

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE

BY-LAW 2025 – 06

“Open Season for Ring Necked Pheasants and Cottontail”

(January 14th, 2025)

A By-law for the licensing and regulating of hunting during the 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, as amended, 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.) Clean Up Hunt:** Shall mean the pheasant hunts which follow the Main Hunts, during these hunts, licences issued are valid for fewer pheasants than main hunts.
- b.) Licence:** Refers to the municipal hunting licences issued by the Township of Pelee and required to hunt Ring Necked Pheasants and Cottontail within the municipality.
- c.) Licence Issuer:** Shall mean the Township of Pelee and/or a person appointed as a License Issuer by the Township of Pelee.
- d.) Licence Fees:** Shall mean the fees attached as Schedule “A” hereto.
- e.) Main Hunt:** Shall mean the main event pheasant hunts within the Township of Pelee.
- f.) Pheasant:** Refers to ring-necked pheasants.
- g.) Rabbit:** Refers to Cottontail and European Hare.
- h.) 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.
- i.) 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.
- j.) Winter Hunt:** Refers to pheasant and rabbit hunting which take place between January 1 and the last day of February.

- 2.** To hunt pheasants and rabbits, individuals must possess a valid licence to hunt within the specified dates, subject to the applicable licence fees.

3. The Issuer of a License shall issue a Municipal Hunting License to a person on the condition the individual has confirmed the following:
 - a. Valid Outdoors Card issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - b. Valid Small Game License issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources;
 - c. License Fee.
4. The prescribed dates for the hunting season are outlined in Schedule B and attached to this By-law.
5. Licences are only valid between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on specified dates listed on licences and outlined in Schedule B, attached to this By-law.
6. A maximum of 325 non-resident licences shall be issued per Main Hunt. There shall be no maximum number of issued Clean Up or resident licences.
7. All licences issued will be subject to the Fee Schedule as outlined in Schedule A and attached to this By-law.
8. A person can obtain up to one (1) licence for each Main Hunt, two (2) licences for each Clean Up Hunt and one (1) Winter Hunt licence.

Exemptions

9. Residents are exempt from the licence fee as noted in Schedule A.
10. A resident licence is valid for all Main Hunt, Clean Up Hunt and Winter Hunt dates and is valid for both pheasant and rabbit.

Enforcement

11. 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 14th of January, 2025.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Original Signed By:

MAYOR,
Catherine Miller

Original Signed By:

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK,
Kristine Horst**

Schedule A

Pheasant Licence Fees

Game	Hunt (Season)	Resident Licence Fee	Non-Resident Licence Fee	Mentor Fee (10% off Mentor License when accompanying an apprentice)	Licence Valid for
Ring Necked Pheasant	Main Hunts	No Charge	\$298.50	\$268.65	10 pheasants
	Clean Up Hunts		\$149.25	n/a	5* pheasants
	Winter Hunts		\$30		5 pheasants

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

Rabbit Licence Fee

Game	Hunt (Season)	Resident Licence Fee	Non-Resident Fee
Cottontail	Winter Hunts	No Charge	\$30

Additional Fees

Licence Transfer Applies to transfers between hunts and between individuals within the same calendar year	\$30
Replacement Licence Applies to lost or forgotten original licences	\$30

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

Schedule B

Pelee Island Pheasant & Rabbit Hunt Dates

Main Hunt Dates

1st Main Hunt: The first Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

2nd Main Hunt: The second Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

3rd Main Hunt: The third Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

Clean Up Hunt Dates

1st Clean Up Hunt: The fourth Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

2nd Clean Up Hunt: The fifth Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

3rd Clean Up Hunt: The sixth Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first Monday following Thanksgiving

Winter Hunt Dates

January 1 to last date of February