## VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON

### Firearms Regulations BYLAW No. 697, 2012

A bylaw to regulate the use of firearms and bows within the Village of Pemberton.

**WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient to regulate the use of firearms within the Municipality in order to provide for the safety of inhabitants during their normal activities;

**AND WHEREAS** a Council may, by bylaw, regulate and prohibit the discharge of firearms and the use of bows, and may make different regulations for different areas;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council wishes to further regulate and prohibit the discharge of firearms and use of bows in the Village;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the Village of Pemberton, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS**:

#### 1. <u>CITATION</u>

This bylaw may be cited as "Village of Pemberton Firearms Regulations Bylaw No. 697, 2012."

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw:

"Bow" means a longbow or crossbow;

"Crossbow" means a bow fixed across a stick with a groove for the arrow or bold and a mechanism for holding and releasing string

"Firearms" includes a rifle, shot gun, hand gun or spring gun and any device that propels a projectile over 500 feet per second by means of an explosion, compressed gas, air or spring but does not include a bow;

"Longbow' includes a longbow, recurve bow and compound bow;

"Village" means the Village of Pemberton.

#### 3. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrase.

## 4. **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

A person shall not discharge a firearm, bow, crossbow or longbow within or into the area outlined in bold and crosshatch on the map attached hereto as Schedule A and forming part of this Bylaw except as provided under Section 5.

## 5. EXEMPTIONS

- (1) The provisions of Section 4 of this bylaw shall not apply to:
  - (a) A peace office, conservation officer under the Provincial Wildlife Act, enforcement officer of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or an employee of the Canadian Wildlife Service, or employees of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals discharging a firearm in the lawful performance of their duty; or
  - (b) A firearm used for the discharge of blank ammunition in connection with an athletic or sporting event; or
  - (c) A firearm discharged within any indoor or outdoor range areas specifically authorized by the Village; or
  - (d) A firearm discharged within any indoor or outdoor facility utilized for the purposes of paintball.
- (2) Notwithstanding Sections 4 and 5 hereof, but subject to the Federal *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, the Provincial *Wildlife Act* and regulations thereto, a person may discharge a firearm within the Village when he is engaged in:
  - (a) a farm operation and the firearm is discharged for the purpose of protecting his crops or livestock from birds or animals; or
  - (b) the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock; or
  - (c) a commercial slaughter-house operation; or
  - (d) shooting on a pistol, rifle, trap or skeet shooting range duly authorized by the Village.

# OFFENCE AND PENALTY:

- (1) Any person violating any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed to have committed an offence and is punishable in accordance with the *Offence Act.*
- (2) Each violation shall be considered a separate offence.

#### 7. **REPEAL**

The "Village of Pemberton Regulation of Shooting Bylaw No. 67, 1969" and its amendments are hereby repealed.

**READ A FIRST TIME** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**READ A SECOND TIME** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**READ A THIRD TIME** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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