



BYLAW NO. 3265
Forest Use Bylaw, 2007

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Amendment Bylaw	Effective Date
3470 (adds Section 2.1)	May 16, 2012

Adopted December 19, 2007

The council of The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this bylaw:

"forest" means land set aside by the District of North Cowichan as municipal forest reserve land, and other municipal lands managed for forest purposes.

"forest products" means a raw material yielded by a forest, including firewood, plants, trees, shrubs, and other forest materials such as rock, soil, stone, clay, sand, and gravel.

"litter" means waste material improperly discarded, including organic and inorganic matter.

"municipal forester" means the municipal forester, and every person designated by the District of North Cowichan to act in the place of the municipal forester.

"municipality" means the Corporation of the District of North Cowichan.

"open burning" means the combustion of material with or without control of the combustion air and without a stack or chimney to vent the emitted products of combustion to the atmosphere.

Forest Use

2 (1) No person may do any of the following in the forest:

(a) enter the forest after the municipal forester has closed the forest;

- (b) discard or leave litter;
 - (c) harvest or remove forest products without a permit, or without permission from the municipal forester;
 - (d) operate motorized vehicles off of designated roads;
 - (e) start or maintain open burning
 - (i) when burning restrictions are in place, or
 - (ii) when conditions are such as to render open burning a fire hazard;
 - (f) enter active logging areas;
 - (g) damage trees, vegetation or streams;
 - (h) build elevated mountain biking structures or unauthorized trails;
 - (i) remove, destroy, or deface signs;
 - (j) camp when prohibited.
- (2) A permit may be issued for removing firewood, plants, bushes, shrubs, rock or soil.

BL 3470 2.1 A North Cowichan resident may obtain a permit from the Municipal Forester to cut and remove firewood, not including standing or felled timber, from designated areas of the Municipal Forest, upon application in the form prescribed by the Corporate Officer and payment of the fee prescribed in the Fees Bylaw.

Exemptions

3 The restrictions in this bylaw do not apply to municipal employees in the course of their duties, or commercial operators carrying out municipally sanctioned activities.

Offence

4 A person who violates this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine under the Offence Act.

Repeal

5 This bylaw repeals bylaw No. 2072, "Firewood Permit Bylaw 1982".

Bylaw Readings

First reading December 5, 2007
 Second reading December 5, 2007
 Third reading December 5, 2007

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