

# **CANOE LAKE CREE FIRST NATION BYLAW**

**BY.LAW NO. CLCFN \_\_\_\_, 2006  
OF THE CANOE LAKE CREE FIRST NATION  
A BY-LAW FOR THE PRESERVATION,  
PROTECTION AND MANGEMENT OF BIG GAME**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation desires to make a By-law governing the preservation, protection and management of Game on the reserve, matters ancillary thereto, and penalty for the violation thereof:

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation has the power to make such By-law pursuant to its Inherent and Aboriginal right and to paragraph 81 (l) (o), (q) and (r) of the Indian Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is considered expedient and necessary to provide for the preservation, protection and management of Big Game on the reserve;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation, without prejudice to the inherent rights and Treaty Ten rights and powers of the First Nation and its citizens, hereby makes the following By-law under the Indian Act:

## **Short Title**

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Big Game Hunting By-law" on the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation."

## **Interpretation**

2. In this By-law:

(a) **"First Nation"** means the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation;

(b) **"big game"** includes:

- i) Wild birds;
- ii) deer;
- iii) bear,
- iv) any member of the deer family, whether known as caribou, deer, elk, moose or otherwise;

(c) **"client"** means a person to whom an outfitter provides an outfitting service or a guide employed by an outfitter provides a guiding service;

(d) **"Council"** means the Council, as defined in the Indian Act, of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation;

(e) **“Game Officer”** means a game officer appointed under section 3, and includes an officer who has been designated by the Council, pursuant to section 4, to administer and enforce this by-law;

(f) **“hunting”** includes taking, wounding, killing, chasing, pursuing, worrying, capturing, following after or following on the trail of, search for, shooting at, trapping, setting snares for, stalking or lying in wait for any Big Game, or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the Big Game is then or subsequently captured, wounded or killed;

(g) **“Land Manager”** means a band member (a qualified Land Manger under Indian Act) who is appointed by the Chief to assist and provide plans of reserve lands and to monitor game officer;

(h) **“outfitter”** means a person who provides an outfitting service;

(i) **“outfitter’s License”** means a license issued pursuant to this bylaw;

(j) **“outfitting service”** means the provision of guiding services or the provision of guiding services together with the provision of equipment, food, and accommodation for a client;

(k) **“Reserve”** means the Canoe Lake Cree Reserve, and its treaty land entitlement lands, if any, as it may exist from time to time and includes all lands added to the reserve after the date of this By—law;

(l) **“Snare”** means any device for the taking of Game whereby it is caught in a noose;

(m) **“Take”** includes the capturing or the taking into possession of Big Game, whether dead or alive;

(n) **“Trap”** means any spring trap, gin, deadfall box or net used to capture game;

(o) **“Treaty Land Entitlement or “TLE lands”** means land that has been purchased for the purpose of creating entitlement reserves pursuant to treaty land agreements.

### **Administration**

3. Council may, by band council resolution:
  - (a) appoint one or more Game Officer to perform such functions in respect of the administration and enforcement of this By-law as are prescribed herein;
  - (b) provide for reasonable remuneration to be paid to the Game Officer and other appointed officers;
  - (c) appoint the Game Officer for a fixed term decided by Chief and Council after which reappointment shall be discussed by both parties;
  - (d) dismiss the Game Officer from the appointed position, for failure to carry out duties as described in this bylaw; or, for having been convicted of an employment related offense under the Criminal Code (Canada), or, for contravening the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation's Conflict of Interest guidelines; and
4. The Council may designate any officer to perform such functions in respect of the administration and enforcement of this by-law as are prescribed herein to be performed by a Game Officer.

### **Hunting and Trapping by First Nation Members**

5. Notwithstanding any provision of this By-law, members of the First Nation may engage in hunting within the reserve at any time pursuant to their right under Treaty Ten.

### **General Prohibition on Hunting**

6. (1) No person who is not a member of the First Nation shall hunt any Big Game within the Indian Reserve except as permitted by this by-law; and
- (2) Notwithstanding anything in this by-law, a person may, where necessary for the prevention of
  - (a) injury to persons on the reserve, whether or not they are members of band, hunt, take, trap, snare, shoot or kill big game at any time if the incident is immediately reported to the Council, and such game or carcass is surrendered to the nearest Game Officer; or
  - (b) damage to private property, livestock or other domestic animals.

