

BY-LAW NO. 25-05

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Being a By-Law to regulate the use of firearms in the Rural Municipality of Springfield.

WHEREAS Subsection 232 (1) (j) of the Municipal Act being C.C.S.M. c. M225 SM 1996, c.58 empowers a Council to pass By-Laws for municipal purposes respecting the use of firearms;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and advisable that the Municipality regulate the discharge of firearms in the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Rural Municipality of Springfield enacts as follows:

1. That the Rural Municipality of Springfield By-Law with attached Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" hereto be adopted and be named Springfield Firearms By-Law.
2. That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be and are hereby authorized to do all things necessary to give force and effect to this By-Law.
3. That this By-Law shall take force and effect on the date of third reading of this By-Law.
4. THAT Council from time to time, by resolution, may amend the schedules attached to this by-law.

DEFINITIONS

5. In this By-Law:

"centrefire rifle"	means a long barreled firearm with rifling in the bore wall designed to operate with centrefire ammunition – that is ammunition where the primer is struck in the centre of the casing vs the rim.
"Council"	means the Council of The Rural Municipality of Springfield;
"Firearm"	means any barreled weapon from which any shot, bullet or any other missile can be discharged and includes any frame or receiver of such barreled weapons which can be adapted for use as a firearm, including but not limited to rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, air gun, crossbow and similar weapons;
"Game Area 34A"	34A: From the Red River Floodway, East to PR 302, and North from the GWWD rail line (Plan 2269) up to Boundary Road 72N and Garven Road 66N, West of PTH 12.

“Game Area 35”	35: East from P.R. 302 to Forestry Road 48E (Municipality’s Eastern limits), and South of Garven Road 66N (Municipality’s Northern limits), to Richland Road 54N (Municipality’s Southern limits).
“Game Area 35A”	35A: East from P.T.H. 59 to P.R. 302, and South from the GWWD rail line (Plan 2269) to Prairie Grove Road 54N and Richland Road 54N (Municipality’s Southern limits).
“Game Area 38”	38: (Prohibited Zone) The City of Winnipeg and portions of the Municipality within (on the Westside and Southside) of PTH 101 and (on the Westside and Northside) PTH 100 (Perimeter Hwy).
“Hunting”	means chasing, driving, flushing, attracting, pursuing, worrying, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting at, stalking or lying in wait for wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently captured, killed, taken or wounded, but does not include trapping or such activity by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching or photographing wildlife;
“Municipality”	means The Rural Municipality of Springfield;
"Person"	includes a firm, corporation, unincorporated society, association or group;
“Shooting Range”	also known as firing range or gun range means a specialized facility designed for firearms qualifications, training or practice.

6. Shooting Range

- a) The Owner and/or Applicant is responsible for complying with and / or carrying out the shooting range in accordance with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal legislation and regulations.
- b) No person shall operate a shooting range within the Municipality in an area not specifically zoned to accommodate a shooting range.
- c) No person shall operate a shooting range within the Municipality without having registered and providing an annual letter to the Municipality that the range is operational within that calendar year. This registration expires on the 31st of December of the year it was acquired.

7. No hunting or use of firearms is allowed on municipally owned property.

8. Any person who is engaged in a normally accepted agricultural or horticultural business is authorized to discharge a firearm for the purpose of protecting livestock or crops from birds or animals as per the *Wildlife Act* (C.C.S.M. c W130) and *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (S.C. 1994, c. 22).

9. Pursuant to S. 46(1) of *The Wildlife Act*, any person who owns or occupies

private land or a person authorized by the owner or occupier, may discharge a firearm for the purpose of defending or preserving their property.

10. Any person may discharge a firearm in the humane destruction or slaughter of domestic livestock.

11. The discharge of centrefire rifles is prohibited within Game Hunting Area 34A within the RM of Springfield.

- a) The discharge of centrefire rifles is prohibited within 300 meters of any residence or occupied building within the Municipality;
- b) S. 11 does not apply to persons engaged in normal agricultural or horticultural practices as contemplated by S. 8 nor persons engaged in the humane destruction of livestock as contemplated by S. 10.
- c) S. 11(a) does not apply if the user of the firearm has explicit permission from the normal occupants of the residence or occupied building and the discharge of a firearm is not occurring in Game Areas 34A or 38.

12. The discharge of a firearm anywhere within Game Area 38 (any area of the RM of Springfield inside or encircled by Highway 101 (otherwise known as the Perimeter Highway) is Prohibited.

13. The discharge of any firearm in any hunting area within 100 meters of a residence or occupied building is prohibited except with explicit permission from the normal occupants of the residence or building.

- a) S. 13 does not apply to persons engaged in normal agricultural or horticultural practices as contemplated by S. 8 nor persons engaged in the humane destruction of livestock as contemplated by S. 9.

14. The provisions of this By-law do not apply to authorized Law Enforcement personnel and personnel employed or contracted by the Municipality, while in the performance of their duties when and where such duties may be required.

15. The descriptions of the Game Areas included in the definitions of this Bylaw are more specifically identified in the Manitoba Hunting Guide. If there is a discrepancy regarding Game Areas the Hunting Guide shall prevail.

16. Where any offence continues for more than one day, the person is guilty of a separate offence for each day the offence continues.

