



## The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan

### Firearms Bylaw [BL 3700]

#### Bylaw 3077

[Consolidated and printed by authority of the Corporate Officer under s. 139 of the *Community Charter*.

Current to May 28, 2020. Last amended July 18, 2018. Amendments: 3470, 3548, 3700.]

WHEREAS Section 728 of the *Local Government Act* empowers the Council to regulate or prohibit the discharge of firearms and the use of bows;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS as follows:

1. [Repealed: BL 3700]
2. For the purpose of this bylaw, the following words have the following meanings:  
“**bow**” includes a long bow, recurve bow, composite bow, or crossbow;  
“**firearm**” means a device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring, and includes a rifle, shotgun, handgun, air gun, air rifle, air pistol, or spring gun.
3. Subject to Section 5 of this bylaw, no person may discharge a firearm or a bow within The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, except within those areas outlined and hatched in black on the map attached hereto marked Schedule “A” and made part of this bylaw.
4. Despite any provision of this bylaw, no person may discharge a firearm or a bow:
  - (1) within 25 metres of the boundary of a highway;
  - (2) such that a projectile travels across a highway;
  - (3) within 100 metres of any school building, school yard, public park, playground, church, workshop, place of business, dwelling house, farm building, or other place where persons may be assembled or engaged in work of any kind; and
  - (4) on a parcel less than five acres in size.
5. The Bylaw Compliance Officer may issue a permit to discharge a firearm to protect a golf course from damage by waterfowl or deer under the following conditions: [BL 3548]
  - (1) payment of the fee prescribed in the Fees Bylaw; [BL 3470]
  - (2) the permit may be issued for up to 90 days;
  - (3) the permit must name the persons authorized by the owner of the golf course; and
  - (4) the permit may be revoked if it is being used for a purpose other than protecting a golf course from damage by waterfowl or deer.

6. The discharge of a firearm using a single projectile is prohibited within all areas of The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, except for the Chemainus Road & Gun Club rifle range.
7. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who refuses, omits or neglects to fulfill, observe, carry out or perform any duty or obligation imposed by this bylaw, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.
8. [Repealed: BL 3700]

