

**COUNTY OF RENFREW**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 79-24**

**A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON  
COUNTY OF RENFREW-OWNED FORESTS**

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WHEREAS by subsection 11(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew is authorized to pass a by-law providing for the use by the public of lands of which the Corporation is the owner and for the regulation of such use and the protection of such lands;

AND WHEREAS by sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 of the Trespass to Property Act, Chapter T.21, of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew is authorized to prohibit entry to land occupied by the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and to regulate the carrying on of certain activities on such land and for these purposes give notice thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew approved the document entitled "Renfrew County Forest Management Plan 2017-2026", and any subsequent Plans, which outlines the County's policies with regard to the resource management of the lands occupied by the Corporation and generally known as the Renfrew County Forest;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew has determined that any breach of the provisions of this By-law should be subject to a fine as set out in Schedule "I".

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

**"Camp"** includes the placement of a tent or trailer at any time on the Property or the lodging or staying overnight on the Property.

**"County of Renfrew"** means the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

**"Debris"** includes anything that is not natural to the Property.

**"Enforcement Officer"** means a Provincial Offences Officer, an Ontario Provincial Police Officer, or any person exercising a power or performing duty under this By-law.

**"Litter"** includes the throwing, dumping, placing, depositing of any debris.

**"Natural Features"** means all geology, vegetation, and wildlife pertaining to, existing in or produced by nature throughout the Renfrew County Forest. This includes all plant and wildlife species and wetland areas.

**“Organized Event”** includes any event that takes place in a County Forest where person(s) are charged an entry fee or the event is advertised, but does not include organized hikes or nature walks.

**“Property”** means the property described as the Renfrew County Forest in the County of Renfrew.

**“Refuse”** includes but is not limited to discarded food, food and drink packaging, disposable diapers, broken glass, appliances, electronics, broken glass, grass and garden clippings and inert fill of any kind.

**“Renfrew County Forest”** includes all forested properties owned by the Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

**“Signage”** means postings throughout the Renfrew County Forest erected, or authorized, by the County of Renfrew.

## 2. **PERMITTED USES**

Permitted uses are described in the “Renfrew County Forest Management Plan 2017-2026”, and any subsequent Plans.

## 3. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

### 3.1 No person shall:

- a) remove, damage or deface County property;
- b) remove, damage or deface a relic, an artifact or natural object;
- c) damage, deface or disturb an archaeological or historical site;
- d) unlawfully disturb, cut, kill, remove or harm a natural feature;
- e) unlawfully conduct research;
- f) litter, dump or dispose of any foreign material or refuse;
- g) start a fire;
- h) fail to control a pet, including dogs;
- i) permit livestock to trespass on County property;
- j) permit livestock or pet to damage County property or vegetation;
- k) introduce a plant, animal or thing that may carry non-native or invasive species;
- l) unlawfully occupy land on County property;
- m) unlawfully camp;
- n) conduct target practice on County property;
- o) conduct paintball on County property;
- p) construct an unauthorized structure on County property;
- q) damage access road or designated trail on County property;
- r) interfere/disrupt logging operations on County property;
- s) construct unauthorized trail on County property;
- t) construct tree stand with use of nails or hardware on County property;
- u) conduct organized event on County property with no agreement;
- v) conduct unauthorized baiting of bears on County property or disobey or tamper with a posted sign within a County property.

#### **4. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

- 4.1 Every person who uses the Renfrew County Forest is subject to all Municipal by-laws and all Provincial and Federal laws and regulations. Any person violating any Municipal by-law, or other law, may be ordered by the County of Renfrew or an Enforcement Officer to leave the Renfrew County Forest.
- 4.2 No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct an Enforcement Officer.
- 4.3 No person shall neglect or refuse to produce information, identification or to provide any information required by any person acting pursuant to this By-law.
- 4.4 In addition to any other authority they may have, an Enforcement Officer is authorized to enforce the provisions of this By-law and to order any persons believed by such Enforcement Officer to be contravening or who has contravened any provision of this By-law:
- a) To desist from the activity constituting or contributing to such a contravention;
  - b) To remove from the Renfrew County Forest anything owned by or in the control of such person which the officer believes is or was involved in such contravention, and;
  - c) To leave the Renfrew County Forest.
- 4.5 The court in which a conviction has been entered pursuant to this By-law and any other court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted, and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed by the court on the person convicted.
- 4.6 Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as may be amended from time to time and to any other applicable penalty, including but not limited to those defined in the Off-Road Vehicles Act, the Highway Traffic Act, the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and the Trespass to Property Act.
- 4.7 The County of Renfrew appoints the Ontario Provincial Police (“OPP”) with the authority to enforce this By-law.

