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PART I: INTRODUCTION

1. Authority

- (a) Pursuant to section 13 of The Regional Parks Act, 2013, the Lac Pelletier Regional Park Authority, hereby enacts this Firearms Bylaw.

2. Title

- (a) This Bylaw shall be known as the "Firearms Bylaw" of the Lac Pelletier Regional Park.

3. Scope

- (a) This Firearms Bylaw shall apply to the whole of the Lac Pelletier Regional Park.

4. Purpose

- (a) The purpose of the Firearms Bylaw shall be:
- (i) To provide for the health, protection, safety and general welfare of the persons within Lac Pelletier Regional Park;
 - (ii) To provide for the protection and safety of property within the Lac Pelletier Regional Park; and
 - (iii) To prevent the possession and use of firearms within the Lac Pelletier Regional Park.

PART II: DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, the following words and terms shall have the indicated meaning, unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in the Bylaw:

BYLAW means the Lac Pelletier Regional Park Bylaws.

ENCASED, in relation to a firearm, means a firearm that is completely enclosed in a fastened gun case or wrapped in fabric, plastic, or similar material in a manner that makes the firearm not readily available for use;

EXOTIC WILDLIFE means, as in The Wildlife Act, 1998:

- (a) A vertebrate animal of any species, excluding fish, that is:
 - (i) Not native in Saskatchewan; and
 - (ii) Usually found wild in nature in its natural habitat; and
- (b) Any part, tissue, genetic material, eggs, sperm, embryos, or other forms of developmental life of a vertebrate animal mentioned in subsection (a).

FIREARM means any device from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes a rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, air gun, pistol, revolver, spring gun, longbow, or crossbow.

MINISTER means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of The Wildlife Act is assigned.

PARK means the area that is designated as Lac Pelletier Regional Park.

PARK AUTHORITY means the people who are, from time to time, appointed for the purpose of carrying out the management and administration of the Lac Pelletier Regional Park.

PARK OFFICER means any member of the Park Authority, as well as any person employed by the Park Authority for the Administration and Management of the park area, and the enforcement of this bylaw within that area.

PEACE OFFICER shall have the same meaning as defined in the Criminal Code of Canada.

PERMIT means a valid and subsisting permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

PERSON or PERSONS means any individual, business, partnership, firm, corporation, or occupant of the Park.

POLICE OFFICER shall mean nay member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

WILDLIFE means, as in The Wildlife Act, 1998, a vertebrate animal of any species, excluding fish, that is wild by nature in Saskatchewan and includes:

- (a) Any part, tissue, genetic material, eggs, sperm, embryo or other forms of developmental life; and

(b) Any exotic wildlife found in Saskatchewan.

WILDLIFE OFFICER means, as in The Wildlife Act, 1998, any person appointed or authorized by the Minister for the purposes of administering and enforcing The Wildlife Act, 1998 and the regulations and includes a police officer or peace officer.

PART III: BYLAWS

A. GENERAL

1. (a) Subject to the The Wildlife Act, 1998, no person shall, without a special licence from the Minister:
 - (i) hunt, poison, molest or disturb any wildlife within;
 - (ii) destroy or alter any wildlife habitat within; or
 - (iii) carry, possess or discharge any firearm
the Park.

(b) notwithstanding subsection (1), a person who is passing through the Park may carry firearms provided the Firearms Act and Regulations are complied with.
2. For the purpose of controlling nuisance wildlife in the park, the Park Authority may request from the Minister, that a Special Licence be issued to persons allowing that person to use a firearm in the Park for the purpose of controlling nuisance wildlife within the Park.
3. Section 1 does not apply to a person(s) who upon request from the Park Authority, has been issued a special licence, by the Minister, to use a firearm for the purpose of controlling nuisance wildlife within the Park.
4. Any person who has been issued a special licence for the purpose of controlling nuisance wildlife within the Park must:
 - (a) comply with all conditions of the licence; and
 - (b) present the licence for inspection on request by a Park Officer, Peace Officer, Police Officer, or Wildlife Officer.
5. Unless otherwise stated, any Act and regulations referred to in this Bylaw shall include any amendments to the legislation and regulations and any legislation and regulations proclaimed successive to that specifically referred to herein.

B. PENALTY CLAUSES

General Penalty Clause:

6. (a) Any person who contravenes any provision of these Bylaws is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine in an amount not exceeding:
 - (i) \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) in the case of an individual;
 - (ii) \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) in the case of a public corporation;or, in default of payment by an individual, by imprisonment for a term of not more than 30 (thirty) days.

PART IV: REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAW

1. Repeal

(a) Bylaw 1997, sections 71 to 75, as amended, shall be repealed upon Bylaw 2015-11 coming into force and effect.

2. Park Authority Readings and Adoption

Introduction this 6th day of July, 2015

Read a first time this 6th day of July, 2015

Read a second time this 6th day of July, 2015

Read a third time this 26th day of October, 2015

Adoption of Bylaw this 26th day of October, 2015



Chairperson



Secretary