

**Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502**  
**BYLAW NO. 11-2026**  
**TEMPORARY SHELTER BYLAW**

**WHEREAS** Section 92(b) of *The Municipalities Act* provides Councilors with the ability to develop and evaluate policies, services, and programs of the municipality. Section 8(1) (a) of *The Municipalities Act* provides that municipalities have a general power to pass bylaws, including those respecting the peace, order, and good government of the municipality

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 deems it desirable to regulate camping and the construction of temporary shelters for human habitation;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Temporary Shelter Bylaw" of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

**PURPOSE**

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate tenting and temporary shelters used for camping, sleeping accommodations, and human habitation in the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

**DEFINITIONS**

3. In this Bylaw, including this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - 3.1. **Accessory Building** means a building separate and subordinate to the main building, the use of which is incidental to that main building, and is located on the same lot, including but is not limited to: garages, carports, sheds, and storage buildings;
  - 3.2. **Act** means the *The Municipalities Act*, M-36.1 and amendments thereto;
  - 3.3. **Camp or Camping** means the locating of, erecting of, or use of a tent, trailer, motor home, truck and camper, lean-to, a vehicle or part of a vehicle, a portable cabin, storage shed, or any other similar temporary structure for the provision of sleeping or Human Habitation ;
  - 3.4. **Camping Equipment** means the tools and supplies used for the purposes of living in the outdoors which includes but is not limited to: sleeping bags, pillows, mattresses, blankets, cooking gear, propane/butane bottles, coolers, clothes, axes, hatchets, knives, tarps, bug repellent, netting, backpacks, lighting, generators, food, and drinks;
  - 3.5. **Campground** means a specified area designated by the Municipality for Camping;
  - 3.6. **Camping Unit** means a tent, trailer, fifth wheel, truck camper, motor home, camperized van, or other certified recreational unit used as a shelter while persons Camp or In conjunction with Camping;
  - 3.7. **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer for Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
  - 3.8. **Construction Materials** means any article, item, material, or supply consumed or used in the construction process and incorporated in a building or structure;
  - 3.9. **Human Habitation** means the occupancy of any Accessory Building, Camping Unit, or Temporary Shelter, whether commercially manufactured or hand-made, for the purpose of sheltering a person or persons;
  - 3.10. **Peace Officer** means a person appointed as a Peace Officer pursuant to the *Police Act 1990*, and also includes but is not limited to Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer, Special Constable, Municipal Police, Marshals, or Bylaw Enforcement Officer;
  - 3.11. **Public Place** means any highway, parkland, bridge, municipal reserve, or right of way, whether a thoroughfare or not, and includes any open space to which the public may have or are permitted to have access, that is owned by the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
  - 3.12. **Tent** means a portable or moveable shelter, partially or fully enclosed, partially or wholly



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assembled or constructed out of canvas, cardboard, cloth, synthetic material, plastic, metal, wood, or like materials suitable to provide temporary accommodation for one or more persons, whether or not the said shelter is designed or intended to provide such accommodation, or whether commercially manufactured or hand-made;

- 3.13. **Temporary Shelter** means a structure, improvement, shield, or cover that protects people or things and includes a lean-to or other shelter made of cardboard, tarpaulin, plastics, metal, logs, brush, branches, or other materials or things, whether commercially manufactured or hand-made;
- 3.14. **Municipality** means the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
- 3.15. **Notice of Violation** means a document issued by the Municipality for the purpose of notifying a person that an offence has been committed for which a penalty may follow;
- 3.16. **Summary Offence Notice Ticket** means a ticket mentioned in Subsection 18(1) of the Summary Offences Procedures Act, 1990;
- 3.17. **Waste** means any solid or liquid material or product, including, but not limited to: rubbish, refuse, garbage, cast-off clothing, paper, packaging, containers, bottles, cans, branches, shrubbery, human or animal excrement, sewage, or the whole or a part of an animal carcass, or the whole or part of any raw or processed material, vehicle or other machinery and includes sharps and biomedical waste.

**OFFENCES**

4. No person shall Camp in any area of the Municipality which is not designated as a Campground pursuant to the requirements of the Municipality's Land Use Bylaw except for the following:
- 4.1. No person shall reside or Camp in any Public Place in the Municipality unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions by the CAO or their designate.
- 4.2. No person shall reside or Camp in any Accessory Building, Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent on private property for a period not longer than seven (7) consecutive days within one (1) calendar year unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions by the CAO or their designate.
5. A Peace Officer may direct the owner or occupant of a Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent to relocate to a Campground within twenty-four (24) hours if the Peace Officer believes that the Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent is being used, or is Intended to be used, for the purpose of Human Habitation.
6. Notwithstanding any provision of this Bylaw, a Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent may be used for temporary Human Habitation in the Municipality, provided:
- 6.1. the Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent is not situated partially or fully on any Public Place;
- 6.2. the Peace Officer has been satisfied that the Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent is situated on such property with the full knowledge and approval of the owner of the property; and
- 6.3. the Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent is in use for a period not longer than seven (7) consecutive days within one (1) calendar year unless special permission has been granted in writing, subject to conditions by the CAO or their designate.

