

TOWN OF CORONACH

BYLAW NO. 6.2026

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

The council for the Town of Coronach in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the abatement of nuisances, including property, activities, or things that adversely affect:
 - a) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
 - b) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
 - c) the amenity of a neighbourhood.

Definitions

3. In this Bylaw:
 - a) "building" means a building within the meaning of *The Municipalities Act*;
 - b) "council" means the Council of the Town of Coronach;
 - c) "designated officer" means an employee or agent of the Municipality appointed by Council to act as a municipal inspector for the purposes of this Bylaw;
 - d) "infestation" means a large group of bugs or animals that will invade a place where they are not wanted, causing harm, damage, or sickness;
 - e) "junked vehicle" means any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that
 - i) either:
 - (1) is not insured; or
 - (2) is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, ~~partly dismantled~~, ~~inoperative~~ or abandoned condition; and
 - ii) is located on private land, but that:
 - (1) is not within a structure erected in accordance with any Bylaw respecting the erection of buildings and structures in force within the Municipality; ~~and~~
 - (2) ~~does not form a part of a business enterprise lawfully being operated on that land;~~
 - f) "municipality" means the Town of Coronach;
 - g) "nuisance" means a condition of property, or a thing, or an activity, that adversely affects or may adversely affect:
 - i) the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighbourhood;
 - ii) people's use and enjoyment of their property; or
 - iii) the amenity of a neighbourhoodand includes:
 - iv) a building in a ruinous or dilapidated state of repair;
 - v) an unoccupied building that is damaged and is an imminent danger to public safety;
 - vi) land that is overgrown with grass and weeds;
 - vii) untidy and unsightly property including fences, pallets, and recreational vehicles;
 - viii) pet wastes;
 - ix) junked vehicles; and
 - x) open excavations on property;
 - h) "occupant" means an occupant as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
 - i) "owner" means an owner as defined in *The Municipalities Act*;
 - j) "pallet" means a flat, square (often wood) portable platform used for handling, storing, or moving materials and packages and is sometimes called a skid;
 - k) "property" means land or buildings or both;
 - l) "recreational vehicle" means a vehicular-type unit primarily designed for temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or seasonal use that either has its own motor power or is mounted on, or towed by, another vehicle;

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- m) “structure” means anything erected or constructed, the use of which requires temporary or permanent location on, or support of, the soil, or attached to something having permanent location on the ground or soil; but not including pavements, curbs, walks or open air surfaced areas; and,
- n) “visitor” means a person visiting a person or place, especially socially or as a tourist.

Responsibility

- 4. Unless otherwise specified, the owner of a property, including land, buildings and structures, shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this Bylaw.

Nuisances Prohibited Generally

- 5. No person shall cause or permit a nuisance to occur on any property owned by that person.

Dilapidated Buildings

- 6. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit a building or structure to deteriorate into a ruinous or dilapidated state such that the building or structure:
 - a) is dangerous to the public health or safety;
 - b) substantially depreciates the value of other land or improvements in the neighbourhood; or,
 - c) is substantially detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood.

Unoccupied Buildings

- 7. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit an unoccupied building to become damaged or to deteriorate into a state of disrepair such that the building is an imminent danger to public safety.

Overgrown Grass and Weeds

- 8. a) Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no owner or occupant of land shall cause or permit the land to be overgrown with grass or weeds.
- b) Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, any land with overgrown grass or weeds not cut by June 1 or 10 days thereafter in any year may be cut by town employees and the costs for the same added to the taxes of land. If a second notice for overgrown grass or weeds is required in the same fiscal year, no notice to the owner will be provided. Notice will only be provided by registered mail for the first occurrence. For the purposes of section 8 of this bylaw, “overgrown” means in excess of 20 centimeters in height.
- c) This bylaw shall not apply to any growth which forms part of a natural garden that has been deliberately planted to produce ground cover, including one or more species of wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, grasses or combinations of them, whether native or non-native, consistent with a managed and natural landscape other than regularly mown grass.

Untidy and Unsightly Property

- 9. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any land or buildings to become untidy and unsightly due to the accumulation of new or used lumber, cardboard, paper, newspapers, appliances, tires, cans, barrels, scrap metal, or other waste materials or junk.

Junked Vehicles

- 10. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any junked vehicle to be kept on any land owned by that person.

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Open Excavations

11. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit any basement, excavation, drain, ditch, watercourse, pond, surface water, swimming pool or other structure to exist in or on any private land or in or about any building or structure which is dangerous to the public safety or health.

Pet Wastes

12. Notwithstanding the generality of Section 5, no person shall cause or permit an excessive amount of pet wastes and they shall be promptly removed from properties, and disposed of in an acceptable fashion. Pet wastes shall not be allowed to accumulate in an unreasonable fashion.

Maintenance of Yards

13. Notwithstanding the generality of section 5, no person shall cause or permit on any property owned by that person:
- a) an infestation of rodents, vermin or insects;
 - b) any dead or hazardous trees; or
 - c) any sharp or dangerous objects.

