

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

BY-LAW NUMBER 2377-2011-PP

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

WHEREAS Section 119 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended provides a municipality with the authority to prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon for the purpose of public safety;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Brock deems it expedient to regulate and limit the discharge of firearms within its boundaries for the purpose of public safety;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock enacts as follows:

I. Definitions

For the purposes of this by-law, the term:

- (1) "Council" means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock.
- (2) "Firearm" shall refer to any and all guns, firearms, muskets, pistols, revolvers, air-guns, spring-guns or any class or type thereof.
- (3) "Special Event" means an event that is open to the general public for entertainment or demonstration purposes or an event that is held by a club, organization, or community group for a limited time and may include a recreational skeet shoot or turkey shoot.

II. Discharge Prohibited and Exceptions

- (1) No person shall discharge a firearm in the following areas:
 - a) the urban areas as designated within the Township of Brock Official Plan and those lands within 100 meters of each respective urban area;
 - b) lands within a residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, open space, community facility, or resort zone category of the comprehensive Zoning By-law and those lands within 100 meters of each respective zone category;
 - c) public parks; and,
 - d) opened public highways, roads or streets, and unopened road allowances.
- (2) No person shall discharge a firearm except:
 - a) where such person possesses a valid licence issued by Canada or Province of Ontario, and is exercising the rights and privileges of such licence for the purposes of hunting only, inclusive of the sighting of guns, and is a minimum distance of 100 meters from any dwelling, other than a dwelling owned or lawfully occupied by the person discharging the firearm;
 - b) where a person is acting within the authority provided by Provincial or Federal regulations or legislation to protect livestock and/or crops and has obtained the appropriate permit(s) and/or licence(s);
 - c) where it is necessary to euthanize livestock for humane reasons; or,
 - d) where Council, upon written application for approval, has granted a specific exemption from this by-law.

III. Non-Application

- (1) This by-law shall not apply to a special event that is recognized or sanctioned by Council.
- (2) This by-law shall not apply to resolutions of Council permitting the discharge of firearms by members of a duly organized and approved rifle or pistol club at a properly constructed and supervised target range operated by such club that meets the standards set forth by the Chief Firearms Officer of Ontario.

IV. Enforcement

- (1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

V. Repeal

- (1) That By-Law Numbers 23-74-PP and 27-74-PP be and the same are hereby repealed in their entirety.

VI. Enactment

- (1) This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its passage.