

TOWN OF COMOX

BY-LAW NO. 872

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE MOVING AND KEEPING OF BEES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

WHEREAS Section 933(1)(f) of the Municipal Act empowers the Council by by-law to regulate the moving and keeping of bees and to define areas within which such bees may be kept, or within which the keeping of them is prohibited with the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Bee Act, Chapter 27, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1979, make provision for, inter alia, the keeping and control of bees and beehive equipment, which said provisions are paramount to the provisions of this By-law if they are in conflict;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Comox in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. TITLE:

This By-law may be cited as "Comox Beekeeping By-law, 1988"

2. DEFINITIONS:

In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires the definitions set out in the Bee Act shall apply.

3. BEEKEEPING REGULATIONS:

- (a) Every person keeping bees, and the person on whose property bees are kept, shall maintain the bees in such a condition so as to reasonably prevent undue swarming or aggressive behavior by said bees.
- (b) Every person keeping bees and the person on whose property the bees are being kept, shall ensure that said bees are requeened if said bees are subject to undue swarming or show signs of aggressive behavior.
- (c) No person shall keep more than two (2) colonies of bees on a parcel of land. Contiguous parcels under the same ownership shall be deemed to be one parcel of land.
- (d) No person shall locate a beehive within twenty-five feet of any property line except:
  - i) when a hive is situated eight feet or more above the adjacent ground level, or
  - ii) when the hive is situated less than six feet above adjacent ground level and behind a solid fence or hedge, more than four feet in height and extending at least twenty feet beyond the hive in both directions.

4. INSPECTION:

A duly appointed officer of the Town of Comox, or their accredited representatives shall have the right of entry and may enter onto any land at all reasonable hours in order to inspect the bee keeping operation and to ascertain whether the provisions of this by-law are being, or have been, carried out.

Any person interfering with or obstructing the entry of any such official or employee of the Town of Comox onto any such land to which said entry is made or attempted, pursuant to the provisions of this by-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of the by-law.

5. PENALTY:

Every person who offends against or violates any of the provisions of this by-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this by-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this by-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this by-law and, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars.


Each day a violation of the provisions of this by-law exists or is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offence.

6. ADOPTION:

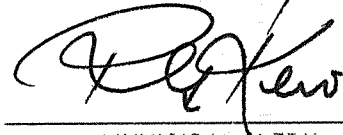
READ A FIRST AND SECOND time this 6th day of APRIL ,1988.

READ A THIRD time this 6th day of APRIL ,1988.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of APRIL ,1988.


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MAYOR  
  


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