**INSPECTION**

7. A Peace Officer may at reasonable times inspect or cause to be inspected an Accessory Building, Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent that is subject to the Bylaw.

**ENFORCEMENT**

8. A Peace Officer is hereby authorized to remove or cause to be removed any Camping Unit, Temporary Structure, Tent, Camping Equipment, or Waste and Construction Materials used for Human Habitation found in contravention of this Bylaw.

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9. Any such Camping Unit, Temporary Structure, Tent, or Camping Equipment may be removed to a place designated by the CAO where it will remain impounded until claimed by the owner or their authorized agent for a maximum of 60 days after such time may be disposed of.
10. Any such Waste or Construction Materials of a Temporary Shelter used for Human Habitation found in contravention of this Bylaw may be immediately disposed of at the discretion of the CAO.
11. The storage and removal charges relating to any impounded Camping Unit, Temporary Structure, Tent, Camping Equipment, Waste, or Construction Materials which are unclaimed by the owner may be collected by the Municipality as specified in the Municipality Fee Schedule.
12. Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable to:
  - 12.1. payment of the penalty as set out in Schedule "A" hereto; or
13. A Peace Officer who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that any person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, may issue and serve:
  - 13.1. a Notice of Violation allowing payment of the specified penalty to the Municipality, which payment will be accepted by the Municipality in lieu of prosecution for the offence; or
  - 13.2. a summons under the Summary Offences Procedures Act, 1990 as amended, by means of a Summary offence notice ticket; or
  - 13.3. a Summary offence notice ticket, allowing a voluntary payment of the specified penalty to the Provincial Court, or, requiring a person to appear in Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment; and
14. The recording of the payment of a specified penalty made to the Municipality pursuant to a Notice of Violation or the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan pursuant to a Summary offence notice ticket shall constitute an acceptance of a guilty plea and conviction of the offence.
15. Service of a Notice of Violation shall be sufficient if it is:
  - 15.1. personally served;
  - 15.2. left with the person on the premises who has the appearance of being at least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - 15.3. or sent and served by regular mail to the person or corporation's last known mailing address.
16. A Notice of Violation shall be in a form approved by the CAO, and shall state:
  - 16.1. the name of the person to whom the Notice of Violation is issued;
  - 16.2. a description of the property upon which the offence has been committed, a civic address, or legal description, if applicable;
  - 16.3. the appropriate penalty for the offence as specified in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw;
  - 16.4. that the penalty shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Notice of Violation in order to avoid prosecution; and
  - 16.5. any other information as may be required by the CAO.
17. In the event that a Notice of Violation has been issued and the penalty specified on the Notice of Violation has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Summary offence notice ticket pursuant to the Summary Offences Procedures Act, 1990 to the person to whom the Notice of Violation was Issued.
18. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately issue a Summary offence notice ticket to any person to whom the Peace Officer



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has reasonable grounds to believe has contravened any provision of this Bylaw.

19. A Summary offence notice ticket used with respect to a violation of this Bylaw may be served upon the person responsible for the contravention in accordance with the Summary Offences Procedures Act, 1990;
20. The person to whom the Summary offence notice ticket has been issued may plead guilty by making a voluntary payment in respect for of the summons by delivering to the Provincial Court, on or before the initial appearance date, the Summary offence notice ticket together with an amount equal to the specified penalty for the offence as provided by this Bylaw.
21. Where a Clerk of the Court records In the Court records the receipt of a voluntary payment pursuant to this Bylaw and the Summary Offences Procedures Act, 1990, the act of recording constitutes acceptance of the guilty plea and constitutes a conviction and imposition of a fine In the amount of the specified penalty.
22. Nothing in this Bylaw shall limit any other rights or remedies of the Municipality or the Municipality's development authority under the Act.

**INTERPRETATION**

23. Words used in the singular include the plural and vice-versa.
24. Words used in the present tense include the other tenses and derivative forms.

**SEVERABILITY**

25. If any provision of this Bylaw is held to be Invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision will not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Bylaw.

**COMING INTO FORCE**

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the day of its adoption.



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**SCHEDULE "A"  
 PENALTIES**

Section	Violation	Penalty		
		First Offence	Second Offence	Third Offence
4	Camp in any area of the Municipality which is not designated as a Campground	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
4.1	Camp in Public Place in the Municipality unless special permission has been granted	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00
5	Fail to move the Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter, or Tent to a designated campground	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00
6.1	Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter or Tent situated partially or fully on any Public Place	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
6.2	Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter or Tent situated without the full knowledge and approval of the owner of the property	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
6.3	Camping Unit, Temporary Shelter or Tent in use for a period longer than seven (7) consecutive days within one (1) calendar year	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$600.00

