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ARMS LAW

2025

Enacted on **May 15, 2025**

PREAMBLE

- A. Mathias Colomb Cree Nation wishes to exercise, through this law, its inherent rights of self-governance as well as its by-law powers under s. 81 of the *Indian Act*, RSC 1985, c I-5; and
- B. The Council of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation wishes to pass this law, and repeal its predecessors, in the best interests of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1. This law may be cited as the *Mathias Colomb Cree Nation Arms Law, 2025*.

Definitions

- 2. In this *Arms Law*,
 - a. **"Arm"** means a tool or weapon used or intended to be used to inflict death or injury including but limited to use in hunting.
 - b. **"Arms Law"** means this law, the *Mathias Colomb Cree Nation Arms Law, 2025*.
 - c. **"Council"** means the duly elected Council of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, and includes the Chief and Councillors.
 - d. **"Firearm"** means a barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet or other projectile can be discharged by gunpowder, such as a rifle, pistol or other gun.

- e. **"Firearm Registration Form"** means the Firearm registration form as attached under Schedule "A".
- f. **"Mathias Colomb Reserves"** means the Pukawatagan Indian Reserve and all other reserves set aside for the benefit of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, and **"Mathias Colomb Reserve"** means any of them.
- g. **"Officer"** means a police officer, peace officer, First Nation Safety Officer authorized by Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, or other enforcement officer appointed by Mathias Colomb Cree Nation.
- h. **"Ticket Fees"** means the fees for offences committed pursuant to Section 13, attached under Schedule "B".

Registration of Firearms

- 3. Every person in possession of a Firearm on Mathias Colomb Reserve must register the Firearm with Mathias Colomb Cree Nation by submitting a completed Firearms Registration Form, attached under Schedule "A".

Storage of Firearms

- 4. Every person who possesses a Firearm on a Mathias Colomb Reserve must attach a safety lock to the Firearm at their own cost and use the safety lock whenever the gun is stored or transported.
- 5. Every person who possesses a Firearm on a Mathias Colomb Reserve must, when the Firearm is not in use, either:
 - a. store the Firearm at their own cost in a secure, locked safe, which remains locked with a key or a combination, and provide proof of such safe storage to Mathias Colomb Cree Nation; or
 - b. if accepted by Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, provide the Firearm to Mathias Colomb Cree Nation for storage. A person will be permitted to withdraw their Firearm(s) stored with Mathias Colomb Cree Nation at reasonable office hours.

Use of Arms

- 6. All Firearms, pellet guns, slingshots, bows and arrows and other Arms used on a Mathias Colomb Reserve may only be used by an adult over the age of 18, or by a person over the age of 12 with close adult supervision.
- 7. All Firearms, pellet guns, slingshots, bows and arrows and other arms used on a Mathias Colomb Reserve must only be used at a minimum of 1 kilometre away from homes or other buildings, and must only be used with adequate safety precautions.

Certain Arms Not Permitted

8. The following Arms are prohibited on Mathias Colomb Reserves at all times, other than Arms in the possession of a Police Officer or with the special advance permission of the Council, including:
 - a. pistols, revolvers, and other handguns;
 - b. automatic and semi-automatic Firearms;
 - c. machetes; and
 - d. any other item intended for a violent purpose.
9. An Arm listed in Section 8 will be confiscated by an Officer if found in the possession of any unauthorized person on Mathias Colomb Reserves.

Enforcement Level 1: Confiscation

10. A person found to be in violation of this *Arms Law* may have his or her Arm confiscated by an Officer and may be warned by the Officer.
11. If the Arm is not prohibited under Section 8, the Arm will be returned to the person once they have complied with this *Arms Law*.

Enforcement Level 2: Tickets

12. If a person has been found by an Officer to be in violation of this *Arms Law*, and has been issued a warning in accordance with Section 10, an Officer may issue a ticket to the person specifying a fee in the amount set out in Schedule "B".
 - a. A person who receives a ticket will pay the fee to Mathias Colomb Cree Nation within 30 days.
 - b. Mathias Colomb Cree Nation will issue a receipt upon payment.

Enforcement level 3: Offences

13. Violation of this *Arms Law* is an offence punishable upon summary conviction by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to 30 days, or both, as determined by a duly convened meeting of the Council.
14. A person who has been issued a ticket for an Arms violation and has paid the Ticket Fee within 30 days of receiving the ticket, will not be charged with an offence under Section 13.

Schedules

15. The Schedules, being the Firearm Registration Form, attached under Schedule "A," and the Ticket Fees, attached under Schedule "B" form part of this *Arms Law* and may be amended by resolution of the Council.

Repeal

16. All prior laws and resolutions of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, including by-laws dealing with, or regulating Firearms or other Arms, are hereby repealed and replaced with this *Arms Law*, including without limitation:
 - a. the resolution passed by the Council on August 22, 1974, regarding the carry and discharge of firearms;
 - b. the resolution passed on the Council on September 17, 1974 regarding the collection of sling-shots and bows and arrows; and
 - c. the Firearms By-law passed on November 18, 1991, bearing #140190, which was disallowed.

Coming into Force

17. This *Arms Law* comes into force after it is enacted by the Council of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation, on the date it is first published on the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation website, in the *First Nations Gazette*, or in a newspaper that has general circulation on the Mathias Colomb Reserves, whichever the Council considers appropriate in the circumstances.

SCHEDULE A
FIREARMS REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Individual in Possession of the Firearm:

2. Description of Firearm (including model/make):

3. Serial Number:

4. Storage of Firearm:

- ☐ by Mathias Colomb Cree Nation (MCCN has accepted the item for storage)
- ☐ self-storage (proof of safe storage has been provided to Mathias Colomb Cree Nation)

Signature of Registrant

Date

SCHEDULE B


TICKET FEES

Violation of Section 3 (failure to register Firearm)	\$50.00
Violation of Section 4 (no safety lock on Firearm)	\$75.00
Violation of Section 5 (improper storage of Firearm)	\$75.00
Violation of Section 6 (improper use under age 18)	\$50.00
Violation of Section 7 (use too close to community or otherwise unsafe)	\$100.00
Violation of Section 8 (possession of a prohibited Arm)	\$100.00

THIS ARMS LAW IS HEREBY ENACTED by Council at a duly convened meeting held on the 15th day of May, 2025.

A quorum of Council consists of 5 members of Council.


Chief Gordie Bear


Councillor Wanda Bighetty

Councillor Moses Castel Sr.

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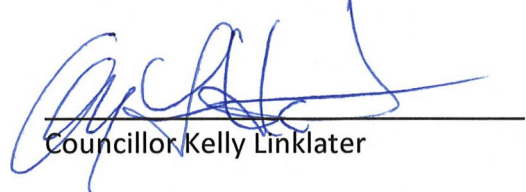
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