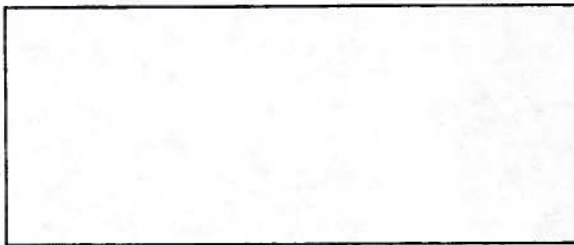




A Citizen's Guide to The By-Laws of The City of Flin Flon



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1. How much water does the entire city consume on an average day?

- a) 100,000 gallons
- b) 500,000 gallons
- c) 1,000,000 gallons
- d) 5,000,000 gallons



The City of Flin Flon Mission Statement

The City of Flin Flon is committed to administer its by-laws in a just and democratic fashion. Elected Officials, Administration, and the Public each have a role to play in fostering working relationships and building bridges between different interests in such a way as to allow local projects and activities to flourish within a framework of rules for the good of the community.

Elected Officials have the responsibility to keep in close touch with the views and needs of the public in creating and amending standards which are beneficial to the public interest and relevant to the local situation.

Municipal Administration has the responsibility to educate the public about applicable standards, and to work co-operatively with the public in the correction of concerns which may arise. Recourse to the courts and to punitive sanction should be a last resort – not the first.

The Public's role is to work constructively with their political representatives in improving municipal by-laws and policies, and to use due diligence in inquiring into standards which may apply to their lands, possessions, or activities.

A commitment to keeping lines of communication open is the first step in resolving any issue, no matter how complex. Elected Officials, Municipal Administration, and Members of the Public all share a mutual responsibility

- to approach issues with fairness, and
- to show due tolerance, respect, and courtesy for persons who (either in their own capacity, or as representatives of corporate or institutional stakeholders) may have divergent interests and hold bona fide, though contrary, positions.

Maintenance and Occupancy

STANDARDS

YARDS

Yards shall be kept free of garbage and other debris, derelict vehicles and trailers, excessive growth of grass and weeds, and objects and conditions that are health, fire or accident hazards.

WALKS

Walks shall be provided from the principal entrance of every dwelling to a public street or driveway and all walks and exterior steps shall be kept in good repair and reasonably clear of snow.

Every walk, driveway, and parking space shall be surfaced with a material capable of providing a hard surface.

DRAINAGE

No roof or surface drainage shall be discharged on stairs or neighbouring property.

All drainage shall be conveyed so as not to cause dampness in the walls, ceiling, or floors of the dwelling itself or adjacent dwellings.

SEWAGE

Sewage shall be discharged only into a sewerage system approved by the City Engineers.

FENCES AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

All fences and accessory buildings shall be kept consistent with the design thereof, in good repair, weather resistant, and free from health, fire, and accident hazards.

PEST CONTROL

Every building shall be maintained free from rodents, vermin and insect infestation and where extermination is necessary, methods used shall conform to generally accepted practices in The City of Flin Flon.

VENTILATION

Every basement, cellar, crawl space and similar space shall be ventilated to the outside air and any opening in such space that might admit rodents shall be screened with wire mesh or other such material.

FOUNDATION WALLS AND SUPPORTS

Every foundation wall forming part of a dwelling shall be maintained in good repair and structurally sound so as to prevent undue settlement of the building or the entrance of moisture, insects or rodents.

Cellar and basement walls and floors shall be constructed of brick, stone, concrete or other material impervious to ground or other external moisture factors and the floor shall be constructed as to effectively drain all water into a catch basin that is connected to a sewage system.

STRUCTURALLY SOUND

Every part of a dwelling shall be maintained in a structurally sound condition so as to be capable of sustaining safely its own weight and any load to which it may be subject.

Materials that have been damaged or show evidence of rot or other deterioration shall be repaired or replaced.

EXTERIOR WALLS

Every exterior wall shall be free of holes, breaks, loose or rotting boards or timbers, and any other conditions that might admit rodents, rain or dampness and be surfaced with materials that provide adequate protection from the weather.

A protective surface of a building shall be restored or repaired if:

- more than 25% of the protective surface of any wall is blistered, cracked, flaked, scaled or chalked away.
- more than 25% of the pointing of any brick or stone wall is loose or has fallen out.

The exterior of every building shall be so maintained so as not to cause a substantial depreciation in property values in the immediate neighbourhood.

ROOF

A roof including the fascia board, soffit, cornice, flashing, eavestroughing and water piping of a dwelling or accessory building shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a watertight condition and dangerous accumulations of snow and ice shall be removed.

DAMPNESS

The interior floors, ceilings and walls shall be kept free from dampness arising from the entrance of moisture through an exterior wall or roof or through a cellar, basement or crawl space floor.

DOORS AND WINDOWS

Every exterior door and window to a dwelling or dwelling unit shall fit reasonably well within its frame so as to completely exclude rain and substantially exclude wind and shall have hardware so as to be capable of being locked from both inside and outside.

SCREENS AND STORMS

Close fitting sash screen with mesh of not more than Number Fourteen shall be provided in all windows used for ventilating purposes from May 1 to November 1 of each year and maintained in good condition.

Storm sashes used in windows required for ventilating purposes shall be provided with sliding or hinged sub-sashes.

PORCHES, SHEDS, STAIRS

Every porch, shed and stairway in, on or appurtenant to a building shall be maintained in good repair so that no component thereof is broken, loose, rotted, warped, out-of-plumb, off-level or out of alignment to which it was designed or constructed, or is without a protective surface.

GUARDRAILS

Every interior stair that has more than three risers shall be enclosed by walls or protected by handrails that are 2 feet 6 inches above the outside edge of the stair nosing, except that a stair to an unfinished basement or cellar may have one unprotected side. The landing or floor level around the stairwell shall be enclosed by walls or protected by handrails that are 3 feet in height.

