

# City of Pitt Meadows Beekeeping Bylaw

## Bylaw No. 2590 and amendments thereto

### CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY

This is a consolidation of the bylaws listed below. The amending bylaws have been consolidated with the original bylaws for convenience only.

Certified copies of the original bylaws should be consulted for all interpretations and applications of the bylaws on this subject.

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<u>BYLAW NO.</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>
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2590	May 7, 2013
2646	May 5, 2015

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The bylaw numbers in **bold** at the end of the clause refer to the bylaws that amended the principal bylaw.

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BEEKEEPING BYLAW NO. 2590, 2013.**

A Bylaw of the City of Pitt Meadows to regulate the keeping of bees.

**WHEREAS**, Council has the authority to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the keeping of bees within the City;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Pitt Meadows in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**PART 1 – TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **City of Pitt Meadows Beekeeping Bylaw No. 2590, 2013.**

**PART 2 – INTERPRETATION**

2. In this bylaw:
  - a) Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions set out in the Bee Act shall apply; and
  - b) “nucleus colony” means a colony of not more than five (5) removable frames primarily used for rearing and storing queen bees.

**PART 3 – KEEPING OF BEES**

- 3.1 Every person who owns, possesses or keeps bees and every person on whose property bees are kept shall:
  - a) Maintain the bees in such a condition so as to reasonably prevent undue swarming or aggressive behaviour by bees;
  - b) Ensure that the bees are requeened if they are subject to undue swarming or aggressive behaviour; and
  - c) Provide adequate water to prevent the bees from seeking water from neighbourhood swimming pools, birdbaths, ponds or other bodies of water.
- 3.2. No person shall locate a hive within 7.5 metres of any property line except where the hive is situated either:

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- a) 2.5 metres or more above the adjacent ground level, and not less than 1.5 metres from the property line, or
  - b) Less than 1.8 metres above the adjacent ground level and behind a solid fence or hedge at least 1.8 metres in height running parallel to any property line and extending at least 6.0 metres beyond the hive in both directions.
- 3.3 On non-agriculturally zoned properties, no person shall keep more than:
- (a) two (2) colonies and two (2) nucleus colonies on a parcel of land with an area less than 1,000 square metres (0.1 hectares);
  - (b) four (4) colonies and four (4) nucleus colonies on a parcel of land having an area of 1,000 square metres (0.1 hectares) or greater.  
**(Bylaw No. 2646, 2015)**

**PART 4 – ENFORCEMENT**

- 4.1. This bylaw may be enforced by a bylaw enforcement officer or a police officer.
- 4.2. Every person must not obstruct a bylaw enforcement officer or police officer, engaged in the enforcement of this bylaw.
- 4.3. Any person who:
- (a) violates or fails to comply with any provision of this bylaw;
  - (b) permits, suffers or allows any action or thing to be done in violation of this bylaw; or
  - (c) fails or neglects to do anything required to be done under this bylaw, contravenes this bylaw, and where the contravention is a continuing one, each day that the contravention continues amounts to a separate contravention.
- 4.4. This bylaw may be enforced by the issuance of a bylaw notice under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2439, 2009.

**Effective Date**

- 5.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect as of the date of adoption.

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**Severability**

6.1 If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed to continue as valid.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

ADOPTED the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

*Original signed by:*

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Mayor (Deb Walters)

*Original signed by:*

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Corporate Officer (Kelly Kenney)