TOWN OF SHAUNAVON

Province of Saskatchewan, Canada

BYLAW NO. 2026-05

A BYLAW TO CONTROL AND MANAGE NUISANCE WILDLIFE

The Council of the Town of Shaunavon in the Province of Saskatchewan, pursuant to Section 8 of The Municipalities Act and in accordance with The Wildlife Act, 1998 and The Wildlife Regulations, 1981, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Nuisance Wildlife Bylaw."

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

"Administrator" means the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or Administrator appointed by Council.

"Attractant" means any substance, material, foodstuff, uncontained waste, or carcass that may reasonably attract nuisance wildlife.

"Conservation Officer" means a conservation officer appointed pursuant to The Natural Resources Act or The Wildlife Act, 1998.

"Enforcement Officer" means a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed by the Municipality, a Peace Officer, a Conservation Officer, or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

"Municipal Wildlife Control Officer (MWCO)" means an individual designated by Council and holding a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) and a provincial Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit from the Ministry of Environment.

"Nuisance Wildlife" means non-domestic animals (including, but not limited to, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, badgers, gophers/ground squirrels, foxes, feral pigs, and pigeons) that pose a risk to human health, livestock safety, private or public property, or municipal infrastructure.

"Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit" means a valid permit issued by the Ministry of Environment pursuant to The Wildlife Regulations (Saskatchewan) authorizing designated wildlife control operations.

"Property Owner" means the registered owner, lessee, or legal occupant of any parcel of land within the Municipality.

3. PROHIBITIONS AND OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1. Intentional Feeding: No person shall intentionally feed, leave food out for, or provide attractants to wild animals or feral pests within the Municipality, except where authorized for legal trapping operations under this Bylaw.

3.2. Refuse and Waste Management: Property owners shall store garbage, organic waste, and compost in secure containers designed to prevent access by wildlife.

3.3. Harborage Prevention: Property owners shall prevent abandoned equipment, debris, or unsealed structures on their property from becoming shelter or breeding grounds for nuisance wildlife.

4. APPOINTMENT AND POWERS OF MUNICIPAL WILDLIFE CONTROL OFFICERS

4.1. Council may appoint one or more qualified individuals to serve as Municipal Wildlife Control Officers (MWCO).

4.2. An MWCO must provide the Municipality with:

a) A current Criminal Record Check;

b) A valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) (if firearms or tranquilizers are involved); and

c) A copy of the valid Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit issued by Saskatchewan Environment.

4.3. The MWCO is authorized to enter onto public or private land within the Municipality at reasonable hours to inspect, trap, capture, relocate, or humanely dispatch nuisance wildlife in accordance with provincial regulations, Firearms Discharge Bylaw No. 2026-04, and the specific weapon, caliber, and equipment authorizations set forth in said officer's Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit.

4.4. Prior to discharging any authorized firearm for humane dispatch within municipal boundaries, the MWCO must:

a) Ensure the animal is securely contained or trapped prior to firearm discharge, unless responding to an immediate, uncontained threat to human safety; and

b) Provide advance notification to the local RCMP detachment and local Conservation Officers / Ministry of Environment regarding the exact location, timing window, and authorized weapon type to be utilized.

5. TRAPPING AND CONTROL PROTOCOLS

5.1. No person, other than an appointed MWCO or an authorized property owner operating on their own private land in accordance with provincial regulations, shall set live traps on

municipal property. For greater certainty, no private property owner or resident is permitted to utilize lethal devices, firearms, pellet guns, air guns, or bows on private or public land, as prohibited under Firearms Discharge Bylaw No. 2026-04.

5.2. Leg-hold traps and non-target snare devices are strictly prohibited on all municipal reserves, parks, and residential roads.

5.3. All live-capture traps used within municipal boundaries must be checked at least once every twenty-four (24) hours, and trapped animals must be handled humanely in accordance with provincial standards and municipal operating procedures.

6. ENFORCEMENT, ORDERS, AND PENALTIES

6.1. If an Enforcement Officer, Conservation Officer, or MWCO determines that a property contains attractants or structural hazards harbouring nuisance wildlife, the Municipality may issue a Remedial Order directing the owner to eliminate the attractant or seal the structure within a specified timeframe.

6.2. If the owner fails to comply with a Remedial Order, the Municipality may perform the required work and add the costs incurred to the taxes of the property.

6.3. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw or interferes with an MWCO, Enforcement Officer, or Conservation Officer in the execution of their duties is guilty of an offence and subject to a fine of:

First Offence: $200.00

Second Offence: $400.00

Third and Subsequent Offences: Up to $2,000.00

6.4. Where an offence under this Bylaw involves the unauthorized discharge of a firearm, pellet gun, air gun, or bow device, prosecution and penalties shall be governed by Firearms Discharge Bylaw No. 2026-04 ($500.00 First Offence / $1,000.00 Second Offence / up to $10,000.00 max).

7. SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1. Severability: If any section, clause, or provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

7.2. Effective Date: This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of final passage and third reading by Council.

Read a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.
Read a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.
Read a third time and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

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