

BYLAW NO. 04/2026

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BUENA VISTA TO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL WILDLIFE CONTROL OFFICER

WHEREAS, pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*, a municipality is authorized to make bylaws respecting peace, order, and good government of the municipality and the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property and wild and domestic animals and activities in relation to them; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Buena Vista, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as THE WILDLIFE CONTROL BYLAW

2. DEFINITIONS

Whenever in this Bylaw the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the context provides otherwise, be held to have the following meanings:

- 2.1. **Chief Administrative Officer** means the Administrator for the municipality;
- 2.2. **Council** means the Mayor and Councilors of the Village of Buena Vista that have been duly elected by *The Local Government Elections Act*;
- 2.3. **Municipality** means the municipal corporation of the Village of Buena Vista and the area of land over which it has jurisdiction;
- 2.4. **Municipal Wildlife Control Officer** means a person appointed by the municipality Pursuant to section 13 (3) of The Wildlife Regulations 1981;
- 2.5. **Unprotected wildlife** means wildlife that is not protected pursuant to the Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, or pursuant to these regulations, other regulations made pursuant to the Act or regulations made pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of Canada;

2.6. **Owner** includes:

- a) A person who owns or has possession of, or control over, an animal;
- b) The person responsible for custody of a minor where the minor is the owner of the animal;

3. **APPOINTMENT:**

Council may appoint Municipal Wildlife Control Officers to trap, hunt and dispose of animals pursuant to sections 4, 5 and 6 of this bylaw.

- a) The appointment shall commence upon receipt of the requirements in section 4 of this bylaw and approval of Council.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- a) Provide the Chief Administrative Officer with a current criminal record check from the RCMP;
- b) Provide the municipality with a copy of their current Possession and Acquisition License (PAL);
- c) Keep a copy of the municipality's Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit issued by Saskatchewan Environment in their possession during the performance of their duties.

5. **AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to section 13 (3) of The Wildlife Regulations 1981, the Municipal Wildlife Control Officer may hunt the animals listed below when necessary and are permitted to do so within 500 metres of any building, stockade or corral, without consent of the owner.

- a) Reptilia (snakes and turtles) other than rattlesnakes, bull snakes, hognosed snakes, smooth green snakes, eastern yellow-bellied racers, northern red bellied snakes, short horned lizards and snapping turtles;
- b) Amphibia (frogs and salamanders), other than great plains toads and northern leopard frogs;
- c) Geomyids (gophers);
- d) Lagomorpha (rabbits);
- e) Insectivore (shrews);
- f) Rodentia (mice and rats), other than red squirrels, muskrats, black tailed prairie dogs, Ord's kangaroo rats and, subject to subsection (2), beavers;
- g) Mephitidae (skunks);
- h) Procyonidae (raccoons);

- i) Icteridae (blackbirds), other than rusty blackbirds, bobolinks, Baltimore orioles, Bullock's orioles, orchard orioles and western meadowlarks;
- j) Passeridae (house sparrows);
- k) Sturnidae (starlings);
- l) Canis latrans (coyotes);
- m) Columbidae (pigeons and doves), other than band-tailed pigeons, mourning doves and white winged doves;
- n) Corvidae (crows, magpies and jays), other than blue jays, gray jays, Clark's nutcrack and ravens;
- o) Domestic game farm animals with respect to which a domestic game farm operator holds a valid license pursuant to the Domestic Game Farm Animal Regulations; and
- p) Captive wild boar held by a captive wild boar producer.

6. COSTS

Costs incurred in relation to the hunting, trapping and disposal of animals as described in this bylaw, by the authorized Municipal Wildlife Control Officer, are the responsibility of the person or organization that has requested the assistance, unless otherwise negotiated with the municipality, in advance.

7. COMING INTO FORCE

This Bylaw shall come into force on the final reading by the Village of Buena Vista Council.





 Mayor



 Chief Administrative Officer

INTRODUCED AND READ a first time this 23rd day of June, 2026.
 READ a second time this 23rd day of June, 2026.
 READ a third time and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2026.