforcement of this By-law in respect thereof;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands deems it necessary and expedient to regulate and control the discharging of firearms and the use of other weapons and devices within the Townsites and Designated Areas located in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands and the enforcement of this By-law in respect thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, duly assembled in Council, hereby enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw, #2814/25, shall be known as “The Firearms By-law”.
2. In this By-law the following terms shall have the following meaning:
  - a) **“Authorized Personnel”** shall mean specific designated By-law Enforcement Officer for the Municipality, Conservation Officers, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers, or other persons who receive authorization from the Municipality.
  - b) **“By-Law Enforcement Officer”** shall mean the person appointed and authorized by Council to enforce the provisions of all By-laws of the Municipality and includes any person acting as an assistant to or under the direction of the By-law Enforcement Officer authorized by Council.
  - c) **“Centre Fire Rifle(s)”**, as the case may be, shall mean a high-powered rifle or any firearm which propels a single projectile from a centre fire cartridge but excludes shotguns and muzzle loaders.
  - d) **“Council”** shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands.
  - e) **“Firearm” or “Firearms”**, as the case may be, shall mean any device that fires projectiles by means of explosives, compressed air or springs and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes a rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, air gun with a muzzle velocity exceeding 152.4 meters per second, crossbow, bow, and muzzle loader, but does not include a toy.
  - f) **“Municipality”** shall mean the Rural Municipality of Woodlands.
  - g) **“Prohibited Firearm Zones – No Discharge of Any Firearm(s) / No Loaded Firearm(s)”** shall, for the purpose of this By-law and as outlined in red on the attached Maps identified as Appendix “A - B”, apply to the following Townsites & Areas unless otherwise authorized by this By-law:
    - i) Appendix A – The Prime Meridian Trail
    - ii) Appendix B - The Townsite of Warren shall be defined as the settled portion of Section Twenty-eight, Twenty-nine, Thirty-two, Township Thirteen, Range One West of the Principal Meridian, in Manitoba.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands may, by resolution, delete or designate areas of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands as Townsites & Areas.

h) **“Restricted Firearm Zones – No Discharge of Centre Fire Rifle(s) / No Loaded Centre Fire Rifle(s)”**

i) None

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3. Unless otherwise provided by law, and except for such purpose and at such places and times within the Municipality as may be designated or authorized by Council or its duly authorized Officer in that behalf, no person shall have a loaded Firearm(s) nor fire or otherwise discharge or use any Firearm(s) within the “Prohibited Firearm Zones - No Discharge of Any Firearm(s) / No Loaded Firearms” as defined in Paragraph 2.g) and outlined in red on the attached Map marked as Appendix “A”.

This section does not apply to the discharge of a bow subject to the following conditions:

- a) A bow must not be discharged on a piece of property of less than four (4) acres in size;
- b) Except for target shooting, bow equipment shall only be discharged from elevated platforms at a minimum of two (2) metres above the surrounding ground;
- c) Any target shooting with bows must be undertaken with appropriate safety measures in place; and
- d) Any target shooting shall be done in accordance with all applicable provincial laws and regulations.

4. Unless otherwise provided by law, and except for such purpose and at such places and times within the Municipality as may be designated or authorized by Council or its duly authorized Officer in that behalf, no person shall have a loaded centre fire rifle(s) nor discharge a centre fire rifle(s) within the “Restricted Firearm Zones - No Discharge of Centre Fire Rifle(s) / No Loaded Centre Fire Rifle(s)” as defined in Paragraph 2.h).
5. Any person who has a loaded firearm(s), who fires or otherwise discharges or uses any Firearm(s) contrary to the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence under this By-law.
6. The provisions of this By-law relating to Firearm(s) do not apply to authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
7. The Municipality may authorize the discharge of firearms for the emergency control of problem / nuisance wildlife.

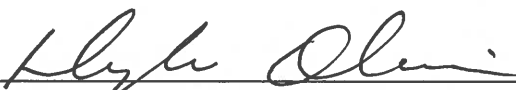
Where necessary, firearms may be used in the normal course of livestock production.

8. a) Any firearm may not be discharged from, across or along the Prime Meridian Trail.
- b) Any firearm may not be discharged from, across or along any “Prohibited Firearms Zone – No Discharge of Any Firearm(s) / No Loaded Firearm(s)”.
9. All persons are required to abide by the Wildlife Act, C.C.S.M. W 130 and all associated Regulations and Amendments along with any other provincial or federal laws or regulations which regulate the ownership and operation of firearms.
10. Any authorized personnel may seize any applicable(s) Firearm(s) that is loaded and within the Restricted Firearm(s) Zone(s) contrary to this By-law.

11. Any authorized personnel may seize any Firearm(s) that he/she, on reasonable grounds, believes has been used in the commission of an offence under this By-law.
12. Any person who contravenes, or refuses, omits or fails to obey or observe any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine as per Administrative Penalties By-law 2808/25.
13. Anyone convicted of an offence pursuant to the provisions of this By-law with respect to Firearm(s) shall, in addition to a fine and/or imprisonment as set out above, be liable to have the Firearm(s) involved in the offence confiscated and disposed of by authorized personnel.

**DONE AND PASSED** in Council assembled at the Council Chamber of the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, at Woodlands, in the Province of Manitoba, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2025.

**THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS**

  
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Douglas Oliver, Reeve

  
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Kaitlyn Griffith, Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2025  
Read a second time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2025  
Read a third time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2025