



NOISE AND NUISANCE BY-LAW

Amended and Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Deer Lake on the 10th day of November A.D. 2025 And to come into effect on the 10th day of November A.D. 2025.

Resolution # 2025-1110-10

Mayor Dean Ball

Town Clerk Lori Humphrey

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Pursuant to the authority conferred by sections 7 and 8 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act (TLSDA), the town of Deer Lake has adopted, through resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Deer Lake on the 10th day of November, A.D. 2025 the following Noise and Nuisance By-Law.

By-Law Statement

The purpose of this By-Law is to regulate, manage and enforce situations within the Town of Deer Lake that substantially and unreasonably interferes with an individual's right to peace, privacy, and enjoyment of property. It seeks to establish clear and enforceable standards for acceptable noise levels by specifying prohibited noise sources, times and locations.

1. Title

This By-Law may be cited as the Town of Deer Lake Noise and Nuisance By-Law.

2. Definitions

- (a) "Act" means the Town and Local Service Districts Act
- (b) "Council" means the Municipal Council of the Town of Deer Lake.
- (c) "Town" means the Town of Deer Lake as defined in paragraph 2 of the Order-In-Council dated the 27th day of May, A.D. 1950, and made under the provisions of the Act.
- (d) "By-Law Enforcement Officer" for the purpose of these regulations means a peace officer with powers as outlined in the Act and who is appointed by Council with powers to enforce the Town of Deer Lake's Animal Control By-Laws.
- (e) "Town Clerk" means the town clerk of Deer Lake
- (f) "Statutory Holiday" shall mean a holiday identified in the Shops Closing Act, RSNL 1990, S-15 as amended.
- (g) "Weekday" shall mean Monday through Friday, exclusion of any Statutory Holiday.
- (h) "Noise Nuisance" refers to a sound that is disturbing, disruptive or harmful to the well being of individuals or the community.

3. Noise and Nuisances Application

1. No person shall make, continue or cause to be made any loud, unnecessary, excessive or unusual noise or participate in any raucous behaviour that annoys, disturbs, injures, or disrupts the comfort, well-being, peace and safety of an individual or the community within the limits of the Town, except in accordance with this By-Law.
2. No person shall, within the limits of the Town, operate, cause or allow to be operated any public address system, gramophone, radio or any other device used to reproduce or amplify sound where the sounds are capable of being heard on any street in the Town without first having received approval from Council.
3. No person shall create a noise within the limits of the Town, through the use of Firearms or other similar noise making devices, except as may be approved by Council or other Law Enforcement Agencies.
4. No person shall deposit, throw, sweep or place litter or garbage upon any highway or sidewalk within the limits of the town or on any other public property. This does not include garbage for garbage pick up.
5. No person shall, within the limits of the town use a lawnmower, chainsaw, or any other machinery or equipment which may disturb the peace and quiet of a neighbourhood, between the hours of 12am and 7am on a weekday, Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday, except as required for snow removal purposes.
6. No person, firm or corporation shall permit or maintain a nuisance by creating loud noises and/or raucous sounds or by creating or participating in any raucous behaviour that, in the opinion of Council, may have an unpleasant or undesirable effect on the senses.
7. No person shall keep or maintain, or permit to be kept or maintained upon any premises owned, occupied or controlled by any person, any animal or animals, which by frequent or long continued noise disturbs the peace and quiet of any person.
8. No person shall create or allow any noise caused by construction, excavating, repairing, altering or demolishing any building or structure by the removal, transport or delivery of rock, gravel or sand or other materials between the hours of 12am and 7am on a weekday, Saturday, Sunday or a statutory holiday.

9. No person shall use any off road, all terrain or motorized snow vehicle except where such use is approved and authorized under the Off-Road Vehicles Act.

Exceptions

Sounds caused by the following are exempt from the prohibitions set out in this By-Law.

1. The sounding of any bell, horn, siren or other warning device of any vehicle where the law required, or when responding to an emergency.
2. The sound of snow clearing equipment while performing cleaning duties.
3. The ringing of church bells or chimes.
4. The sounding of motor vehicle horns in a wedding procession or a parade as approved by Council.
5. The sound of a portable generator in a residential area in the event of a power outage.
6. Amplified sound and or fireworks during events staged on or on behalf of the Town.
7. The operation of privately owned snow blowers or other forms or privately owned snow clearing equipment used for the purpose of providing vehicle access into or out of a private driveway.

4. Offences and Penalties

1. Every person who is guilty of an offence under this By-Law, or who acts on contravention of or fails to comply with any provision thereof, or neglects or refuses to do so:
 - (a) May be liable to penalties as stipulated in accordance with section 290 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (b) May be subject to an order under section 285(1) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (c) May be subject to a violation notice issued under section 287(1) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (d) May be issued a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act in accordance with section 288 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
2. Any person doing any of the acts outlined in section 298 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act is considered to have committed an offence.

5. Severability

If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of these By-Laws to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remainder of these By-Laws and the remainder shall remain valid and in force.

6. Repeal

All previous Noise and Nuisance Regulations thereto, are hereby repealed.

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