Every exterior stair with more than three risers and every exterior landing or porch 2 feet or more above grade, and every balcony, mezzanine, gallery and raised walkway shall be protected by balustrades that are at least 3 feet 6 inches in height. A roof to which access is provided for other than maintenance purposes, shall be protected by balustrades on all open sides that are at least 4 feet in height. Openings through a balustrade shall be less than 4 inches in diameter.

EGRESS

Every dwelling unit shall have a separate access so as to provide a safe continuous unobstructed exit from the interior of the building to the exterior at street or grade level.

There shall be a secondary means of egress from every dwelling unit located on each floor above the second floor or in the basement so as to provide a means of egress in case of an emergency.

WALLS AND CEILINGS

Every wall and ceiling in a dwelling shall be maintained in good condition, finished with a surface that is tight and easily cleaned, and free from holes, large cracks, loose plaster and accident hazards.

The inspector, where he deems necessary, may require that wood trim be renewed.

FLOORS

All floors and floor coverings shall be free of defective or damaged floorboards, wide holes or cracks and other defects that are fire or accident hazards and be kept in good repair and in a sanitary condition.

The floor and walls to a height of 3 feet above the floor or bathtub of every bathroom floor shall be maintained reasonably resistant to water.

CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES

Every chimney and flue of a dwelling shall be maintained so as to prevent gasses or water from leaking into a dwelling.

Every fireplace used or intended for burning fuels in an open fire shall be maintained so that adjacent combustible materials and structural members shall not be heated to unsafe temperatures.

CLEANLINESS

Every occupier shall maintain his dwelling unit in a clean and sanitary condition so as to be free of fire, accident or health hazards.

WATER

Every dwelling shall be provided with an adequate supply of potable running water from a source approved by the City Engineer and every sink, washbasin, bathtub or shower, which is used for sanitary purposes, shall have an adequate supply of hot and cold running water.

PLUMBING

All plumbing in a dwelling shall be maintained in good working order and free from leaks or other defects

KITCHENS

The back splash and countertop around the kitchen sink shall have a water resistant surface. Every kitchen shall be provided with an adequate and approved gas or electric supply for cooking purposes, and there shall be at least 24 inches clear space above any exposed cooking surfaces.

STORAGE OF FOOD

In a dwelling unit in which the occupants are intended to prepare food, a suitable receptacle containing at least 4 cubic feet of storage space for food shall be provided and maintained in good repair.

HEATING

Every dwelling unit shall be provided with a heating system properly installed and maintained in good working condition and so as not to cause a fire hazard or impede the movement of persons within the dwelling unit.

A fuel-burning central heating system in a multi family dwelling shall be located in a separate room having walls, ceiling and doors with a fire resistance of not less than one hour and have natural or mechanical means of supplying the required combustion air.

Fuel-burning equipment shall be vented to a duct by means of rigid connections leading to a chimney or vent flue that is clear from obstruction and all open joints sealed and broken or loose masonry repaired.

Where a heating system burns solid or liquid fuel, a place or receptacle for the storage of the fuel shall be provide and maintained in a convenient location and properly constructed so as to be free from fire and accident hazard.

A heating unit in a dwelling shall be capable of heating all areas of the dwelling normally use for living to a temperature of 21 degrees Celsius (70 degrees Fahrenheit).

GAS AND OPEN-FLAME TYPE APPLIANCES

Gas stoves, water heaters and other gas appliances shall be provided with suitable pipes or flues or other effective means for the removal of the products of combustion, and all such appliances shall be kept in a proper state of repair and in efficient working order.

No gas or open-flame type appliances of any kind shall be installed in any room used for sleeping purposes or any room connected by an archway to a room used for sleeping purposes.

ELECTRIC SERVICES

Every dwelling shall be connected to an electrical supply system and be wired for electricity so that power is available at all times in all parts of every occupied dwelling.

The electric wiring, circuits, fuses, circuit breakers and electrical equipment shall be maintained at all times in compliance with the provisions of the Canadian Electrical Code.

No person shall place an extension cord directly beneath a floor covering, or through a doorway, transom wall, ceiling or floor, or use an extension cord so placed or use a circuit to beyond its capacity.

LIGHT

Adequate artificial light shall be available at all times in all rooms and in every stairway, hall, cellar and basement in a dwelling.

All storage rooms, locker rooms, corridors, hallways and stairways in multiple dwellings, and rooming houses shall be illuminated at a minimum of 5 foot candles at all times so as to provide safe passage and to facilitate the maintenance of cleanliness.

Every habitable room above grade except for a kitchen, shall have a window or windows, or translucent panel that face directly to the outside at least 6 inches above the adjoining finished grade with an unobstructed light transmitting area of not less than 10 percent of the floor area of such rooms.

Skylights are not to be used as a sole means of lighting any room in a dwelling

VENTILATION

Unless a satisfactory alternative means of ventilation is provided, every habitable room shall have at least one window that can be easily opened and held in an open position by window hardware.

Where in a dwelling a system of mechanical ventilation is provided in a bathroom or kitchen it shall be capable of completely changing the air in the room at least once per hour and maintained in good repair and working order at all times.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

The maximum number of occupants in a dwelling unit shall not exceed one person per 80 square feet of habitable room floor area.

Where a dwelling unit consists of only one habitable room it shall contain at least 120 square feet of floor area for one person or 160 square feet for two persons and not be occupied by more than two occupants.

The minimum floor area of any room used by one person for sleeping shall be 60 square feet or if used by more than 1 person the area shall be 40 square feet per person.

BASEMENT, CELLAR AND OTHER OCCUPANCY

No basement shall be used as a dwelling unit or habitable room unless it meets all the provisions of this By-Law to constitute a habitable dwelling.