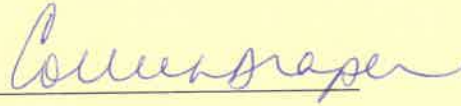
17. Pursuant to the *Manitoba Bylaw Enforcement Act* and the Municipalities corresponding Bylaw, offences covered by this Bylaw can be enforced via administrative Penalty Notice. Attached as a schedule (B) to this Bylaw is the designated offence wording for specific offences and the set fine amount. This schedule may from time to time be amended by resolution of Council.

18. By-Law No. 20-20, and all associated amendments of, are hereby repealed upon final passage of this By-Law.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Springfield, in Council duly assembled, in Oakbank, Manitoba, this 20th day of May, A.D. 2025.



Patrick Therrien
Mayor



Colleen Draper
Chief Administrative Officer

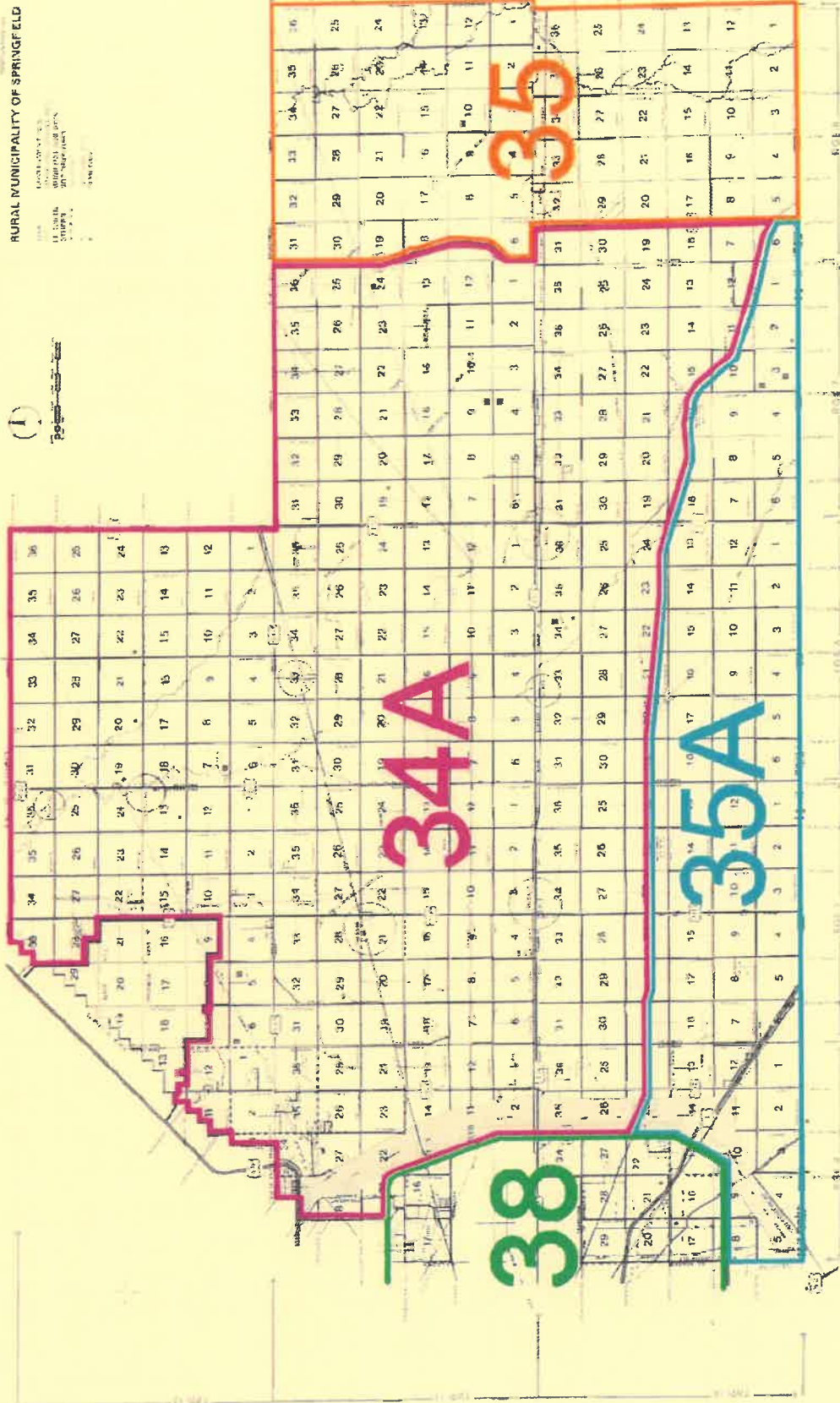
Read a first time this 6th day of May, A.D. 2025.
Read a second time this 20th day of May, A.D. 2025.
Read a third time this 20th day of May, A.D. 2025.

Schedule "A" to By-law 25-05

Game hunting area boundaries within the Municipality of Springfield.

Below is a general description of the game hunting areas as more specifically identified in the Hunting Guide. If there is a discrepancy the Hunting Guide shall prevail.

HUNTING ZONES



Schedule “B” to By-law 25-05

Paragraph Number	Preset Offence Wording	Fine Amount
7	Use a firearm on municipally owned property	\$500.00
11	Discharge a centrefire firearm where prohibited	\$600.00
12	Discharge a firearm in Game Area 38	\$700.00
13	Discharge a firearm within 100 meters of an occupied building	\$500.00