

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS**

**DEER FEEDING BYLAW NO. 1967**

**A Bylaw to Prohibit the Feeding of Deer Within the Municipal Boundary of  
The City of Grand Forks**

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The Council of the City of Grand Forks, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

**1. Title**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as **“Deer Feeding Bylaw No. 1967, 2013.**

**2. Definitions**

2.1 Words or phrases defined in the British Columbia Interpretation Act, the Community Charter or the Local Government Act, or any successor legislation, shall have the same meaning when used in this bylaw unless otherwise defined in this bylaw.

2.2 In this bylaw:

**“Bylaw Enforcement Officer”** .means a person designated by Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed for the City.

**“City”** means the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks;

**“Conservation Officer”** means a person appointed under the Wildlife Act.

**“Council”** means the Municipal Council of the City of Grand Forks

**“Deer”** means any member of the family Cervidae

**“Feed”** means to deliberately lay out food or organic material to attract deer.

**“Food”** means food, food waste, or any other material that is or is likely to be attractive to deer (as an example, fruits, vegetables, hay, grains and salt licks).

**“Municipality”** means the area within the municipal boundaries of the City.

2.3 In this bylaw the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine gender.

- 2.4 The headings contained in this bylaw are for convenience only and are not to be construed as defining or in any way limiting the scope or the intent of the provisions of this bylaw.
- 2.5 If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the severance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

### **3. Violation**

- 3.1 No person shall provide deer with food, either directly or by leaving or placing in, on or about land or premises food, food waste, or any other material that is or is likely to be attractive to deer for the purpose of feeding deer other than a Conservation Officer acting in the performance of his/her duties, or a person acting under the direction of or with the permission of a Conservation Officer.
- 3.2 No person shall permit deer to be fed on property he or she occupies as a permanent or semi-permanent place of residence or vacant property.
- 3.3 For certainty, the violation in Section 3.1 does not apply in relation to:
  - a) farm operations;
  - b) fruit or vegetable gardening for human consumption; or
  - c) ornamental plants and flowers

### **4. Offence and Penalty**

- 4.1 Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any provision of this bylaw or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this bylaw, commits an offence.
- 4.2 Each day that a violation continues to exist as submitted in writing, is considered a separate offence against this bylaw as per Schedule 10 of the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw No. 1957, 2013.

### **5. Enforcement**

- 5.1 On receiving a written complaint, the City will write a letter to the offending household requesting that occupiers of the residence cease the feeding of deer. This letter will specifically outline how the activities of occupiers of the residence are an offence under the bylaw.
- 5.2 On receiving additional complaints of the same offending household, the occupiers will be sent a letter requesting their attendance at an open Council

meeting, at which an opportunity will be provided for the occupiers to "show cause" why the bylaw is not being complied with.

**6. Commencement**

**READ A FIRST TIME** this 25th day of November, 2013.

**READ A SECOND TIME** this 25th day of November, 2013.

**READ A THIRD TIME** this 25th day of November, 2013.

**FINALLY ADOPTED** this 16th day of December, 2013.

  
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Mayor Brian Taylor

  
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Corporate Officer – Diane Heinrich

**CERTIFICATE**

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Bylaw No. 1967, cited as "Deer Feeding Bylaw No. 1967, 2013, as adopted by the Municipal Council for the City of Grand Forks on the 16th day of December, 2013.

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Corporate Officer of the Municipal Council of the  
City of Grand Forks

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_