No cellar shall be used as a dwelling unit, sleeping unit or habitable room, except as a recreation room for casual use only.

No automobile, house trailer, tent or other temporary structure shall be used as a permanent shelter without the permission of the inspector, excepting in licensed trailer camps or tourist parks.

No store, shed, or commercial or industrial building, nor any portion thereof not designed or intended to be a dwelling unit, shall be occupied as a dwelling unless it is in compliance with this By-Law.

UNSANITARY AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

No person shall permit or maintain any unsanitary conditions on any premises within his/her control or management.

No person shall permit the existence of insects in any dwelling or part thereof under his ownership, management or control.

No person shall occupy or let to another for occupancy, any dwelling unit or portion thereof that is not clean and sanitary including furnishing.

No person shall keep any dangerous or hazardous materials, except under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Fire Chief.

2. Who was Flin Flon's first Mayor?

- a) Dennis BALLARD
- b) Frank DEMBINSKY
- c) F.L. JOBIN
- d) E.E. FOSTER



GENERAL DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

No person shall use, permit the use of, rent, or offer to rent any dwelling unit or room that does not conform to the standards or provisions of this By-Law.

The owner of any dwelling shall either:

- repair and maintain the dwelling in accordance with the standards; or
- demolish the whole or the offending part of any dwelling that is not in accordance with the standards.

Where an inspector has placed or caused to be placed a copy of an Order upon any premises under the authority of this By-Law, no person shall remove such copy of the Order except with the consent of the inspector.

All repairs to a dwelling shall be made in a manner accepted as good workmanship in the trade concerned and with material suitable and sufficient for the purpose, and in compliance with all applicable By-Laws.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TENANTS

Subject to the provisions of any lease, the tenant of a dwelling shall:

- limit occupancy of that part of the premises which he occupies or controls to the maximum permitted by this By-Law.
- maintain that part of the premises that he occupies or controls in a clean, sanitary and safe condition.
- maintain all plumbing, cooking and refrigeration appliances as well as other building equipment and storage facilities in that part of the premises that he occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition, and provide reasonable care in the operation and use thereof.
- dispose of garbage and refuse into provided facilities in a clean and sanitary manner.
- maintain yards in a clean, sanitary and safe condition and free from infestation insofar as occupies and controls the yard.

3. Domestic garbage fees are paid for by your Water & Garbage Bill



BY-LAW NO. 11/71

RETAINING WALLS

REQUIREMENTS

A retaining wall shall at no time encroach on another property or highway unless owners of adjacent properties agree to build one retaining wall to be jointly owned and construction of any such retaining wall receives written approval from the City Engineer.

Where a proposed retaining wall would interfere with natural drainage or otherwise adversely effect neighbouring properties, erection shall not be permitted except where adequate alternate drainage would be provided, or any other detrimental effect is corrected or compensated for, at the expense of the property owner.

Where a retaining wall, or part thereof, is, by reason of its deteriorated state, faulty construction, or otherwise, in an unsafe condition the Building Inspector may give notice to the owner to either repair or remove the retaining wall.

Where in the opinion of the Building Inspector a retaining wall is in such a condition that immediate precautionary measures must be taken in order to avert an accident, The City may repair or remove the retaining wall at the owner's expense whether or not notice has first been given.

BY-LAW NO. 15/99

CONTROL, TRIMMING & REMOVAL OF TREES

REQUIREMENTS

No person shall place any tree, shrub, hedge or other object that will encroach upon or overhang a Municipal road

It is an offence for any person to own or occupy property on which is located a tree, shrub, hedge or other object that encroaches or overhangs a Municipal road in such a way as to cause an immediate hazard.

It is an offence for any person to have, on his property, a tree, shrub, hedge or other object which: injuriously affects the roadbed of a Municipal road; causes unnatural or excessive drifting of snow on a Municipal road; or dangerously obstructs the vision of pedestrians or drivers on a Municipal road, including the sidewalk.

Where the Director of Works and Operations feels there is an immediate danger to the public safety he/ she is empowered to take immediate steps to trim or remove the tree, shrub, hedge or other object, to the extent that it overhangs or encroached upon public property, or as much as may be necessary to remove the hazard, with all expenses charged to the owner or occupier of the property.

BY-LAW NO. 53/92

DERELICT VEHICLES

REQUIREMENTS

No person shall park or leave a derelict vehicle on public or private property, including that in which they occupy, unless the property is zoned for that use.

If a vehicle is in contravention of this By-Law The City may serve notice that the vehicle be removed or its condition remedied and setting out the time and place of a council meeting at which the person served may appear to show cause why the vehicle should not be removed or its condition remedied within the time period specified.

If the person served does not appear before council or comply with the order The City shall remove the derelict vehicle and destroy it at a cost of \$75.00 per vehicle charge against the person served.

BY-LAW NO. 34/94

STORAGE & DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE

REQUIREMENTS

No person shall throw, deposit or accumulate garbage on any public or private property including that which he owns or occupies.

Every owner of any premises where people reside or carry on business shall supply and maintain storage facilities adequate for storing all garbage originating on the premises until it is collected by The City or its agent.

Occupants of premises, which do not have back lanes, shall place their garbage at the front curb not more than 12 hours before regular collection time. Occupants of premises, which do have back lanes, shall place their garbage cans at the rear of the premises on a stand or in bins.

No person shall dispose or cause the disposal of hazardous waste at the City disposal grounds.

All bulky waste shall be deposited in the waste disposal ground by the owner or occupant of the property from which the waste originated.

BY-LAW NO. 13/95

ANIMAL CONTROL

LICENSING

The owner of every dog shall obtain a dog license from The City of Flin Flon and place the license tag on the dogs collar or harness.

Every dog license shall expire on the 14th day of February of every year.

Where a person becomes owner of a dog, brings a dog to live in The City of Flin Flon or a dog reaches the age of 6 months the owner shall purchase a dog license within 3 weeks.

