

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE

BY-LAW 2023 – 64

A By-Law for the licensing and regulating of hunting during the 2023/24 open season for Ring Necked Pheasants and Cottontail in the Township of Pelee.

WHEREAS Section (79) (1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, S.O. 1997 c. 41 provides that a municipality may, with the authorization of the Minister, pass by-laws for issuing licences to hunt ring-necked pheasants, cottontails, varying hares and European hares in the municipality during the open season, for fixing the minimum and maximum number of licences that may be issued under a by-law and for charging such licence fees as the Minister may authorize.

BE IT THEREFORE AND HEREBY ENACTED by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee as follows:

1. Definitions

- a.) **Resident:** includes any one (1) person who has been in continuous residence in the Township of Pelee for at least six (6) months in the twelve (12) months preceding the 30th day of September in the current year;
- b.) **Non-Resident:** includes any one (1) person who has not been a continuous resident in the Township of Pelee for at least six (6) months preceding the 30th day of September in the current year;
- c.) **License Issuer:** shall mean the Township of Pelee and/or a person appointed as a License Issuer by the Township of Pelee;
- d.) **License Fees:** shall mean the fees attached as Schedule “A” hereto.

- 2. All Residents of the Township of Pelee may hunt pheasant or rabbits within the municipality during the specified dates, outlined herein, with a valid issued license, free of charge.

All Non-Residents attending the Township of Pelee to hunt pheasants and rabbits must possess a valid license to hunt within the specified dates, subject to the applicable license fees.

- 3. The Issuer of a License shall issue a Municipal Hunting License to a non-resident on the condition the individual has confirmed the following:
 - a. Valid Outdoors Card issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
 - b. Valid Small Games License issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
 - c. A valid driver’s license (where applicable);
 - d. License Fee.

4. The prescribed dates for the 2023/24 hunting season shall be strictly enforced within the open season as set out by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and outlined in Schedule B and attached to this By-Law.
5. The Township of Pelee has the sole discretion in the case of inclement weather, as determined by the Council of the Township of Pelee, to extend each of the above-mentioned hunts by one day to accommodate for loss of hunt time.
6. All licenses issued will be subject to the Fee Schedule as outlined in Schedule A and attached to this By-Law.

Enforcement

7. A person who contravenes this by-law is guilty of an offense and subject to pay the full license fee upon notice being served in person by the By-Law Enforcement Officer and can be restricted from purchasing future municipal licenses at the discretion of the Issuer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this By-Law come into force and effect on the 26th of September, 2023.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Original Signed By:

MAYOR, Catherine Miller

Original Signed By:

INTERIM CLERK, Mary Masse

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Schedule A**

Pheasant License Fee & Possession Schedule

Game	Hunt (Season)	Resident License Fee	Non-Resident License Fee	Mentor/Apprentice Fee (10% off Mentor License)	Limit per License
Ring Necked Pheasant	Main Hunts	No Charge	\$280	\$252	10
	Clean Up Hunts		\$140	n/a	5*
	Winter Hunts		\$25		5*
Cottontail	Winter Hunts		\$25		5

**A maximum of two clean up licences can be purchased per hunter.*

Additional Fees

Licence Transfer within 2023 Applies to transfers within 2023 between hunts and between individuals	\$25
Replacement Licence Applies to lost or forgotten original licences	\$25

All above fees are subject to 13% harmonized sales tax.

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Schedule B**

Pelee Island Pheasant Hunt Dates

2023 Main Hunt Dates

Thursday October 19 – Saturday October 21, 2023
Thursday October 26 – Saturday October 28, 2023
Thursday November 2 – Saturday November 4, 2023

2023 Clean Up Hunt Dates

Thursday November 9 – Saturday November 11, 2023
Thursday November 16 – Saturday November 18, 2023
Thursday November 23 – Saturday November 25, 2023

2024 Winter Dates

Sunday January 1 – Tuesday February 28, 2024