

City of Chilliwack

Bylaw No. 2740

A bylaw to regulate the use of firearms

WHEREAS *Section 8(5) of the Community Charter* empowers Council, by bylaw, to regulate or prohibit the discharging of firearms and provides that such regulations may be different for different areas within the municipality; (AB #3113)

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Chilliwack in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **“Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2001, No. 2740”**.
2. “Firearms Regulation Bylaw 1994, No. 2105” and amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

INTERPRETATION

3. In this bylaw:

“City” means the City of Chilliwack;

“Bow” means a longbow or crossbow as defined in the *Wildlife Act*; (AB #2835)

“Firearm” means a gun, shotgun, pistol, air pistol, air gun, air rifle, pellet gun, spring gun, or any other weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged, but does not include a starting pistol in connection with an athletic event where blank ammunition is used.” (AB #3793)

PROHIBITION

4. No person shall discharge a firearm *or Bow* within any part of the City that is shown on Schedule “A” of this bylaw as “closed to the discharge of firearms”. (AB #2835)

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

5. Every parent or guardian of a person who is under 16 years of age and living at the home of the parent or guardian shall ensure that the person does not discharge a firearm contrary to the provisions of this bylaw.

EXEMPTIONS

6. Section 4 of this bylaw does not apply to:
 - (1) a person engaged in a farm operation who discharges a firearm for the purpose of protecting crops or livestock from injury or destruction by animals or birds; or
 - (2) a person engaged in the slaughter of livestock, where such livestock is legally kept according to the terms, conditions and provisions of all applicable City bylaws in force from time to time; or
 - (3) *a peace officer, a conservation officer, or an employee of the City, the Government of British Columbia, the Government of Canada or the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who discharges a firearm in the lawful performance of that person’s duties; (AB #3793)*
 - (4) *the use of a firearm or bow where the use is part of an authorized sporting event under the supervision of a local, national or international sports governing body; (AB #3793)*
 - (5) the lawful operation of a shooting or target range;
 - (6) *the use of a Bow on private land when the person using the Bow has received the prior permission of the owner of said land and the Bow is used to shoot an arrow or other projectile at a stationary inanimate target, and the person using the Bow exercises care for the safety of other persons or property. (AB #2835)*
7. *Every person listed in Section 6 above, when discharging a firearm or using a bow, shall do so only with due regard for the safety and security of other residents, visitors and occupants of the City (AB #3793)*
8. Every person who violates or breaches, or who causes or allows to be violated or breached, any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be guilty of an offence against this bylaw .
9. Any person guilty of an infraction of this bylaw shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than the maximum allowed by the *Offence Act*, as amended. (AB # 3793)
10. If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the bylaw.

"Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2001, No. 2740" adopted on the 15th day of January, 2001.

Amendment Bylaw No. 2835 adopted on the 3rd day of June, 2002.

Amendment Bylaw No. 3113 adopted on the 21st day of February, 2005.

Amendment Bylaw No. 3349 adopted on the 4th day of February, 2008.

Amendment Bylaw No. 3793 adopted on the 16th day of August, 2011.

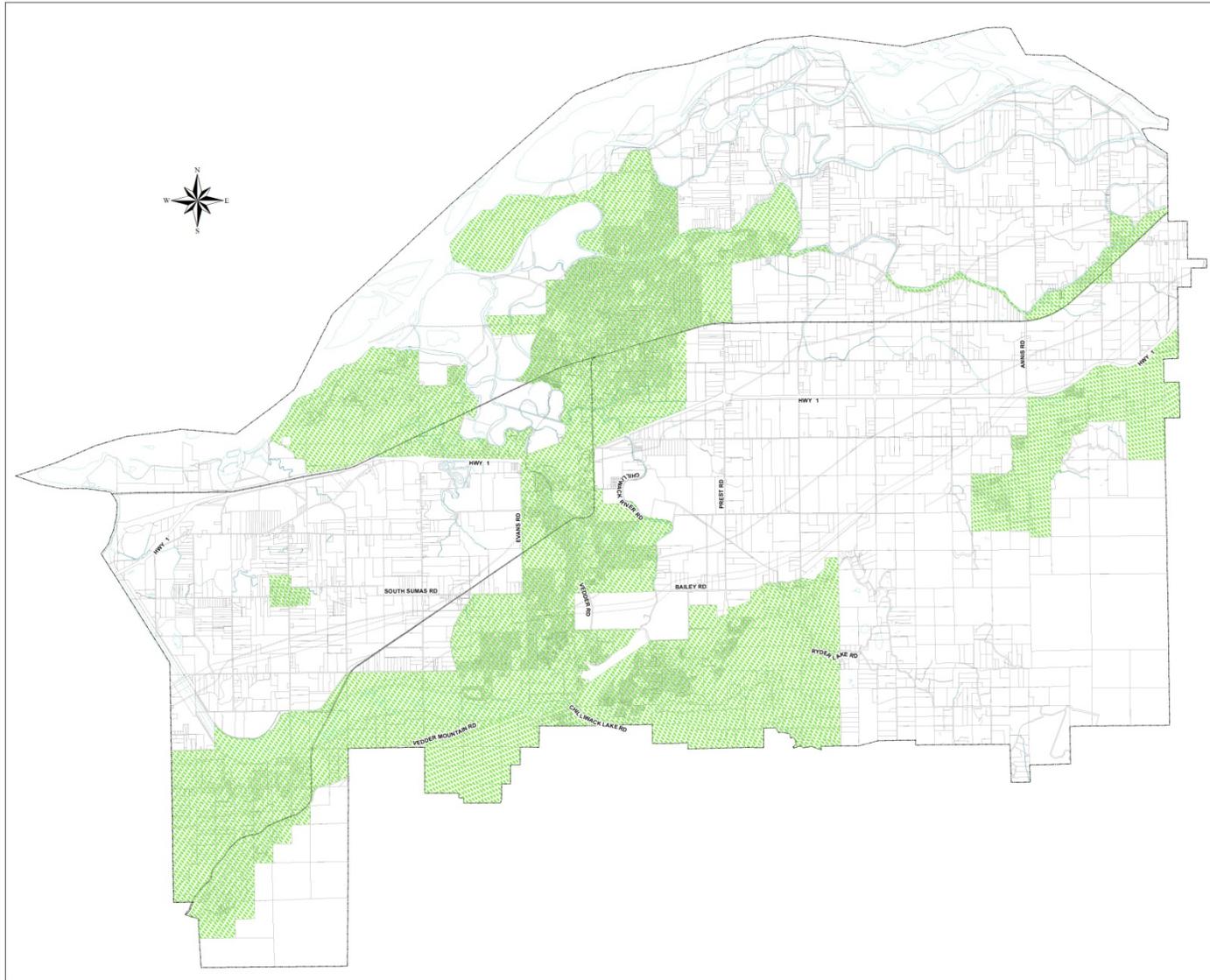
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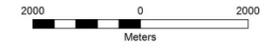
“Firearms Regulation Bylaw 2001, No. 2740” – Schedule “A”



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**"FIREARMS REGULATION BYLAW 2001, No. 2740"
SCHEDULE "A"**

**AREA SHADED GREEN
CLOSED TO THE
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**



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