The licensing fee for every sterile dog shall be \$17.50 annually, every non-sterile male dog shall be \$23.50 and every non-sterile female dog shall be \$35.00. The fees shall decrease by ¼ every 3 months.

Any person who is visually or hearing impaired and uses a dog specially trained as a "Guide Dog" shall be issued a dog license at no cost.

The licensing fee for a dog that has been designated as "dangerous" shall be \$75.00 annually.

OFFENCES

The owner of a dog or cat that is found running at large is guilty of an offence.

The owner of a dog that barks or howls, or in any other way unduly disrupts the quiet of any person or persons anywhere, is guilty of an offence.

The owner of a dog or cat that defecates on any public or private property, other than that of the owners, is guilty of an offence. This does not apply to an owner who causes the excrement to be removed immediately. This does not apply to any person who is visually or hearing impaired and uses a dog specially trained as a "Guide Dog".

The owner of a dog or cat that damages public or private property, other than that of its owner, is guilty of an offence.

The owner of any dog that pursues, bites or injures any person or other animal is guilty of an offence.

No owner shall permit his/her dog to enter any schoolyard or playground. This does not apply to any person who is visually or hearing impaired and uses a dog specially trained as a "Guide Dog".

An owner of any dog or cat that upsets waste receptacles or scatters garbage on any public or private property, other than that of its owner, is guilty of an offence.

DANGEROUS DOGS

Where The City has reason to believe a dog has caused or is likely to cause serious damage or injury, a hearing shall be held to determine whether the dog should be declared dangerous.

The dog owner shall be given written notice of the determination hearing at least five days in advance of the hearing. The notice shall include:

- a statement of time, place and purpose of the hearing;
- a copy of Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this By-Law;
- a statement that if the dog owner does not attend the hearing, the matter may be dealt with in his/her absence, and that he will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

The owner may appear at the hearing with or without counsel, and may call witnesses on his behalf. The owner shall be entitled to hear all evidence presented at the hearing and to inspect any documents filed.

Within 5 working days of the hearing The City shall issue written findings resulting from the hearings and shall provide a copy of his findings to the owner of dog.

The owner may, within 10 days of receiving notice that his/her dog has been declared dangerous, advise The City in writing that he/she wishes to appeal the order to the Council of The City of Flin Flon. The decision of Council on an appeal shall be final.

Any person who owns a dog that has been declared dangerous must:

- keep the dog either securely confined indoors, or in a securely enclosed and locked pen, structure or compound that is capable of preventing the entry of young children and preventing the dog from escaping. Such enclosure must have minimum dimensions of 5 feet by 10 feet.
- display at each entrance to the property where the dog is kept a sign in the form as displayed below. The sign shall be posted in such manner that it cannot be easily removed by passersby and will be visible and capable of being read from the sidewalk, street or lane if any.
- maintain in force a comprehensive general liability insurance policy including coverage for damage or injury caused by his/her dog with a minimum limit of liability of \$3,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- not permit the dog upon public property unless it is muzzled, restrained by a leash not exceeding 1.5 meters in length and under control of a competent person.
- within 2 working days of selling or giving away the dangerous dog, provide The City with the name, address and telephone number of the new owner.
- advise The City immediately if the dangerous dog is loose or has bitten or attacked any person or animal.

IMPOUNDING

The Pound Keeper shall, and any person may, capture any dogs or cats running at large and deliver them to the Dog Pound.

In order to capture any dog or cat, the Pound Keeper may enter upon any public or private property, except dwellings and closed buildings, and any attempt to prevent or hinder him in the performance of his duties shall constitute an infraction of this By-Law.

Upon recommendation of any medical or veterinary practitioner, the Pound Keeper shall take charge of any dog suspected of being infected with rabies, and shall confine such dog in isolation in the dog pound and shall not return the dog to its owner except by permission of the person recommending such confinement. The owner shall be liable for all costs incurred.

The fees of impoundment for any licensed dog are:

\$30.00 for first impoundment
\$75.00 for second impoundment
\$150.00 for third and each subsequent impoundment

plus a maintenance fee of \$9.00 for each day or portion thereof in confinement.

The fees of impoundment for any unlicensed dog are:

\$50.00 for impoundment
plus a maintenance fee of \$9.00 for each day or portion thereof in confinement.
plus applicable licensing fee.

The fees of impoundment for any cat are:

\$30.00 for impoundment
plus a maintenance fee of \$9.00 for each day or portion thereof in confinement.

RESTRICTIONS TO NUMBER OF ANIMALS

The number of dogs in a household shall not exceed 2 dogs over 6 months of age. This does not apply to persons holding a dog kennel license or a hobby breeder's license.

4. What three images cast a reflection at the centre of Fliin Flon's flag?

TRAFFIC & PARKING

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise directed by a peace officer, no person shall drive or park a vehicle on any portion of a road roped, barricaded, or otherwise indicated by a temporary traffic control device as being closed to traffic or parking, as the case may be for the time being.

No driver or operator of a vehicle shall allow his vehicle to occupy a road so as to interfere with or interrupt traffic.

No driver of a vehicle shall closely follow a vehicle of the Fire Department travelling in response to a fire alarm or drive or park a vehicle within 60 meters of any fire apparatus or equipment at the scene of a fire.

No person shall drive a vehicle over any unprotected fire hose extended for fire fighting purposes without the specific direction of a Peace Officer.

PARKING & STANDING

No person shall load or unload from a vehicle, the registered carrying capacity of which exceeds 1 ton, across any side walk of any premises that has back or side lane access between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 pm daily except on Sunday, without a permit from The City of Flin Flon.

No person shall erect any obstacle for the purposes of loading or unloading across any sidewalk.

No unattended vehicle shall be permitted to stand in a back or side lane whether or not it has been or shall be used for the purpose of loading or unloading.

