

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATIKOKAN

BY-LAW No. 64-05

**Being a by-law to regulate the discharge of guns, firearms,
and similar weapons within the Township of Atikokan.**

WHEREAS it is considered that the discharge of guns and other firearms produces a potentially hazardous environment to persons and property, particularly in the more populated areas of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS *s. 119 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001*, provides that a local municipality may, for the purpose of public safety, prohibit or regulate the discharge of guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows or any other weapon.

NOW THEREFORE *the Council of the Township of Atikokan* **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. No guns or other firearms, air-guns, spring-guns, cross-bows, long-bows, or any other weapon, shall be discharged within one kilometre (1 km) of a place of business, residence, municipal facility, or structure within the Township of Atikokan boundaries.
2. **Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 1, the discharge of guns or other firearms shall be permitted at an approved Firearms Range that is constructed and operated in accordance with the federal *Firearms Act* and applicable regulations appended thereto, as amended from time to time.**
3. No weapon referred to in Clause 1, shall be transported for any reason whatsoever, in or through any part of the area described in Clause 1 unless such weapon is in a completely unloaded condition.
4. This by-law shall not apply to any peace officer or other person, who is required to carry firearms in the performance of his/her lawful duties.
5. Every person who contravenes this by-law, is guilty of an offence, and upon conviction is liable to a fine of not less than TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (250) DOLLARS, and not more than FIVE THOUSAND (5000) DOLLARS, exclusive of costs, and every such fine is recoverable under the *Provincial Offences Act*.
6. The enactment of this by-law hereby repeals By-law No. 13-99, and all previous related by-laws.

READ a First, Second and Third time and finally passed this 12 day of December 2005.

Marlene Davidson – Acting Mayor
Mayor

Warren Paulson
Clerk