

LIVESTOCK CONTROL AND FENCE BYLAW

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRITANNIA NO. 502

BYLAW NO 10-2026

A BYLAW TO CONTROL LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR FENCING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under section 8(1)(b) of *The Municipalities Act*, a council may pass bylaws for the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to regulate and control livestock running at large within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it desirable to establish standards for fencing and to provide for enforcement, impoundment, cost recovery, and penalties;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of roadway safety and the prevention of collisions involving livestock;

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to:

- 1.1. Prevent livestock from running at large.
- 1.2. Establish fencing standards.
- 1.3. Provide enforcement, impoundment and penalties.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this bylaw, the expression:

- 2.1. "Council" means the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502; and
- 2.2. "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.
- 2.3. "Chief Administrative Officer" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.
- 2.4. "Days" means calendar days defined as a continuous count of days including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, beginning and ending at midnight.
- 2.5. "Designated Officer" means a bylaw enforcement officer, special constable, or person appointed by Council.
- 2.6. "Fence" means a structure forming a boundary or barrier.
- 2.7. "Livestock" includes animals as defined in the Animal Production Act, which includes:
 - a. Bovines, including cattle and bison;
 - b. Camelids, including alpacas and llamas;
 - c. Caprines, including goats;
 - d. Cervids, including deer, elk, an any other prescribed domestic game farm animal;
 - e. Equines, including horses, donkeys, mules and hinnies;
 - f. Fowl, including quail, peafowl, pheasants, guinea fowl and pigeons;
 - g. Fur farm animals as prescribed;
 - h. Ovines, including sheep;
 - i. Porcine, including swine;
 - j. Poultry, including chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese;
 - k. Ratites, including ostriches and emus;
 - l. any inter-species hybrid of any of the animals mentioned in clauses (i) to (xi) other domesticated farm animals;
 - m. any other prescribed animal.
- 2.8. "Owner" means any person who owns, keeps, harbours, or controls livestock.

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- 2.9. "Running at Large" means livestock found off the owner's property and not under control or proper confinement.
- 2.10. "Occupant" means a person in possession of land, whether as owner, tenant or otherwise.

3. Prohibition

- 3.1. Except as otherwise provided by a separate bylaw passed by Council, no owner or occupant shall permit or allow livestock to run at large within the municipality.

4. Responsibility of Owners:

- 4.1. Every owner or occupant shall:
- a) Keep livestock properly confined.
 - b) Maintain adequate fencing;
 - c) Be responsible for all damages, costs and expenses caused by livestock running at large.

5. Fence Requirements

- 5.1 Every occupant who keeps livestock shall maintain a lawful fence sufficient to contain such livestock.
- 5.2 A lawful fence may include:
- a) Barbed wire fencing (minimum three (3) strands);
 - b) Page wire fencing;
 - c) Rail or plank fencing;
 - d) Properly installed electric fencing. (In compliance with the Canadian Electrical Code (Saskatchewan Amendments) as enforced by Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK)).
- 5.3 All fences shall be:
- a) Installed on Property Owners Land (fences adjacent to a municipal roadway may be built on the property line);
 - b) Maintained in good repair;
 - c) Of sufficient height and construction for the type of livestock.

6. Orders to Remedy Fencing

- 6.1 Where a Designated Officer determines a fence is inadequate, the officer may issue a written order requiring repairs within a specified time.
- 6.2 If the owner fails to comply:
- a) The Municipality may complete the work;
 - b) All costs incurred shall be recoverable from the owner.

7. Impoundment

- 7.1. A Designated Officer may seize and impound livestock found running at large.
- 7.2. Livestock may be delivered to a pound or held at a facility approved by the Municipality.

8. Temporary Detention

- 8.1. Where livestock is found at large, a Designated Officer, or a resident/property owner upon whose property the livestock is trespassing, may immediately confine the animal(s) for safety reasons.
- 8.2. If immediate transportation to the designated Pound Keeper is not reasonably practical, the livestock may be kept, fed, and secured at the property where it was found for a short-term period (not exceeding 24-48 hours) until being transported to the Pound Keeper.

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9. Brand Inspection (Unidentified Livestock)

- 9.1. Where ownership of livestock cannot be readily determined, the Municipality may require inspection in accordance with practices under The Animal Production Act.
- 9.2. Inspection may include identification of brands, tattoos, or other markings.
- 9.3. Costs of inspection shall be added to impoundment costs and paid by the owner prior to release.