BUS STOPS & TAXICAB PARKING STALLS

No person shall stop or stand a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop or other than a taxicab in a taxicab parking stall.

METHOD OF STANDING OR PARKING VEHICLES

No person shall stand or park a vehicle on any street other than parallel with the curb, headed in the direction of vehicular traffic movement, with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within 50 centimetres of the curb, and a clear space of 1 meter ahead and 1 meter to the rear, except on that portion of the west side of Green Street between the intersection of Whitney Street and a point 50 meters from the corner thereof where diagonal parking is permitted.

GENERAL STANDING PROHIBITIONS

Unless specifically required by other provisions of this By-Law or by traffic signs or signals to the contrary, no person shall stand or park a vehicle in any of the following places:

- on a sidewalk or boulevard.
- at the entrance to a lane or driveway, or to an approach leading into public premises, so to obstruct the ingress and egress of vehicles.
- within an intersection.
- within 3 meters of a fire hydrant, or, when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within 3 meters of the point on the curb nearest the fire hydrant.
- on a crosswalk.
- within 3 meters of the approach side of any crosswalk.
- alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.
- on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb on a street.
- on the roadway with the left side of the vehicle to the curb, except on a one-way street, where standing or parking is not elsewhere herein prohibited on the left side.
- upon a roadway facing a stop sign, within 9 meters of the stop sign.

GENERAL PARKING PROVISIONS

Unless specifically required by other provisions of this By-Law, or by traffic signs or signals to the contrary, no person shall park:

- a vehicle upon a street or in such a manner as to leave available less than three meters of the width of the roadway for free movement of traffic.
- a vehicle displayed for sale upon a street.
- a vehicle in front of a fire station or ambulance station, whether on the same or the opposite side of the street or within such other distance as may be indicated by traffic signs.

AUTHORITY TO MOVE VEHICLES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

No person shall stand or park a vehicle contrary to any section of this By-Law:

- in a position that causes it to interfere with the movement of men or machinery engaged in snow removal, street cleaning operations, street maintenance, street construction or emergency work, or
- in a position that causes it to interfere with the movement or operation of any firefighting, ambulance, or other emergency equipment.

The Director of Works and Operations or any person appointed by him, any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Fire Chief of The City of Flin Flon, any member of the Corps of Commissioners under contract to The City of Flin Flon, or any Parking Enforcement Officer employed by The City of Flin Flon, may move a vehicle or cause it to be moved, or may require the driver or person in charge of the vehicle to move it to a position determined by the aforesaid party or parties. Any charges incurred for towing and storing the vehicle is the responsibility of the vehicles owner.

STANDING IN LOADING ZONES

No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle for any purpose, or for any period of time, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of goods or materials within or partly within any place marked by traffic signs as a Loading Zone.

PARKING EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of this Part or Part V prohibiting standing and parking shall not apply to:

- vehicles of the R.C.M.P.
- vehicles employed by the City while in use in connection with work being done on or near a road.
- vehicles of Her Majesty's Mail or of any public utility, if such vehicles have the owner's name printed thereon, and provided same are actually engaged in works of necessity on or near a road, requiring them to stand or be parked in contravention of any such provisions.

PARKING FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

No person shall stop, stand, or park a motor vehicle in a parking space designated for the physically disabled, or in a manner that makes a parking space designated for the physically disabled inaccessible, unless a permit is displayed in the vehicle and is used in accordance with The Highway Traffic Act and the regulations under that Act.

No person shall park any vehicle in a parking space designated for the physically disabled for more than 12 hours.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Wherever the Director of Works and Operations, in his opinion, finds that weather conditions will make it necessary that motor vehicle traffic be expedited, and that parking on City streets be prohibited or restricted for snow plowing and other purposes, he shall put into effect a snow removal parking restriction on parts of, or all, snow emergency routes as necessary, by declaring it in a manner prescribed in this by-law.

A snow removal parking restriction shall automatically go into effect on any part of any snow emergency route on which there has been an accumulation of fresh snow and/or ice, of 5 centimetres (1.97 inches) or more during an eight hour period.

Once in effect, a restriction shall remain in effect until terminated by announcement of the Director of Works and Operations.

While the snow removal parking restriction is in effect, it shall be an offence for any person to park or allow to remain parked any vehicle on any portion of a snow route to which it applies. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law.

STALLED VEHICLE ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE

Whenever a vehicle becomes stalled, stuck, or immobile for any reason, whether or not in violation of this By-Law, on any part of a snow emergency route on which there is a covering of snow, sleet, or ice, and on which there is a snow removal parking restriction in effect, the person operating such a vehicle shall take immediate action to have the vehicle towed or pushed off the roadway of such snow emergency route, either onto the first cross street which is not a snow emergency route, or onto the public space portion of a nearby boulevard. It shall be an offence for any person to abandon or leave a vehicle in the roadway of a snow emergency route (regardless of whether he indicates, by raising the hood or otherwise, that the vehicle is stalled), except for the purpose of securing assistance during the actual time necessary to go to a nearby telephone or other place of assistance and return without delay.

DECLARATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS AND OPERATIONS

The Director of Works and Operations shall cause each snow emergency declaration made pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this By-Law to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts or telecasts from local media outlets with a normal operating range covering the City, and he may cause such declaration to be further announced in newspapers of general circulation when feasible. Each announcement shall describe the action taken by the Director of Works and Operations, including the time it became or will become effective, and shall specify the streets or areas affected. A snow removal parking restriction shall not go into effect until at least two (2) hours after it has first been announced to the media.



