



Rural Municipality of Dufferin By-law No. 2042

Being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin for the safety, protection and well-being of residents by regulating camping, encampments and temporary shelters.

WHEREAS Section 232(1)(a) and (b) of *The Municipal Act* (Manitoba) authorizes a council to pass by-laws respecting the safety, health, protection and well-being of people and respecting activities in, on or near a public place or a place open to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin considers it necessary to regulate and prohibit the creation of encampments, camping, squatting, or the erection of temporary shelters in public spaces and on private property without the consent of the owner;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin enacts as follows:

1. Title

This by-law may be cited as the “Camping and Encampment Control By-law No. 2042”.

2. Definitions

- “By-law Enforcement Officer” means a person appointed or designated under *The Municipal Act* to enforce the by-laws of the RM of Dufferin, including police officers.
- “Camp” or “Camping” means to stay overnight in a tent, vehicle, or any other form of shelter, whether temporary or permanent.
- “Encampment” means two or more temporary shelters, structures, or assemblages of belongings established for the purpose of residing or sleeping.

- **“Public Place”** means any land owned, leased, controlled, or managed by the RM of Dufferin, including parks, trails, parking areas, road allowances, and other lands to which the public has access.
- **“Private Property”** means land that is privately owned, whether vacant or developed.
- **“Temporary Shelter”** means any temporary structure capable of being easily disassembled and providing shelter from the elements, including tents, lean-tos, shacks, or other structures made from tarps, cardboard, wood, plastic, or similar materials, but does not include a vehicle.
- **“Trespass and Eviction Notice”** means a written notice issued by the owner or lawful occupier of Private Property directing person(s) unlawfully occupying or squatting on the property to vacate immediately or within a specified period, and which has been copied to the RCMP or By-law Enforcement Officer.

3. Prohibitions

3.1 No person shall, in any **Public Place**:

- a) Camp or sleep overnight;
- b) Erect, construct, place, or maintain any Temporary Shelter or Encampment;
- c) Store, park, or leave any vehicle, trailer, or chattel for the purpose of habitation;
- d) Squat or take up residence without lawful authority.

3.2 No person shall, on any **Private Property**, without the consent of the owner or lawful occupier:

- a) Camp or sleep overnight;
- b) Erect, construct, place, or maintain any Temporary Shelter or Encampment;
- c) Occupy or squat on such property.

4. Exceptions

This by-law does not apply to:

- a) Activities expressly authorized by the RM through permit, licence, lease, or agreement;
- b) Authorized use of designated campgrounds or recreation areas;
- c) Municipal, provincial, or federal employees or contractors carrying out official duties.

5. Enforcement

5.1 No person shall obstruct or hinder a By-law Enforcement Officer in the performance of their duties.

5.2 A By-law Enforcement Officer, RCMP, or Police may:

- a) Order any person contravening this by-law to vacate the Public Place or Private Property immediately;
- b) Remove or cause to be removed any Temporary Shelter, Encampment, or Chattel erected or maintained in contravention of this by-law;
- c) Take any necessary action to restore compliance, with costs recoverable from the person in breach.

5.3 Where an Encampment, Temporary Shelter, or squatting occurs on Private Property without the consent of the owner or lawful occupier:

- a) The owner or lawful occupier may issue a written Trespass and Eviction Notice to the person(s) occupying the property, directing them to vacate immediately or within a time period stated in the notice (not to exceed 24 hours).
- b) A copy of the notice must be provided to the RCMP or By-law Enforcement Officer at the same time the notice is served.
- c) Service of the notice may be effected by personal delivery to the occupant(s) or by posting a copy in a visible location on or near the encampment.
- d) Failure of the person(s) to comply with the notice constitutes a contravention of this by-law and authorizes the RCMP or By-law Enforcement Officer to remove or cause removal of the person(s) and any Temporary Shelter or Encampment from the property.
- e) Any costs associated with removal or enforcement may be recovered from the person(s) in contravention.

5.4 The RCMP and By-law Enforcement Officer are authorized to enforce compliance with a Trespass and Eviction Notice issued under Section 5.3, including physical removal of person(s), shelters, or chattels in contravention.

6. Penalties

6.1 Any person who contravenes this by-law commits an offence.

6.2 Upon conviction, an individual is liable to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$1,000 for each offence, plus any applicable court costs.

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

6.4 The RM may also recover costs incurred in the enforcement or abatement of the contravention, in accordance with applicable law.

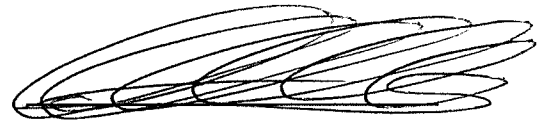
7. Severability

If any section or part of this by-law is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the by-law continues in force.

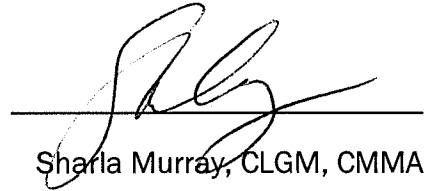
8. Enactment

This by-law shall come into force and effect upon passage.

DONE AND PASSED in open council assembled this 14th day of October, 2025.



Cor Lodder, Reeve



Sharla Murray, CLGM, CMMA

Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 16th day of September, 2025.

Read a second time this 14th day of October, 2025.

Read a third time this 14th day of October, 2025.