

WESTSIDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

BYLAW NO. 0026

A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTROL OF RABBITS

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WHEREAS the Council of the Westside District Municipality may by bylaw, as provided by Section 8 of the *Community Charter*, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to animals;

AND WHEREAS it has become a concern to control the infestation of feral rabbits as the issue relates to ecosystem protection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Westside District Municipality, in open meeting assembled, HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "WESTSIDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY RABBIT CONTROL BYLAW 2008 NO. 0026".

2. Applicability

This bylaw applies to all lands within the area incorporated as the Westside District Municipality "the District".

3. Definitions

**Inspector** – means the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or any other person authorized to enforce or assist in the enforcement of this Bylaw.

**Rabbit** – means any non-native rabbit, including rabbits kept as domestic pets, farm animals, or feral rabbits.

**Rabbit Warren** – means any site where rabbits tunnel, or a site which harbours rabbits, including but not necessarily limited to piles of logs, rocks or debris.

4. Regulations

4.1 No owner or occupier of property shall have or keep a rabbit on his property except confined in a secure, enclosed structure.

4.2 No person shall sell or give away rabbits that have not been spayed or neutered.

4.3 An owner or occupier of property shall remove or modify any rabbit warren on the property, so as to prevent the harbouring of any rabbits.

4.4 No person shall feed rabbits in parks or public spaces.

5. Enforcement

The **Inspector** may enter any property at any reasonable time concerning any matter under this Bylaw.

6. Penalty

6.1 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 and is liable upon conviction to the penalties provided under the *Offence Act*.

6.2 Where the offence is a continuing one, each day the offence continues shall be a separate offence.

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