

BYLAW 2218/AC/04

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF STONY PLAIN IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE FEEDING OF WILD ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF STONY PLAIN

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7(a) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7(h) of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8 of the Municipal Government Act, a Council may in a bylaw regulate or prohibit activities related to wild and domestic animals;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Stony Plain in the Province of Alberta, hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1.0 Interpretation

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as "The Feeding of Wild Animals Bylaw".

Section 2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 "Animal Control Officer" shall mean any person or persons authorized by the Town to enforce provisions of this bylaw;
- 2.2 "Town" shall mean the Town of Stony Plain, a municipal corporation of the Province of Alberta, and includes the area contained within the boundaries of the Town where the context so requires;
- 2.3 "Violation Ticket" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- 2.4 "Wild Animal" shall mean any animal not being raised or kept domestically including, without limiting the generality of this description, ducks, geese, pigeons, seagulls, magpies, crows, ravens, raccoons, coyotes or squirrels.

Section 3.0 General Provisions

- 3.1 For reasons of public health and safety, it is forbidden to feed any wild animals, including, but not limited to, ducks, geese, pigeons, seagulls, magpies, crows, ravens, raccoons, coyotes or squirrels within the boundaries of the Town of Stony Plain. No person shall toss, scatter or leave food outside a building or residence or within a park for the purposes of feeding or baiting wild animals.
- 3.2 Wild seed eating birds, with the exception of ducks, geese, pigeons, crows, ravens, seagulls and magpies, may be fed through freestanding bird feeders or bird feeders attached to a private residence.
- 3.3 The feeding of domestic geese, wild geese and ducks at the Rotary Park will be permitted and not be seen as a contravention of this bylaw.

Section 4.0 Offences

- 4.1 A person who is found by the Animal Control Officer, to be tossing, scattering or leaving food outside a building or residence or within a park for the purposes of feeding or baiting wild animals shall be deemed to be in contravention of this bylaw and subject to a violation ticket and fine as outlined in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

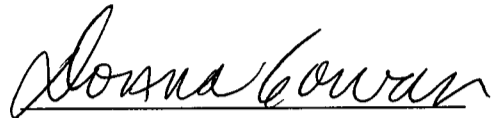
Section 5.0 Effective Date

- 5.1 This bylaw shall take full force and effect upon passage of third and final reading and upon signing in accordance with Section 213, Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta 1994;

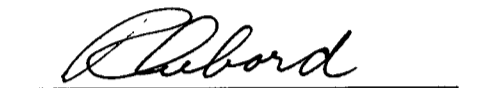
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Mayor Donna Cowan



Randy Dubord, CMA
Director of Finance and Administration

SCHEDULE A

Penalties and Costs

Tossing, scattering or leaving food outside a building, park or residential house for the purposes of feeding or baiting wild animals	\$200.00
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If any owner commits the same offence within six months of the date of the prior offence, each subsequent offence shall require the payment of double the sum.