## **Outfitter's License**

7. (1) No person shall, without an outfitter's license:
    - (a) act as an outfitter; or
    - (b) advertise or promote an outfitting service on the Reserve.
  - (2) A person is not required to hold an outfitter's license while providing guiding services, if that person provides the guiding service while employed by another person who holds an outfitter's license.
  - (3) The Council shall issue an Outfitters License if it determines that:
    - (a) issuing of a license will not detrimentally affect the species of game in respect of which the license is sought; and
    - (b) the applicant has entered into a subsisting outfitting service agreement with the Council, which terms and conditions shall include:
      - (i) the number of clients and the fees to be charged to the clients;
      - (ii) that the outfitter will issue permits to its clients;
      - (iii) specifying the time, place, type of equipment, bag limit, size limit, and species of Big Game that may be hunted by the Outfitter's clients, whether or not the applicant has previously held a license and, if so, complied with the provisions of the license and this or any previous By-law with respect to hunting; and
      - (iv) specifying the land where the hunting can take place.
  - (4) A license issued pursuant to this section is non-transferable.
8. The Council may, after notice and hearing, cancel the outfitter's license of any person where it is satisfied:
    - (a) that the person has contravened the terms of the license or of this By-law; or
    - (b) that the continuation of the license may be detrimental to the preservation or protection of Big Game animals or other game on the reserve.
  9. The holder of a license or permit obtained by any false or misleading statement or information made or given in respect to any information required for the issuance of the license or permit shall be deemed to be the holder of a void license or permit and the holder may be prosecuted in the same manner and with the same effect as he would be prosecuted if he were not the holder of a license or permit.

10. No license or permit shall be issued to authorize hunting for Big Game between January 1 and August 31 of any year.
11. Notwithstanding section 13, a license or permit for spring black bear may be issued between April 1 and May 31.

### **Hunting Permits**

12. (1) A person who is not a member of the First Nation may enter into an agreement with an Outfitter, who has been issued an Outfitters Licence, for a permit to hunt Big Game within the Reserve or such person may apply directly for a permit to the First Nation.
- (2) An outfitter with an Outfitter's License shall issue a permit to its clients on the basis of its subsisting outfitting service agreement with the Council pursuant to Section 7 (3).
- (3) A person holding a permit under subsection 7(3)(b) shall not hunt within the reserve except in accordance with the terms of the Outfitters License issued by the Council.
- (4) A permit issued under this By-law is invalid:
  - (a) if it is not signed by the person to whom it is issued; or
  - (b) if the date of expiry has been omitted, removed or defaced.
- (5) A person hunting under the authority of a permit issued pursuant to section 7(3)(b) shall have the permit on his person while hunting on the reserve.
- (6) A First Nation Councillor or Game Officer may at any time require any permit holder who is hunting within the reserve to produce his permit.
- (7) No person shall hunt on the reserve unless guided by a person or persons employed by a person who holds an Outfitter's License.

### **Prohibited Zones**

13. No person shall at any time engage in hunting within the following areas of the reserve:
  - (a) within 500 metres of any occupied residence on the reserve; or
  - (b) within 500 metres of any settlement, public structure or construction site on the reserve.

### **Hunting with Firearms**

14. No person while engaged in hunting shall discharge a firearm within five hundred (500) metres of:
  - (a) a residential building;
  - (b) a public road or bridge; or
  - (c) a game preserve or fish sanctuary.
  - (d) a band member hunting
  
15. (1) No person while engaged in hunting shall discharge a firearm:
  - (a) on or from a public road;
  - (b) across a public road; or
  - (c) from an aircraft, powerboat, all terrain vehicle, and snowmobile.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection 15.(1), encased firearms may be carried on an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.

### **Protected Species**

16. No person shall at any time engage in the hunting of any species which may, from time to time, be designated by resolution of the Council a protected species.
  
17. The Council may designate a species of Game as a protected species and impose a temporary ban or restrictions on the hunting of any species of Game under section 23, by giving notice in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).
  
18. Notice of the ban or restrictions shall be posted not less than 24 hours prior to the ban or restriction coming into force:
  - (a) in conspicuous places in areas of the reserve in which hunting is engaged in; and
  - (b) in the office of the Band Council
  
19. The notice shall specify the date and time the ban or restrictions is to come into force and to cease, and the particulars of the ban or restriction imposed.
  
