

**DISTRICT OF FORT ST. JAMES**  
**FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW**  
**NO. 842, 2007**

A bylaw to regulate the use of firearms in the municipality.

The Council of the District of Fort St. James, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**CITATION**

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “District of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 842, 2007.”

**REPEAL**

2. Village of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation By-Law No. 221, 1976, and all amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.

**INTERPRETATION**

3. In this bylaw:
  - (a) **Animal Control Officer** means the person contracted by the municipality to perform Animal control duties.
  - (b) **Bow** includes a long bow, recurve bow, composite bow or cross bow.
  - (c) **Chief of Police** means the commanding officer at the Fort St. James detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
  - (d) **Municipality** means the District of Fort St. James.
  - (e) **Conservation Officer** a person appointed as conservation officer under the British Columbia Environmental Management Act.
  - (f) **Firearm** includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun or spring gun and any device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring but does not include a bow.
  - (g) **Police Officer** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
  - (h) **Shooting Range** means a facility approved in writing by the *Chief of Police*, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be imposed, for training and practice of the proper use of *firearms* or *bows*.

**REGULATIONS**

4. No person shall discharge a *firearm* or *bow* at any time within the boundaries of the District of Fort St. James.

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5. Notwithstanding section 4, the provisions of this bylaw shall not apply to:
- (a) *police officers, conservation officers or animal control officers* required to discharge *firearms* in the line of duty;
  - (b) the discharge of *firearms* or *bows* within or upon a *shooting range*;
  - (c) the discharge of blank ammunition used for athletic or sporting events; or
  - (d) the discharge of *firearms* by a person authorized in writing by the *Chief of Police* for the control of wildlife or waterfowl on public or private property.

**PENALTIES**

6. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw shall,
- (a) upon summary conviction, be liable to pay a penalty of not more than \$2,000.00; or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 (six) months or to both fine and imprisonment; or
  - (b) if an information is laid by means of a ticket, be liable to pay a fine as set out in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2007

ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2007.

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Rob MacDougall, Mayor

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Nigel Black, Chief Administrative Officer

Certified a True Copy of “District of Fort St. James Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 842, 2007 .”

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Nigel Black, Chief Administrative Officer

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**SCHEDULE "A": FINES**

The following fines may be imposed by means of a ticket information, at the discretion of a Police Officer:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Fine</b>
4.	Discharge a <i>firearm</i> or <i>bow</i>	\$200.00