



Hunting Regulation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Annacis Room, Delta City Hall

4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent, Delta, BC

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| Present: | Councillor Alicia Guichon | Chair |
| | Councillor Rod Binder* | Vice-Chair |
| | Dennis Zentner | |
| | Ken Thompson | |
| | Mark McDonald | |
| | Peter Hill Davie | |
| | Travis Bader | |
| Absent: | Constable Melissa Ker | Delta Police Department |
| Non-Voting Resource Members: | Jack Evans | MWLRS Wildlife Biologist |
| Staff: | Kevin Li | Senior Environmental Coordinator |
| | Jenna Berry | Committee Clerk |

*By Videoconference

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that this meeting took place on the shared, traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the scəwəθən (Tsawwassen), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and other Coast Salish Peoples. We extend our appreciation to these First Nations for the opportunity to hold this meeting here today.

AGENDA ENDORSEMENT

MOVED By M. McDonald,
SECONDED By D. Zentner, THAT the Hunting Regulation Advisory Committee Agenda for March 12, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. MOVED By K. Thompson,
SECONDED By T. Bader, THAT the Hunting Regulation Advisory Committee Minutes of September 26, 2024 be approved as amended with the following updates:

Item no. 4

Add in the words “recommendation for penalties and” so that the Motion reads as follows:

THAT staff report back to the Committee with recommendation for penalties and information with regards to discharge of firearms bylaw fines in neighbouring cities.

Item no. 6

Remove the word “Consequently” in paragraph 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2. **Local Government Fines Associated with Firearms Discharge**

Materials

- Memorandum from Kevin Li, Senior Environmental Coordinator dated January 30, 2025 regarding Local Government Fines Associated with Firearms Discharge
- Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 2155, 1974, Amendment (Sunday Hunting) Bylaw No. 6334, 2005

Staff reviewed bylaws from nearby municipalities and advised that (i) tickets are not issued for violations, (ii) penalties require a summary conviction, (iii) park bylaws can prohibit firearm discharge.

Delta’s Park Regulation Bylaw similarly prohibits firearm discharge, but only on Delta-owned lands used for public purposes. Staff advised that the Community Charter prohibits local governments from issuing municipal tickets or bylaw notices for firearms violations, requiring prosecution.

MOVED By K. Thompson,
SECONDED By Cllr. Binder,

THAT staff consult with the Delta Police Department regarding (i) enforcement, (ii) increase in fines, (iii) a legal opinion on the Firearms Regulation Bylaw and report back to the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Proposed Revisions to Firearm Discharge Prohibition Areas**

Materials

- Memorandum from Kevin Li, Senior Environmental Coordinator dated January 30, 2025 regarding Proposed Revisions to Firearm Discharge Prohibition Areas
- Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw No. 2155, 1974
- Firearms discharge Bylaw Map

Staff provided an update and sought feedback in regard to proposed revisions to the firearm discharge prohibited areas found in Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw. Staff proposed changes to the prohibited areas, including new land designations and adjustments to existing boundaries, and are also reviewing the entire bylaw for potential updates or the need to repeal.

MOVED By M. McDonald,
SECONDED By K. Thompson, THAT the Committee supports the proposed changes to Firearm Discharge Prohibition Areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL UPDATES

4. **2024 Firearms Complaints**

Councillor Guichon provided an update in regards to ongoing discussions with Houweling Nurseries.

MOVED By Cllr. Guichon.

SECONDED By K. Thompson, THAT the verbal update be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING ITEM

5. **Delta Police Department**

The Committee requested that if a representative from the Delta Police Department is not able to attend a Committee meeting, that a written update be provided.

6. **Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship**

Jack Evans, MWLRS Wildlife Biologist provided an update regarding waterfowl and brant in the area. It was noted that the habits of these birds have changed drastically in the last 30 years.

Discussion ensued regarding the Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting License brochure, and its associated printing costs.

MOVED By T. Bader,

SECONDED By K. Thompson, THAT a request be sent to Council from Jack Evans for funding printing of the Fraser Valley Special Area Hunting License brochure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED By D. Zentner,

SECONDED By K. Thompson, THAT the standing item be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED By T. Bader,

SECONDED By D. Zentner, THAT the meeting adjourn (8:39 p.m.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Alicia Guichon
Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Jenna Berry
Committee Clerk