



# Anti-Litter By-Law

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*Pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 8 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, (SNL 2023 T-6.2), the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has made the following Anti-Litter By-Law.*

1. This By-Law may be cited as the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Anti-Litter By-Law.
2. Interpretations: In this By-Law unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a) "Act" Towns and Local Service Districts Act (SNL 2023 T-6.2).
  - b) "Council" means the Town Council of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.
  - c) "Town" means the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as defined by paragraph 2 of the Order-In-Council dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, A.D., 1991 and made under the provisions of the said Act.
  - d) "Authorized Receptacle" means a litter storage or collection receptacle as required by Garbage Regulations (1991) or as may be approved by the Town Council.
  - e) "Litter" means any obnoxious substance, waste or unsanitary matter, refuse, garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, animal feces, paper wrappings, cardboard boxes, tin cans, leaves, wood, bedding, crockery, glass bottles and glass in all its forms, cement bags and bags of all description and other matter or thing which if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited tends, or is likely to cause or causes unsightliness within the Town or creates a danger to health, welfare or public safety and includes apparently abandoned vehicles and appliances.
  - f) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

## **LITTER**

### 3. Litter in Public Places

No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the Town limits except in authorized receptacles for collection.

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4. Placement of Litter Receptacles so as to Prevent Scatterings

Persons placing litter in authorized receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place, or upon private property, or pond, river or stream.

5. Litter Control — Property Owners and Businesses

a) No person shall sweep or deposit litter into any gutter, street, or other public place within the Town from any building or lot, or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway.

b) Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

c) Persons owning or occupying places of business shall keep the sidewalk and/or parking area free of litter.

6. Litter from Vehicles

No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle shall cause, permit, or allow any litter to be thrown, dropped, discharged, deposited, or otherwise dispose from the vehicle onto any roadway, street, highway, public place, or private property.

7. Transportation of Rubbish or Loose Material

a) No person shall operate or permit the operation of a motor vehicle transporting rubbish, refuse, waste, debris, or any loose material unless the load is completely covered, enclosed, or secured in a manner that prevents the escape, spillage, dropping, or blowing of any material onto a street, highway, public place, or private property.

b) All loads must be securely fastened and, where required, fully covered, and shall remain secured at all times while the vehicle is in motion or stopped on a public way, so as to prevent any litter or debris from escaping.

c) The driver is responsible for ensuring the cover is in place and properly secured before the vehicle is in motion and shall be liable to a penalty and costs associated.

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8. Litter in Parks

- a) No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the Town, except in authorized receptacles, and only in a manner that prevents the litter from being blown, carried or deposited into any part of the park, any street, or other public place or private property.
- b) Where no authorized receptacles are provided, the person responsible for the litter shall remove it from the park and dispose it in accordance with Town Bylaws, and Provincial Regulations.

9. Litter in Waterways

No person shall throw, deposit, discharge, dump, or permit the escape of any litter, refuse, waste, debris, or other material into any waterway, including rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, stormwater channels, or drainage systems.

10. Protection of Catch Basins and Sewer Maintenance Holes

No person shall place, deposit, discharge, sweep, shovel, dump, or otherwise allow any litter, debris, snow, ice, sediment, construction material, waste, substance, or foreign matter of any kind into or onto any catch basin, storm sewer inlet, maintenance hole, manhole, cleanout, or other access point to the storm sewer system or sanitary sewer system.

No person shall obstruct, cover, block, damage, or interfere with the normal operation or access of any catch basin, storm sewer inlet, or sewer maintenance hole, whether temporarily or permanently.

The use of catch basins, storm sewers, or sanitary sewers for the disposal of waste, debris, snow, ice, or any material is strictly prohibited.

11. Posting Notices Prohibited

No person shall post or affix any notice, poster, sign, or other matter or device calculated to attract the attention of the public on any utility pole, post, lamp post, tree, street sign, traffic control device, municipal structure, or other property except as may be authorized by Council, or required by law.



12. Litter on Private Property

- a) No person shall throw, drop, deposit, dump, or permit the escape of any litter, refuse, waste, or debris on any private property within the Town without the consent of the owner or occupant who must have an approved receptacle for the same. The owner or person in control of private property shall maintain authorized receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any other private property.
- b) The person responsible for the litter shall remove it and dispose of it in accordance with Town By Laws and Provincial Regulations and may be liable to a penalty.

13. Animals

No person having custody or control of an animal shall permit the animal to deposit feces on any public place or private property without the consent of the owner or occupant, and the person responsible shall immediately remove and properly dispose of the feces in a sanitary manner. This section does not apply to a handler of a service animal where the handler is unable, due to the nature of their disability, to remove the feces, or a police service dog or other law-enforcement animal while engaged in official duties under the direction of a police officer or authorized handler.

14. Enforcement

A member of the RCMP, a Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Enforcement Officer (MEO), a Grand Falls-Windsor Inspector, or any person designated by Council may enforce this By-Law.

15. Offence

- (1) A person who contravenes a provision of these By-Laws or who neglects or refuses to comply with a provision of these By-Laws commits an offence contrary to section 289(1)(f) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Each day upon which the same offence is committed or continued is a separate offence in accordance with section 289(3) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

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- (3) Every person who commits an offence under these By-Laws may:
- (a) be subject to an Order pursuant to section 285(1) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act;
  - (b) be issued a Violation Notice pursuant to section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
  - (c) where the Town Council has not issued a violation notice, or where a violation notice has been issued but not complied with, be charged by way of summons, including a summons issued by means of a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

16. Violation Notice

- (1) Where a person contravenes a provision of these By-Laws, the Town Council may issue a Violation Notice in accordance with section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person in respect of a contravention of these By-Laws, that person may make a voluntary out of court payment to the Council.
- (3) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 16(2) the amount of the voluntary payment shall be:
  - i. \$50.00 if the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council no later than seven (7) days from the date of issuance of a Violation Notice; or
  - ii. \$75.00 if the person makes the voluntary payment after the expiration of the time period in subsection (i), but not later than (14) days from the date of issuance of the Violation Notice.
- (4) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 16(2), no further action will be taken by the Council in respect to the contravention.
- (5) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person, and that person fails to make a voluntary payment pursuant to section 16(2), the Council shall issue a summons with respect to the contravention noted in the Violation Notice.

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- (6) The Council may charge the person referred to in 16(5) by way of summons, including a summons that is issued by means of a ticket under the Provincial *Offences Act*, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service District Act.
- (7) Where a person has received a Violation Notice is convicted of an offence with respect to the same subject matter for which the Violation Notice was issued, the penalty for that offence shall be \$100.

17. Penalty

Pursuant to Section 290 of the Act, any person who violates any provision of these By-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction;

- a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or to both the fine and imprisonment;
- b) for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 months or to both the fine and imprisonment.

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