Outdoor Storage of Materials

- 14.a) Any building materials, lumber, scrap metal, boxes or similar items stored in a yard shall be neatly stacked in piles and elevated off the ground so as not to constitute a nuisance or harborage for rodents, vermin and insects.
- b) Materials referred to in Section 14 a) shall be elevated at least 0.15 metres off the ground and shall be stacked at least 3.0 metres from the exterior walls of any building and at least 1.0 metre from the property line.

Refrigerators and Freezers

15. Any refrigerator or freezer left in a yard shall first have its hinges, latches, lid, door or doors removed.

Fences

16. Fences shall be maintained in a safe and reasonable state of repair, appropriate for the neighbourhood, as determined by the Designated Officer.
- a) Fences shall not be constructed of pallets. Any fence constructed of pallets is considered a nuisance and falls into the untidy and unsightly category. Fences shall be constructed of treated lumber or coated lumber (~~redwood fencing, cedar wood fencing, or southern pine fencing~~) that consist of posts, slats, metal, or steel. Other options include: picket fences, wrought iron or metal fences, vinyl fencing, composite privacy fencing, chain link fence, or slated fencing. Barbed wire fencing is not allowed and is considered a nuisance.
- b) Fences that are loose, about to fall over, or the paint is peeling or chipped are considered a nuisance. ~~under Untidy and Unsightly Property for further action.~~

17. Recreational Campers (RV)

- a) An occupant having more than one (1) RV on their resided on property, owned by the occupant, is considered a nuisance.
- b) An occupant having more than one (1) RV on their resided on property, owned by a visitor, is considered a nuisance.

Pallets

18. a) Pallets shall only be used for outdoor storage of materials, per section 14 above.
- b) Pallets shall not be used to build sheds, garages, decks, fences, and any such building **built** will be considered a Dilapidated Building, upon which further action will be taken.

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Enforcement of Bylaw

19. The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is hereby delegated to the Administrator or a Designated Officer for the Town of Coronach.
20. The Administrator or the Designated Officer for the Town of Coronach is hereby authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw to the Town Foreman or any other individual working on behalf of the Town as deemed necessary.

Inspections

21. The inspection of property by the Municipality to determine if this Bylaw is being complied with is hereby authorized.
22. Inspections under this Bylaw shall be carried out in accordance with Section 362 of *The Municipalities Act*.
23. No person shall obstruct a Designated Officer who is authorized to conduct an inspection under this section, or a person who is assisting a Designated Officer.

Order to Remedy Contraventions

24. If a Designated Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may, by written order, require the owner or occupant of the property to which the contravention relates to remedy the contravention.
25. Orders given under this Bylaw shall comply with Section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*.
26. Orders given under Bylaw shall be served in accordance with Section 390 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Registration of Notice of Order

27. If an order is issued pursuant to Section 24, the Municipality may, in accordance with Section 364 of *The Municipalities Act*, give notice of the existence of the order by registering an interest against the title to the land that is the subject of the order.

Appeal of Order to Remedy

28. A person may appeal an order made pursuant to Section 24 in accordance with Section 365 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Municipality Remediating Contraventions

29. The Municipality may, in accordance with Section 366 of *The Municipalities Act*, take whatever actions or measures are necessary to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw.
30. In an emergency, the Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary to eliminate the emergency in accordance with the provisions of Section 367 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Recovery of Unpaid Expenses and Costs

31. Any unpaid expenses and costs incurred by the Municipality in remediating a contravention of this Bylaw may be recovered either:
 - a) by civil action for debt in a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Section 368 of *The Municipalities Act*; or
 - b) by adding the amount to the taxes on the property on which the work is done in accordance with Section 369 of *The Municipalities Act*.

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Offences and Penalties

32. No person shall:
- a) fail to comply with an order made pursuant to this Bylaw;
 - b) obstruct or interfere with any Designated Officer or any other person acting under the authority of this Bylaw; or
 - c) fail to comply with any other provision of this Bylaw.
33. A Designated Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw may serve on that person a Notice of Violation, which Notice of Violation shall indicate that the Municipality will accept voluntary payment up to the sum of one thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to be paid to the Municipality within thirty days.
34. Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under Section 33 within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.
35. Payment of any Notice of Violation does not exempt the person from enforcement of an order pursuant to Section 24 of this Bylaw.
36. Every person who contravenes any provision of Section 32 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction:
- a) in the case of an individual, to a fine of not more than \$10,000;
 - b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine of not more than \$25,000; and
 - c) in the case of a continuing offence, to a maximum daily fine of not more than \$2,500 per day.

Repeal of Former Bylaws

37. Bylaw No. 4. of 2006 The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw is hereby repealed.

Coming Into Force

38. This Bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.

Mayor, Calvin Martin

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Chief Administrative Officer, Renea Paridaen

Read a third time and adopted
this ____ day of _____

Administrator