



A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A PEST CONTROL OFFICER AND THE CONTROL OF PESTS

The Village of Torquay BYLAW NO. 2026-01

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Torquay deems it necessary to appoint a Pest Control Officer for the prevention, control, and removal of pests within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Municipalities Act, 2005 allows municipalities to pass bylaws for protection of health, safety, and welfare;

AND WHEREAS The Wildlife Regulations, 1981 (Saskatchewan) contains provisions under Section 13(3) permitting certain hunting or control of designated wildlife in proximity to buildings when undertaken by authorized persons pursuant to provincial regulations;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Torquay in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw shall be cited as the “Pest Control Bylaw.”

2. Definitions

In this bylaw:

- a) “Council” means the Council of the Village of Torquay.
- b) “Pest” means any animal, bird, rodent, insect, or other organism injurious to health, property, or the environment, as designated by Council.
- c) “Pest Control Officer” means a person appointed by Council to enforce this bylaw and conduct pest control activities.
- d) “Property Owner” means any person who owns, occupies, or is in charge of property within the Village of Torquay.
- e) “Wildlife Regulations” means The Wildlife Regulations, 1981 enacted under The Wildlife Act (Saskatchewan), as amended.

3. Appointment of Pest Control Officer

- a) Council may, by resolution, appoint one or more Pest Control Officers.
- b) Pest Control Officers shall be qualified by training, certification, or licensing appropriate to the duties assigned and may be required to hold applicable permits under provincial or federal law.

4. Powers and Duties of the Pest Control Officer

- a) The Pest Control Officer shall administer and enforce this bylaw and investigate complaints regarding pests.
- b) In carrying out duties, the Pest Control Officer may:
 - i) Enter properties at reasonable times for inspection and control measures;
 - ii) Use devices, traps, pesticides, or other control methods compliant with provincial and federal regulation;
 - iii) Require property owners to remove conditions conducive to pests.

5. Pest Control Measures

- a) Property owners must take reasonable steps to prevent, control, or eliminate pests.
- b) Upon written notice from the Pest Control Officer, owners must remedy conditions conducive to pests within the specified time.
- c) Failure to comply may result in municipal action and recovery of costs.

6. Wildlife Control Authorization — Section 13(3)

- a) Pursuant to Section 13(3) of the Wildlife Regulations, a Pest Control Officer, in performing duties under this bylaw and subject to all applicable provincial and federal permits, may hunt or dispatch wildlife designated in Schedule A within 500 metres of any building, stockade, or corral without the owner's consent, provided all actions comply with:
 - i) Provincial nuisance wildlife permits;
 - ii) Firearms licensing and safety regulations;
 - iii) Humane handling and environmental requirements;
 - iv) Notification requirements to local enforcement authorities as required.
- b) Schedule A may be updated by Council resolution in accordance with changes to provincial regulations or local needs



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7. Enforcement and Penalties

- a) Any person who violates this bylaw is guilty of an offence and subject to fines or penalties as prescribed by Council policy.
- b) Each day a violation continues is a separate offence.

8. Recovery of Costs

- a) The Village may recover costs incurred in enforcing this bylaw, including pest control activities conducted on private property.

9. Severability

If any provision is declared invalid, the remainder of the bylaw remains in force.

10. Repeal

All bylaws or parts of bylaws inconsistent with this bylaw are repealed.

11. Effective Date

This bylaw comes into force on the date of final passing by Council.

Read a first time this ____ day of January, 2026

Read a second time this ____ day of _____, 2026

Read a third time and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026

Terry Malaryk, Mayor

Tammie Jackson, CAO

Schedule A – Unprotected / Nuisance Wildlife
(Pursuant to Section 13(3) of The Wildlife Regulations, 1981)

Category	Common Species / Examples	Notes / Restrictions
Mammals	Rabbits (cottontail, snowshoe)	Excludes protected rabbits or hares
	Rodents (mice, rats)	Excludes protected rodents like prairie dogs
	Skunks	Must follow safety and handling regulations
	Raccoons	Humanely dispatched, per provincial regulations
Reptiles & Amphibians	Non-protected snakes & turtles	Excludes species specifically listed as protected
	Frogs & salamanders	Excludes protected species (e.g., northern leopard frog)
Birds	House sparrows	Must comply with provincial guidelines
	Starlings	Excludes protected species
	Blackbirds / related species	Excludes protected species
	Pigeons	Excludes protected dove species
	Crows, magpies	Excludes protected corvids like ravens
Other / Special Cases	Escaped domestic game farm animals or wild boar	Only if causing nuisance and permitted by provincial law