5. What year was the official opening of the new City Hall Building?

- a)1984
- b)1987
- c)1993
- d)1931

BY-LAW NO. 25/90

NOISE CONTROL

Specific Prohibitions

The following acts, among others, and the causing thereof, are declared to be in violation of this By-Law, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

Air Conditioners, Air Moving Devices, Pumps, Fans

No person shall operate or permit the operation of air conditioning equipment, air moving devices, pumps or fans which exceed a sound level of 55 dBA as measured at a point of reception between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 9:00 o'clock p.m., and 50 dBA as measured at a point of reception between the hours of 9:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m. of the next following day.

Animals and Birds

No person shall own or possess or harbour any animal or bird which creates a noise nuisance at a point of reception.

Construction Activities

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling, or demolition work on Sundays at any time, or on weekdays between the hours of 10:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m. the following day, or on Saturdays and statutory holidays before 9:00 o'clock a.m. and after 9:00 o'clock p.m.

Domestic Power Tools

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any mechanical powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, snowblower, or similar device used outdoors which creates a noise nuisance on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m. the following day, or on Saturdays and Sundays and statutory holidays before 9:00 o'clock a.m. and after 9:00 o'clock p.m.

Equipment Noise (Including Motor Vehicles)

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any power or manual equipment, machinery, device or motor vehicle in such a manner as to create a noise nuisance.

Loading and Unloading

No person shall load, unload, deliver, pack or unpack, or otherwise handle any containers, products, materials, or refuse in such a manner as to create a noise nuisance.

People Noise

No person shall yell, shout, whistle or sing to the extent that a noise nuisance is created.

Powered Model Vehicles

No person shall operate or permit the operation of a powered model vehicle so as to create a noise nuisance at a point of reception between the hours of 9:00 o'clock p.m. and 9:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day.

Radios, Televisions Musical Instruments & Sound Producing Devices-Residential District

No person shall operate, play or permit the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, loudspeaker, public address system, sound amplifier, or similar device in a residential district which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound in such a manner as to create a noise nuisance at a point of reception at any time.

Standing Vehicles

No person shall operate or permit the operation of any engine or motor in or on any motor vehicle or attached auxiliary equipment for a continuous period exceeding 10 minutes, while such vehicle is stationary in a residential district, or in any other location within 150 meters of a residential district, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day.

Street Sales

No person shall offer for sale or sell anything by shouting, outcry, or amplified sound within any residential or commercial district in the City.

Vehicle or Motor Boat Repairs and Testing

No person shall repair, rebuild, modify, or test any motor vehicle, motorcycle, motor boat, outboard motor, or recreational vehicle in such a manner as to create a noise nuisance at a point of reception between the hours of 10:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m. of the following day on weekdays and Saturdays, and at no time on Sundays.

EXCEPTIONS

The provisions of this By-Law shall not apply to:

- The existence of an emergency or the emission of sound in the performance of emergency work, unless such sound is clearly of a longer duration, or nature more disturbing, than is reasonably necessary for the accomplishment of such emergency purpose.
- Work performed in respect of the maintenance, construction, or demolition of a public right-of-way or public space.
- Any military or other bands or any parade operating under written permit from the Chief of Police.
- Any vehicle of the police or fire department or any ambulance or any public service or emergency vehicle while answering a call.
- The ringing of church or school bells.
- The using or operating of sound producing devices during the month of December in any year for the rendering of Christmas Carols.
- Concerts, circuses, fairs, parades, or any like activity where a permit has been issued by the Chief of Police.
- Any activity, work or undertaking that would otherwise be prohibited by this By-Law where a permit has been issued by the Chief of Police.
- Aircraft and railway rolling stock.

PROHIBITIONS

No person shall undertake any work or authorize or allow work to proceed on a project for which a permit is required unless a valid permit exists for the work to be done.

Where an occupancy permit is required , no person shall occupy or allow the occupancy of any building, or part thereof, or change the occupancy, unless and until an occupancy permit has been issued by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

No person shall knowingly submit false or misleading information to the Authority Having Jurisdiction concerning any matter relating to this by-law.

No person having authority in the construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, removal, relocation, or occupancy of a building shall cause, allow, or maintain any unsafe condition.

MOBILE HOMES AND RTMS

The Authority Having Jurisdiction may require any or all of the following in respect to a mobile home or RTM sought to be located within the area of jurisdiction of the Authority Having Jurisdiction:

- the submission of a complete set of plans and specifications.
- the seal of an Engineer licensed in the Province of Manitoba in respect to all building components requiring professional certification.
- submission of copies of all permits taken out for the mobile home or RTM in the location of its construction together with a copy of all inspection reports.
- such inspections or certifications as the Authority Having Jurisdiction may deem necessary in order to ensure compliance with the Code and this by-law.

PERMITS

Every application for a permit shall be in the form prescribed by the Authority Having Jurisdiction and shall:

- identify and describe in detail the work and occupancy to be covered by the permit for which the application is made.
- describe the land on which the work is to be done by a description that will readily identify and locate the building lot.
- state the valuation of the proposed work and be accompanied by the required fee.
- include the required plans and specifications unless otherwise waived by the Authority Having Jurisdiction) , and show the occupancy of all parts of the building.
- state the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the owners, architect, professional engineer or other designer, constructor and any inspection or testing agency engaged to monitor the work or part of the work.
- include such additional information as may be required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

A permit shall expire and the right of an owner under a permit shall end if

- the work authorized by the permit is not commenced within six months from the date of issue of the permit and actively carried out after that, or
- the work authorized under the permit is suspended for six months unless otherwise extended by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Building Permits Required

Unless a building permit has first been obtained from the Authority Having Jurisdiction, no person shall commence or cause to be commenced:

- the location, placement, erection or construction of any building or structure or portion thereof,
- the addition, extension, improvement, alteration or conversion of any building or structure, or portion thereof;
- the repair, rehabilitation, or renovation of any building or structure, or portion thereof,
- underpinning;
- the relocation or removal of any building or structure, or portion thereof;
- the excavation of any land for any purpose of erecting or location on or above it, any building or structure;
- the installation, construction, repair, renewal, alteration or extension of a mechanical system;
- the installation, construction, alteration or extension of a spray paint operation, spray painting booth, dip tank or other special process; or
- the alteration, addition, erection or re-erection of a sign.

