

**CANADA
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC
REGIONAL COUNTY OF ARGENTEUIL
MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH**

**PUBLIC SAFETY BY-LAW
NUMBER 415-2019
CONCERNING THE FIRING OF GUNS**

WHEREAS the agreement regarding the provision of police services within the territory of the MRC of Argenteuil authorizes the Sûreté du Québec to enforce, in all or in part, municipal By-laws;

WHEREAS the Municipal Council is greatly concerned with the safety of its citizens;

WHEREAS the Municipality's duty is to ensure that the safety of its citizens is respected;

WHEREAS the Municipality considers it in the interest of the majority of citizens that a By-Law prohibiting the discharge of firearms on roads be adopted;

WHEREAS a Notice of motion of the present By-law was previously given by Councillor Bill Gauley at the regular meeting of June 3rd, 2019;

WHEREAS a copy of the Draft By-Law was presented and made available to the public and to the members of Council on June 3rd, 2019 in accordance with article 445 of the Quebec Municipal Code(C-27.1).

THEREFORE, it is proposed by Councillor Bill Gauley and
RESOLVED

THAT the By-Law be adopted as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The preamble is an integral part of the present By-Law.

ARTICLE 2

The present By-Law repeals and replaces By-Law number RM 415 and its amendments.

ARTICLE 3

The Municipal Council declares that it has adopted this By-Law, section by section, article by article, paragraph by paragraph, so that if any one of these sections should be declared null by a competent court of law, the other sections of the By-Law continue to apply.

ARTICLE 4

It is forbidden, at all times, to use a firearm, an air gun, a crossbow or any other form of lethal weapon, from a public road or at a distance of less than 250 meters from any public road, house, building or edifice.

ARTICLE 5

It is forbidden, at all times, to use a bow from a public road or at a distance of less than 150 meters from all public roads, house, building or edifice.

PENAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 6

The Council authorizes police and/or the municipal inspector or any other person designated by the Council to apply the present By-law and to issue statements of offence (offence notices, tickets or other) and to undertake the following penal procedures:

- Any person who contravenes to one or any provisions of the present By-law commits an infraction and is liable to a fine with or without costs;
- For a first infraction, the amount of the fine is set at minimum of five hundred dollars (\$ 500) and a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$ 2 000) if the person who contravenes is a physical person and at double that amount if the offender is a moral person;
- For at repeat offence, the amount of the fine is double that set for a first infraction.
- If the infraction continues, this continuity constitutes, day by day, a separate offence and the offender is liable to the fine, with or without costs, for each day during which the infraction continues.
- In all cases, the costs of any legal proceedings are extra
- The time limits for the payment of fines and fees imposed under this section, and the consequences of failure to pay such fines and costs within the prescribed time, are established in accordance with the Quebec Code of Penal Procedure (L.R.Q., c.C-25.1).

The competent authority may use all legal, penal and/or civil resources, applicable against any person who contravenes this By-Law, alternatively or cumulatively if necessary.

ARTICLE 7 – Effective date

The present By-Law comes into effect in accordance with the Law.

Jason Morrison
Mayor

Natalie Black
General Manager and
Secretary-Treasurer

Notice of Motion:
Presentation of the Draft By-Law:
Adoption of By-Law:
Notice of coming into effect:

June 3rd, 2019
June 3rd, 2019
July 8th, 2019
July 16th, 2019