20. No ban or restriction imposed under this section shall remain in force for period of more than thirty (30) days, unless a further ban or restriction is imposed and further notice is given in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).

## **Safety**

21. All persons, while engaged in hunting with a firearm, shall wear an orange or red coloured cap or an orange or red closed fitting head covering.
22. No person while engaged in hunting in the reserve, shall conceal his identity or wear a mask or disguise.
23. No person while engaged in hunting or while going to or returning from a hunting camp, or while in a locality where Big Game usually inhabits or in which Big Game is usually found, shall between one half hour after sundown and one half hour before sunrise have a firearm in his possession unless it is unloaded.
24. No person, while engaged in hunting, shall have a loaded firearm in his possession while he is under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drug.
25. Everyone is guilty of the offence of hunting carelessly who, being in possession of a firearm for the purpose of such hunting discharges or causes to be discharged or handles the firearm without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for person or property.
26. Everyone is guilty of the offence of jack-lighting who, while hunting at any time, uses a searchlight, spotlight, or jacklight for the purpose of hunting any wildlife on the Reserve.
27. No person shall use any poison, explosive, deleterious substance for hunting purposes.
28. No person shall use any device which connects a firearm to a trap or to a remote control or delayed-action mechanism or which causes a firearm to discharge without the hunter himself pressing upon the trigger of such firearm.

## **Conservation**

29. A person shall not:
  - (a) destroy, injure, disturb, gather or take the nest or eggs of any game bird; or,
  - (b) destroy or injure the shelter or habitat of any wildlife.

### **Leaving Game In The Field**

30. (1) A person who has killed or is in possession of any game shall not allow its edible flesh to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned in the field.

(e) A person who kills or injures any game shall make every reasonable effort to retrieve the game.

### **Property in Big Game**

31. Property in all game on the Reserve is hereby declared to be collectively vested in the First Nation, and no person shall acquire any prior or exclusive right or property to any Big Game otherwise than in accordance with this By-law.

### **Storage and Use of Big Game Taken on Reserve**

32. (1) A person who is not a member of the First Nation and who has obtained a permit pursuant to section 7 and 12:

(a) may take the antlers, horns, and capes of any game that he or she has killed or is in possession thereof for his or her use and may transport such antlers, horns and capes out of the Reserve; and

(b) shall give the edible flesh of any game that he or she has killed or in possession thereof to the Outfitter.

(2) The Outfitter shall provide a permanent refrigerated facility for use as storage for any edible flesh of any game that it has or they have received pursuant to subsection 2(b).

(3) The Outfitter shall distribute the game that it has or they have obtained pursuant to subsection 2(b) to the elders of the First Nation and any others members of the First Nation for use as food.

### **Enforcement**

33. A person who:

(a) fails to observe or who otherwise contravenes any provision of this By-law or any ban or restriction hereunder; or

(b) resists or willfully obstructs a Game Officer in the performance of any duty or in the exercise of any power under this By-law, commits an offence.



34. here an act or omission is in contravention of this By-law or any ban or restriction imposed hereunder continues for more than one day, such an act or omission shall be deemed to be a separate offence committed on each day during which it continues, and may be punished as such.

**Penalty**

35. A person who commits an offence under this By-law, as determined by the Game Officer or the Council, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, or to both a fine and imprisonment.
36. Should a court determine that a provision of this By-law is invalid for any reason, the provision shall be severed from the by-law and the validity of the rest of the by-law shall not be affected.
37. This by-law comes into force 40 days after the date of mailing to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as required pursuant to section 82 of the Indian Act.

**THIS BY LAW IS HEREBY** made at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

Voting in favour of the By-law are the following members of the Council:

Guy Lariviere  
Chief

[Signature]  
(Member of the Council)

[Signature]  
(Member of the Council)

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(Member of the Council)

being the majority of those members of the Council of the Canoe Lake Cree First Nation present at the aforesaid meeting of the Council.

The Quorum of the Council is Four members.

Number of members of the Council present at the meeting: Six

I, GUY LARIVIERE Chief Councilor of the First Nation, do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing By-law mailed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development at the District/Regional/Hull office (as the case may be) pursuant to subsection 82(1) of the Indian Act this 17 day of October, 2006.

[Signature]  
Witness

Guy Lariviere  
Chief/Councilor