Building Permit NOT Required

- patching, painting or decoration;
- replacement of stucco, siding or shingles with the same material;
- replacement of doors or windows when the opening is not altered;
- replacement of open landing and stairs;
- installation of cabinets and shelves;
- a detached accessory storage building not greater than 10 square metres in building area;
- non-structural alterations or repairs where the value of such work is less than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00).

6. How many kilometers of road are there inside City Limits (excluding back lanes)

- a) 36 km
- b) 49 km
- c) 53 km
- d) 71 km



Fee Guidelines

BUILDING PERMIT

Except for those types of work more specifically addressed below, the fee for a Building Permit for work on a building other than a temporary building, is as follows:

- where the value of the work does not exceed \$500,000.00, \$6 for each \$1000.00 or part thereof;
- (where the value of the work exceeds \$500,000.00, \$3000.00 on the first \$500,000.00 and \$7 on each additional \$1000.00 or part thereof.

The fee for a building permit for work related to a one or two-family dwelling is as follows:

- for the construction of a dwelling, \$2.25 per square metre (\$0.21 per square foot) of finished space and \$1.10 per square metre (\$0.10 per square foot) of unfinished space;
- for the construction of a detached garage up to 400 square feet, \$50.00;
- for the construction of a detached garage over 400 square feet, \$65.00;
- for the construction of an outside swimming pool, \$95.00;
- for the construction of a basement recreation or family room, \$50.00;
- for a fence, free of charge

TEMPORARY BUILDING

The fee for a permit for the construction, erection or placement of a temporary building on a site is the same as for a building permit plus \$30.00 per month until the building is removed from the site.

The fee for a permit for the construction, erection or placement of a portable garage on a site is the same as for a building permit plus \$60.00 per year, payable in advance on January 1, until the building is removed from the site.

RELOCATION OR REMOVAL

The permit fee for the relocation or removal of any building or part thereof shall be \$20.00.

DEMOLITION

The fee for a permit for the demolition of a building or part of a building is as follows:

- for a one or two-family dwelling, \$45.00;
- for any other building one storey in height, \$60.00;
- for a building more than one storey in height, \$60.00 for the first storey and \$30.00 for each additional storey.

7. What was the first by-law passed in the Municipal District of Flin Flon?
- a) By-Law to provide for business licencing
 - b) By-Law to regulate the proceedings of council
 - c) By-Law to regulate the taxation and running at large of dogs
 - d) By-Law to provide a levy of a mill rate to raise funds for municipal operations (municipal taxes)

PLUMBING

The minimum charge for any permit for plumbing work shall be \$15.00.

Plumbing Permit fees for the following residential buildings shall be calculated on a per unit basis and shall be inclusive of all plumbing installations and equipment located in the building at the time of construction as follows:

- (or new detached, semi-detached, duplex, semi-detached duplex or row dwellings where there is not more than one family dwelling above another nor more than two storeys above the top of the foundation: \$50.00 for each dwelling unit;
- for any building providing three or more separate dwelling units with shared exits: \$100.00 for the first three dwelling units plus \$20.00 for each additional dwelling unit;

Permit fees for other plumbing work shall be as follows:

- for minor repairs, such as a renewal of each fixture trap or drain or both: \$5.00;
- for the roughing-in of each fixture outlet including a floor drain trap: \$10.00;
- for the roughing in of each fixture outlet and the installation of each fixture when installed by the same contractor under the same permit: \$10.00;
- for the installation of each fixture when installed under a separate permit: \$5.00;
- for the installation of each directly or indirectly connected receptacle, appliance, apparatus or other device that discharges sewage or clear-water waste, and includes a drinking fountain, dishwasher, floor drain, hub, drip or similar drain: \$10.00;
- for each rainwater roof terminal: \$10.00;
- for each rainwater trap serving an exterior roof gutter: \$10.00;
- for the installation of each grease, oil, mud, sand or other interceptor: \$10.00;
- for each shower with a single drain and head: \$10.00;
- for multiple showers: \$10.00 for each shower drain and \$5.00 for each shower head;
- for each water-supplied or water discharging device which is related to the plumbing system such as an air conditioner, compressor, acid diluting tank, or pit: \$10.00;
- for the installation of each garbage disposal unit except when installed at the same time as the sink: \$10.00;
- for the installation of each backflow preventer which is manufactured with test cocks and which is installed in a potable water system: \$10.00;
- for any alteration or for any fixture not included above: \$10.00.

8. What street was named after a former City Solicitor?

- a) Mainwaring Street
- b) Creighton Street
- c) Adams Street
- d) Scarth Street



OCCUPANCY

- Where the nature of an occupancy is changed and where no other permit is required, the fee for any occupancy permit shall be \$20.00.
- No fee is required under this section for any occupancy permit where another permit has been issued for the same building.

BLASTING

- The fee for a permit for blasting is \$20.00.

REFUND ON PERMIT CANCELLATION

Where a permit is surrendered for cancellation within six months from the issuance of the permit, the holder of the permit shall be refunded the fee paid for the permit less:

- \$20.00; and
- \$60.00, for each inspection conducted after the issuance of the permit.

INSPECTION

- Where an inspection of a building, structure, or plumbing system, other than an inspection following the issuance of a permit is requested and conducted during office hours, the fee shall be \$40.00 per hour, or fraction thereof.
- For any inspection conducted outside of regular office hours, the fee shall be \$60.00 per hour, or fraction thereof.

DOUBLE FEES

Where for any reason a permit is not obtained before the commencement of the work for which a permit is required, the fee for a permit is twice the amount prescribed in this Schedule.

