DISTRICT OF SECHELT

Firearm and Bow Regulatory Bylaw No. 487, 2010

A bylaw to regulate the discharge of firearms and bows

WHEREAS the *Community Charter* authorizes Council, by bylaw, to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to public safety and the protection of the natural environment;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "District of Sechelt Firearm and Bow Regulatory Bylaw No. 487, 2010".

APPLICATION

2. This bylaw shall apply to both Public and Private Lands.

3. This bylaw shall not apply to First Nations people residing in British Columbia exempted under the *Wildlife Act*.

OFFENSE

4. No person shall hunt with, use, fire or discharge any rifle, shotgun, handgun or spring gun, bow (longbow or crossbow), regardless of the method of operation within the boundaries of the District of Sechelt except as herein provided:

   (1) Any Peace Officer or officer of a Federal, Provincial or Municipal government agency or member of the Armed Forces of Canada lawfully engaged in the execution of their duty.

   (2) Any employee of an armoured car service as defined in the *Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act*.

   (3) Any authorized person engaged in practice or competition shooting upon a designated rifle, pistol or bow range.

   (4) Any person who is the holder of a valid permit and is engaged in the discharge of blank cartridges for the purpose of training dogs.

   (5) Any person carrying on a pest control business or employed by a pest control business engaged in the removal of an animal from a building.

   (6) Any person who is practicing the use of a bow or cross bow on private property with arrows having a practice tip.

PENALTY

5 (1) Any person guilty of an offence under this bylaw will be subject to ticketing under the provisions of the *Municipal Ticketing Information (MTI) Bylaw* of the District of Sechelt.

(2) Each violation of the bylaw or each day the person permits the violation to continue will be a deemed a separate offence under the *Municipal Ticketing Information (MTI) Bylaw.*

(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw commits an offence punishable upon summary conviction pursuant to the Offence Act and is liable to a fine of not more than $10,000.00 or to imprisonment for not more than six months or to both. Each day that an offence continues shall constitute a separate offence.

SEVERENCE

6. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

REPEAL

7. "Village of Sechelt Firearms Regulations By-Law No. 113, 1972" and all amendments thereto is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	21st	DAY OF	July, 2010
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	21st	DAY OF	July, 2010
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	21st	DAY OF	July, 2010
ADOPTED THIS	15th	DAY OF	September, 2010

Mayor

Corporate Officer

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of "District of Sechelt Firearm and Bow Regulatory Bylaw No. 487, 2010".

Corporate Officer