#### **5. PENALTY**

Any person found by an Enforcement Officer to have breached any provision of this By-law including applicable offences in Schedule “I” may be subject to a fine as follows:

- i) A breach by any user of the Renfrew County Forest of any provision of this By-law shall be subject to a fine as designated in Schedule “I”.
- ii) Upon receipt of a notice of fine, the Permit Holder or the person or corporation named in the notice shall pay the penalty within seven (7) days to the County of Renfrew.
- iii) A fine Notice shall include the following information:
  - a) the fine Notice Date;
  - b) the date on which the fine is due and payable;

- c) the signature of the issuing Enforcement Officer;
  - d) particulars of the contravention reasonably sufficient to indicate the nature of the contravention;
  - e) the amount of the fine; and,
  - f) a statement advising that an unpaid fine will constitute a debt of the person or corporation to the Municipality.
- iv) An Enforcement Officer may serve the fine Notice on a person or corporation by one of the following methods:
- a) delivering it personally to the person or to the head office of the corporation;
  - b) sending a copy by registered mail to the last known address of the person or the head office of the corporation; or,
  - c) posting a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place at the site of the contravention and sending a copy by registered mail to the last known address of the person or the head office of the corporation.
- v) A fine remaining unpaid after the date when it is due and payable, constitutes a debt to the County of Renfrew owed by the person or corporation named in the notice. The County of Renfrew may take all steps available in law to collect the unpaid penalty.

## 6. **SHORT FORM WORDINGS**

- 6.1 The Municipality shall make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario for approval of Short Form Wordings and Set Fines in accordance with the Set Fine Schedule approved by resolution of Council, and such fines shall come into effect upon the approval or amendment by the Attorney General of Ontario or their designate.
- 6.2 Staff shall be authorized to make changes to the By-law or Set Fine Schedule without amendment to the By-law or Resolution of Council, if so recommended by the Attorney General or their designate in order for the Set Fines to be approved.
- 6.3 Council may, by Resolution, amend the Set Fines under this By-law at any time. Any amendment made to the Set Fines by Resolution of Council will come into force upon approval of the Attorney General or their designate.

## 7. **APPLICABILITY**

This By-law does not apply to persons:

- i) of authorized law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other emergency personnel when carrying out authorized duties, or
  - ii) employed by the Corporation of the County of Renfrew while acting in the course of their employment in managing the Renfrew County Forest or any part thereof, or any person authorized by an employee of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew to carry out any duty relating to the resource management of the Renfrew County Forest or any part thereof.
8. THAT the document marked Schedule "I" attached to and made a part of this By-law is hereby approved.

9. THAT By-law 92-09 is hereby repealed.

10. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 29th day of May, 2024.

READ a second time this 29th day of May, 2024

READ a third time and finally passed this 29th day of May, 2024.

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PETER EMON, WARDEN

original signed by  
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GWEN DOMBROSKI, CLERK

**Schedule "I"**  
**THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW**  
**PART 1 PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT**  
**BY-LAW NO. 79-24**  
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	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<u>Item</u>	<b>Short Form Wording</b>	<b>Provision creating or defining offence</b>	<b>Set Fine</b>
1	Remove/deface/destroy County property	s. 3(a)	\$185.00
2	Remove/deface/destroy relic, artifact or natural object	s. 3(b)	\$350.00
3	Damage/deface/disturb archaeological or historical site	s. 3(c)	\$350.00
4	Unlawfully disturb/cut/kill/remove or harm a plant or tree	s. 3(d)	\$185.00
5	Unlawfully conduct research	s. 3(e)	\$185.00
6	Litter, dump or dispose of any foreign material or refuse	s. 3(f)	\$500.00
7	Start fire	s. 3(g)	\$500.00
8	Fail to control a pet, including dogs	s. 3(h)	\$185.00
9	Permit livestock to trespass on County property	s. 3(i)	\$185.00
10	Permit livestock or pet to damage County property or vegetation	s. 3(j)	\$185.00
11	Introduce plant, animal or thing that may carry non-native or invasive species	s. 3(k)	\$500.00
12	Unlawfully occupy land on County property	s. 3(l)	\$350.00
13	Unlawfully camp	s. 3(m)	\$185.00
14	Conduct target practice on County property	s. 3(n)	\$185.00
15	Conduct paintball on County property	s. 3(o)	\$185.00
16	Construct unauthorized structure on County property	s. 3(p)	\$185.00
17	Damage access road or designated trail on County property	s. 3(q)	\$350.00
18	Interfere/disrupt logging operations on County property	s. 3(r)	\$350.00
19	Construct unauthorized trail on County property	s. 3(s)	\$185.00
20	Construct tree stand with use of nails or hardware on County property	s. 3(t)	\$350.00
22	Conduct organized event on County property with no agreement	s. 3(u)	\$350.00
23	Conduct unauthorized bear baiting on County property	s. 3(v)	\$185.00

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24	Disobey or tamper with a posted sign on County property	s. 3(v)	\$185.00

Note: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is Section 4.6 of By-law 79-24, a certified copy of which has been filed.