PLAN EXAMINATION FEES

The fee for the examination of plans and specifications for the construction, erection, placement, alteration, repair or renovation of a building, other than a temporary building, is \$0.60 per \$1,000.00, or part thereof, of the value of the work.

9. What City Official served longest in the position of Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Administrative Officer?

- a) George H. MURTON
- b) Larry FANCY
- c) William HAMBLY
- d) Ken SHOEMAKER



BY-LAW NO. 29/93

BUSINESS LICENSING

Persons Subject to License

No person shall carry on business in the City of Flin Flon, unless

- that person holds a valid business license; or
- that person's business is one for which a business license is not required.

Where a business subject to licensing is carried on or intended to be carried on in more than one premises, a license shall be required in respect of each premise, as though the business carried on in each were a separate business.

Exemptions from Licensing

Notwithstanding anything contained in this by-law, no business license is required for hawking, peddling, or selling the growth or produce of the Province of Manitoba or the Province of Saskatchewan if it is being hawked, peddled, or sold by the producer thereof, a member of the producer's immediate family, or the producer's bona fide servants or employees.

No license is required to hold a concert, recital, show or other entertainment, in any part of a church or like regular meeting place used for the holding of religious services, under the auspices of the persons in charge of the church or meeting place, when all the artists or other performers are amateurs, and the money charged, collected for, or in connection with admission, are to be used for the benefit of the church or meeting place.

No license shall be required from any person soliciting subscriptions for any magazine or publication on behalf of any club, church, fraternal, charitable, or non-profit organization having a branch or headquarters within the City of Flin Flon.

Duties of the Licensee

Every licensee shall comply with all by-laws of the City.

Change of Address

Whenever a licensee changes his address from that shown on the license, the licensee shall forthwith notify the Licencing Inspector thereof.

Produce License on Demand

Every license issued hereunder shall be produced by the licensee, at all reasonable times, on demand of the Licencing Inspector or of any Police Officer, or of any other person duly authorized by the City to demand its production.

Inspection of Premises

The licensee shall permit the Licencing Inspector, the Building Inspector or their assistants to enter upon and inspect the premises from time to time.

License to be Posted Up

Every licensee who holds a license under this by-law that applies to premises shall, so long as the license is in force, keep it or a duly authorized copy thereof posted up in some conspicuous place on the li-

censed premises.

Home Occupations

No person shall carry on a business in a home without first obtaining a valid and subsisting license to do so, the fee for which shall be \$100.00 per calendar year.

Notwithstanding anything contained in any other By-Law, no person carrying on business in a home is liable to pay business tax or a fee in lieu of business tax

No person shall carry on a business in a home if doing so creates noise, odor, or other nuisance that is detectable to the normal senses outside of the home.

No person shall carry on business in a home if doing so creates traffic in the area greater in volume than would normally be expected in a residential area.

No person carrying on business in a home shall cause or permit any exterior display or indication of the existence of a business in the home, either by advertising, by exterior storage of materials, or by any other means.

Vendors

Any person who is a resident of the City of Flin Flon and who does not pay business tax or a fee in lieu of business tax, and who either acting for themselves, or as agents for other persons, take orders for goods or services, or for any finished articles that have been, or are to be, manufactured, made or completed, in whole or in part, outside the City of Flin Flon by a retail merchant, manufacturer, or other person, whose principal place of business is not in the City of Flin Flon shall not do so without first obtaining a valid and subsisting license to do so, the fee for which shall be \$100.00 per calendar year.

Pawnbrokers

Each and every person who carries on a business as a pawnbroker within the City of Flin Flon shall first obtain from the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer a valid and subsisting license to do so, the fee for which shall be \$10.00 per calendar year, in addition to any other business license that is required by this by-law.

The Licencing Inspector shall not issue any Pawnbroker's license until the Chief of Police has submitted a report on the application. However, in choosing to accept or refuse the application for a pawnbroker's license, the Licencing Inspector is not obligated to follow recommendations made in the Chief of Police's report.

Neither a holder of a pawnbroker's license, nor any agent or employee of such a holder shall acquire any goods in conjunction with the operation of a pawnbroking business from any person unless such person is sixteen years of age or over, and does not appear to be under the influence of liquor.

No dealer shall alter, repair, dispose of or in any way part with possession of second-hand goods acquired in the course of his business until seven days from the date of acquisition has elapsed (such seven days being exclusive of Sundays and holidays).

10. What was the population of Flin Flon at the time of its incorporation as a city?

- a) 8,000
- b) 10,000
- c) 12,000
- d) 15,000



Flin Flon Trivia Answers

1. The average consumption of water for the entire City of Flin Flon is 1,000,000 gallons per day.
2. The first Mayor of the Municipal District of Flin Flon was E.E. FOSTER, who served in this position in 1933 and 1934.
3. Although not commonly known, domestic garbage fees are covered by municipal taxes. The garbage part of your water bill is for wet garbage (sewage) removal.



4. The three images casting a reflection at the centre of the Flin Flon flag are a headframe and two spruce trees.
5. City Hall moved from its original location at 55 Main Street to 20 First Avenue, and officially opened its doors on August 8, 1984 (which happens to be Bobby CLARKE's 35th birthday).
6. There are approximately 53 km of paved road inside City Limits.
7. The four choices in the question were the first four by-law passed by the Municipal District of Flin Flon. They were all passed in November of 1933, the first being the By-Law to regulate the proceedings of Council.
8. Many streets have been named after City Officials, but the only one named after a City Solicitor is Scarth Street, named after W.B. SCARTH, who served from 1933 to 1940.
9. George H. MURTON served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1933 to 1961, making him the longest serving Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Administrative Officer in Flin Flon's History.
10. Flin Flon's population was just over 10,000 when it became a City in 1970. As of the 2001 Census, the population was 6,267.



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