10. Notice to Owner

- 10.1. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the owner of at large livestock in order for the owner to recover the livestock prior to livestock being impounded.
- 10.2. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the owner of impounded livestock. Where the owner is unknown, notice may be given by public posting or advertisement.

11. Release of Livestock

- 11.1. Livestock shall not be released until:
 - a) Ownership is proven; and
 - b) All fees, costs, and fines are paid in full.

12. Fees and Charges

- 12.1. Council shall establish fees in Schedule A and shall include:
 - a) Impound fees;
 - b) Boarding fees;
 - c) Bylaw Enforcement Officer expenses such as time, materials, equipment and contractor fees;
 - d) Transportation costs;
 - e) Veterinary or inspection costs.

13. Sale or Disposal

- 13.1. If livestock is not claimed within 14 days:
 - a. The Municipality may proceed to sell or otherwise dispose of the livestock (sale proceedings may begin after 7 days of impoundment).
- 13.2. Proceeds shall be applied to:
 - a. Costs and fees (including sales expenses);
 - b. Remaining balance returned to the owner if known (funds shall be held as per legislation for 12 months from the date of sale).

14. Cost Recovery

- 14.1. Where any amount owing under this Bylaw remains unpaid, the Municipality may add the amount to the tax roll of any real property owned by the livestock owner or to the property to which is being leased if the livestock owner does not own real property within the municipality.
- 14.2. Such amounts shall be deemed taxes and recoverable in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*.

15. Road Safety and Liability

- 15.1. No owner shall permit livestock to enter or remain on a public roadway.
- 15.2. Where livestock causes or contributes to a collision, injury, or damage, the owner is liable for all resulting loss.
- 15.3. This section does not limit any civil remedies available at law.

16. Chronic Offenders

- 16.1. A chronic offender is an owner with three (3) or more violations within a twelve (12) month period.
- 16.2. Council may take additional enforcement measures including:
 - a) Increased penalties;

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- b) Requiring enhanced fencing;
- c) Seeking court orders;
- d) Recovering additional enforcement costs.

17. Offences and Penalties

17.1. Any person who contravenes this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to the penalties provided by law and Schedule "A".

18. Continuing Offence

18.1. Each day that a contravention continues constitutes a separate offence.

19. Agreements for Service

19.1. The municipality may enter into an agreement with any person, corporation, or organization (hereinafter referred to as the Service Provider) to furnish any services required for the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw, including but not limited to the capture, impoundment, and care of livestock.

20. Liability of Municipality

20.1. The municipality is not liable for loss, injury, or death of livestock unless caused by negligence.

21. Enforcement

21.1. The Bylaw may be enforced by a Designated Officer, peace officer, or any person authorized by Council.

22. Severability

22.1. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid, the remainder shall remain in force.

23. Fine Schedule

23.1. The Fine Schedule is attached to this bylaw as Schedule "A".

24. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on May 20, 2026.



[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]

Chief Administrative Officer

Read a third time and adopted
this 20th day of May, 2026.

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Schedule "A"

Fees & Charges Schedule

Measures/Actions	First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offences
Administration Fee for Impounding Livestock	\$25/animal	\$50/animal	\$100/animal
Municipal Advertising Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Impound Fees	\$20/animal	\$30/animal	\$40/animal
Capture/Roundup Crew	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Transporting Strays and Disposing of Carcasses of Dead Strays	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Boarding Fees (per animal/per day)	Actual Costs up to \$25 per head per day	Actual Costs up to \$25 per head per day	Actual Costs up to \$25 per head per day
Veterinary Care	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Brand Inspector Expenses	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Bylaw Enforcement Officer Expenses	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs
Destroying a Valueless or Dangerous Stray	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs

***Note: Offences considered within a 12-month period for first, second, subsequent offences.*

Fine Schedule

Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offences
Livestock Running at Large	\$250	\$500	\$750
Livestock on Roadway	\$250	\$500	\$750
Failure to Maintain Adequate Fence/Fencing	\$250	\$500	\$750
Failure to Comply with Fence Repair Order	\$250	\$500	\$750
Interfering with Impoundment	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000

***Note: The Offence is considered for the livestock as a whole not each individual animal.*