



TOWN OF STELLARTON

DEER MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

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BE IT RESOLVED that this By-law, known as the *Deer Management By-law* for the Town of Stellarton, be enacted effective this ____ day of _____, 2029.

1. TITLE

1.1 This By-law shall be known as the “*Deer Management By-law*.”

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 In this By-law:

(a) “**Attractant**” means any substance, material, or waste, including but not limited to food, compost, grain, salt licks, or organic matter, that may reasonably be expected to attract deer;

(b) “**Deer**” means any wildlife species commonly known as white-tailed deer;

(c) “**Feed**” or “**Feeding**” means to intentionally or negligently place, deposit, distribute, or allow edible material or attractants to be available for consumption by deer;

(d) “**Officer**” means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer, or any person appointed or designated by the Town to administer or enforce this By-law;

(e) “**Property**” means any public or private land within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Stellarton, including any buildings, structures, or improvements located thereon.

3. APPLICATION AND AUTHORITY

3.1 This By-law is enacted pursuant to Section 172 of the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c. 18.

3.2 This By-law applies to all Property within the Town of Stellarton.

3.3 This By-law is intended to complement and not conflict with any applicable provincial or federal legislation or regulations.

4. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

4.1 No person shall:

- (a) Feed deer on any Property, whether public or private;
- (b) Place, deposit, or permit the placement of any attractant in a manner that may reasonably result in the feeding of deer;
- (c) Allow any food source, waste, or attractant to remain accessible on Property where deer are known or reasonably expected to frequent.

5. ORDERS AND COMPLIANCE

5.1 Where an Officer determines that a Property is attracting deer in a manner that:

- (a) creates or is likely to create a risk to public safety;
- (b) causes or is likely to cause property damage; or
- (c) results in repeated complaints,

the Officer may issue a written Order to the owner or occupant of the Property.

5.2 An Order issued under this section may require the person to:

- (a) remove attractants;
- (b) secure or properly store materials;
- (c) modify practices contributing to the attraction of deer; or
- (d) take any other reasonable steps necessary to deter deer.

5.3 An Order shall specify a timeframe for compliance.

5.4 No person shall fail to comply with an Order issued under this By-law.

6. INSPECTION

6.1 An Officer may, at any reasonable time and in accordance with applicable law, enter upon Property to determine compliance with this By-law.

7. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

7.1 No person shall contravene or fail to comply with any provision of this By-law or any Order issued pursuant to it.

7.2 This By-law may be enforced by a Peace Officer or Bylaw Enforcement Officer in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* or by way of Summary Offence Ticket pursuant to the *Summary Proceedings Act*.

7.3 Any person who violates this By-law is liable upon conviction to a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000.

7.4 Each day that a contravention continues shall constitute a separate offence.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

8.1 This By-law comes into force on the date of adoption.

Date of First Reading: 2026
Date of Advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: 2026
Date of Second Reading: 2026
Date of Advertisement of By-law Passage and Approval: 2026

I certify that the Deer Management By-law was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

Chief Administrative Officer

Date