
BEING A BY-LAW OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF INUVIK IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES FOR THE CONTROL OF DEFINITION AND IDENTIFICATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 175 subsection (f) of the Municipal Ordinance, R.O.N.W.T. 1974 c-M15.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik in session, duly assembled enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Fire Hydrant By-law".

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law

- (a) "Council" means the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik.
- (b) "Fire Chief" means the Fire Chief of the Fire Department of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik.
- (c) "Fire Department" means the Fire Department of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik.
- (d) "Fire Hydrant" means a device primarily used and located for the delivery of water, to the Fire Department, for use in combatting fires.
- (e) "Hydrant Access Path" means the route from the curb of the road, by the most direct means to the hydrant, where direct access by such a route is available and shall include both the front and rear sides of the hydrant.
- (f) "Hydrant Area" means the area surrounding hydrant in all directions to a distance of ten (10) feet.
- (g) "Inspector" means any person who is appointed by the Fire Chief to inspect fire hydrants for the Fire Department of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik.
- (h) "Owner" includes the person for the time being managing or receiving the rent of the land or premises in connection with which the word is used whether on his own account or as agent or trustee of any other person, or who would so receive the rent if such land and premises were let, and shall also include a leasee or occupant of the property who, under the terms of a lease, is required to repair and maintain the property in accordance with the standards for maintenance and occupancy of property.
- (i) "Permanent" means a time greater than 24 hours.
- (j) "Person" includes, not only an individual, but also a partnership and body corporate and any association as well as the Government of Canada and the Government of the N.W.T.
- (k) "Private Fire Hydrant" means hydrant that is privately owned by a person.
- (l) "Public Fire Hydrant" means any hydrant not privately owned by a person.
- (m) "Town" means the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Inuvik.

HYDRANT IDENTIFICATION

3. Every fire hydrant shall be identified when installed upon a utilidor, by the means of bright fluorescent orange paint on all sides and the top.
4. Every fire hydrant when installed upon a utilidor, shall also be identified by a sign located at the edge of the nearest road or at the edges of all roads that provide a hydrant access path. This sign shall conform to annex A of this By-law and shall be a minimum of six feet above ground level at the road.
5. Every fire hydrant not installed upon a utilidor, shall be identified by a means that is approved in writing by the Fire Chief.
6. The normally accepted identification mentioned in Section 4 above shall be a sign capable of being identified from the curb of the nearest road, and shall be of a style as indicated in annex A of this By-law.
7. Every fire hydrant not installed upon a utilidor, may be required by the Fire Chief to have a sign installed on the edge of the nearest road or at the edges of all roads, that provide a hydrant access path. This sign shall conform to annex A of this By-law and shall be of minimum of six feet above ground level at the road.

HYDRANT ACCESS AND VISIBILITY

8. No person shall obstruct nor cause to be obstructed by any permanent means whatsoever the visibility of any fire hydrant from any direction without prior written consent of the Fire Chief.
9. No person shall block or restrict access to, nor cause to be blocked or restrictions of access to any fire hydrant by any permanent means whatsoever without prior written consent of the Fire Chief.
10. The hydrant area around each hydrant is to be kept free and clear at all times. This includes playground, sports and recreational items as well as storage.
11. The hydrant area around each hydrant is to be kept free and clear at all times of animals that are tied, chained or otherwise under control.
12. It is the responsibility of the owner of land on which there is a hydrant access path, or a hydrant located beside or behind that property, to ensure that sufficient brush and other vegetative material is kept from restricting access to that hydrant or hydrant access path.
13. No person shall deface, alter or remove nor cause to be altered, defaced or removed, any sign or posts indicating the location of a fire hydrant.

HYDRANT USE

14. No person shall use, nor cause to be used, any fire hydrant for purposes other than emergency fire fighting, without prior written approval of the Fire Chief.
15. No fire fighter or any other Town employee requires written consent from the Fire Chief to use a fire hydrant for any purpose, if that purpose is required in performing their duties.

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ENFORCEMENT

- 16. The Fire Chief and his inspectors are hereby appointed to enforce the provisions of this By-law.
- 17. The Fire Chief and his inspectors may at all reasonable times enter onto property in order to inspect any fire hydrant and to carry out tests that are deemed necessary.
- 18. Where a person has contravened the provisions of this By-law the Fire Chief or his inspector shall send a notice to that person requiring him to conform to the requirements of this By-law.
- 19. Every person to whom a notice is sent, or who is required to do anything by or pursuant to this By-law, shall obey such notice and do such thing as required by the notice.

PENALTIES

- 20. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence contrary to Section 153 of the Municipal Ordinance of the Northwest Territories and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00 or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- 21. When a person has been convicted of an offence under this By-law any court of competent jurisdiction may in addition to any other penalty imposed on the person convicted, issue an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence or the doing of any act or thing by the person convicted directed towards the continuation of repetition of the offence.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 1979

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 1979

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D. 1979

Cynthia C. Hill
Mayor

[Signature]
Secretary-Treasurer