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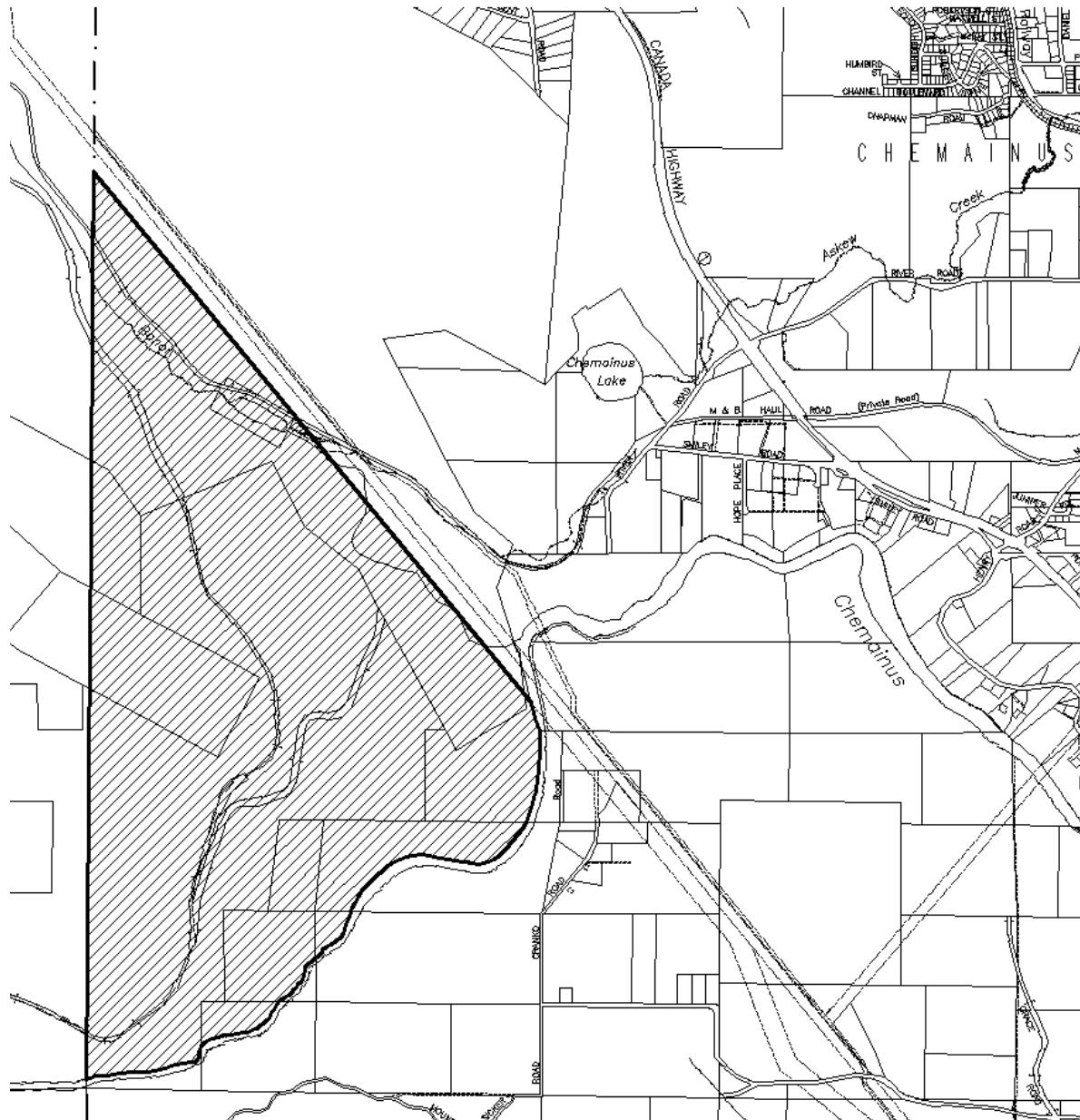
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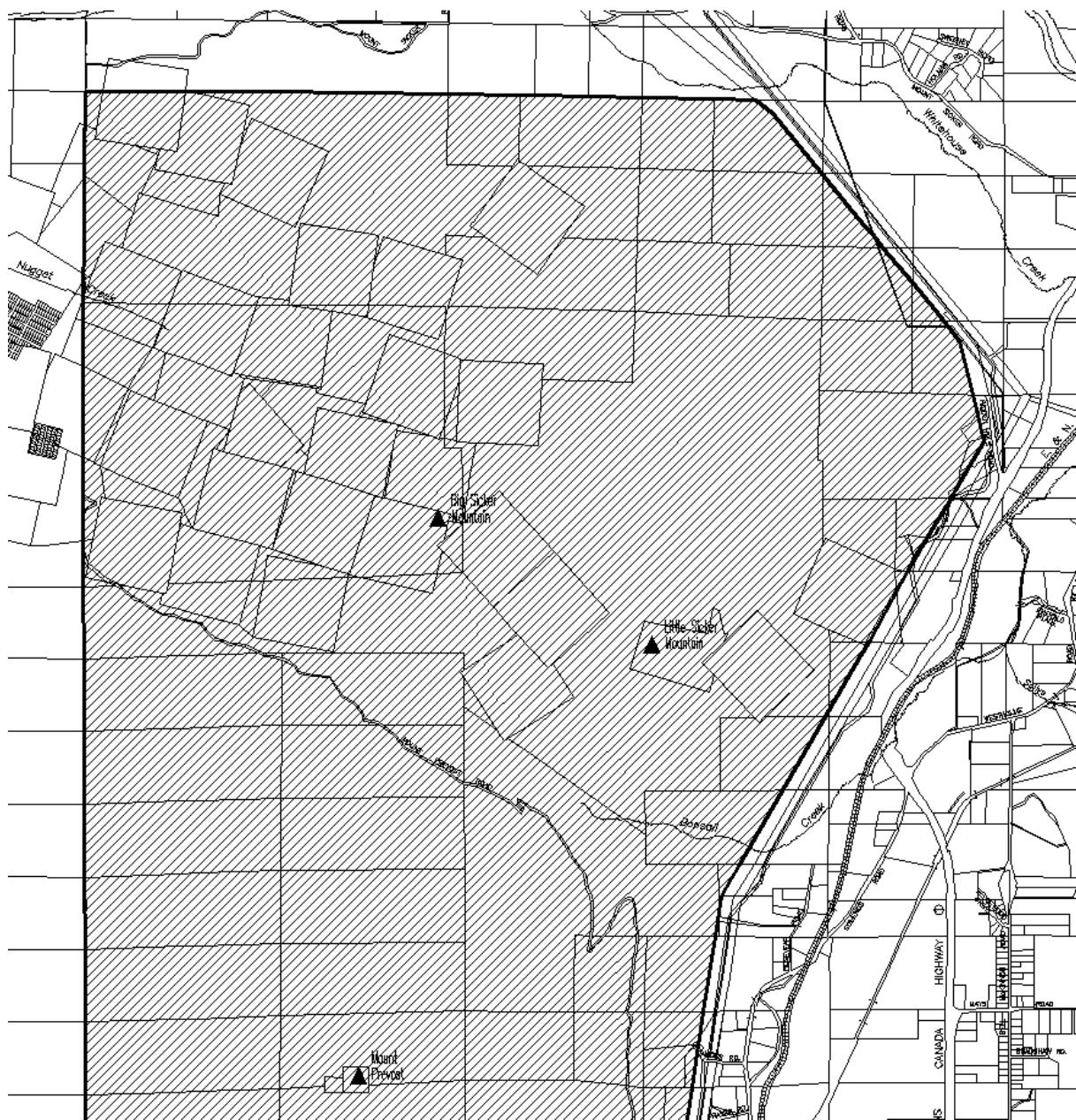
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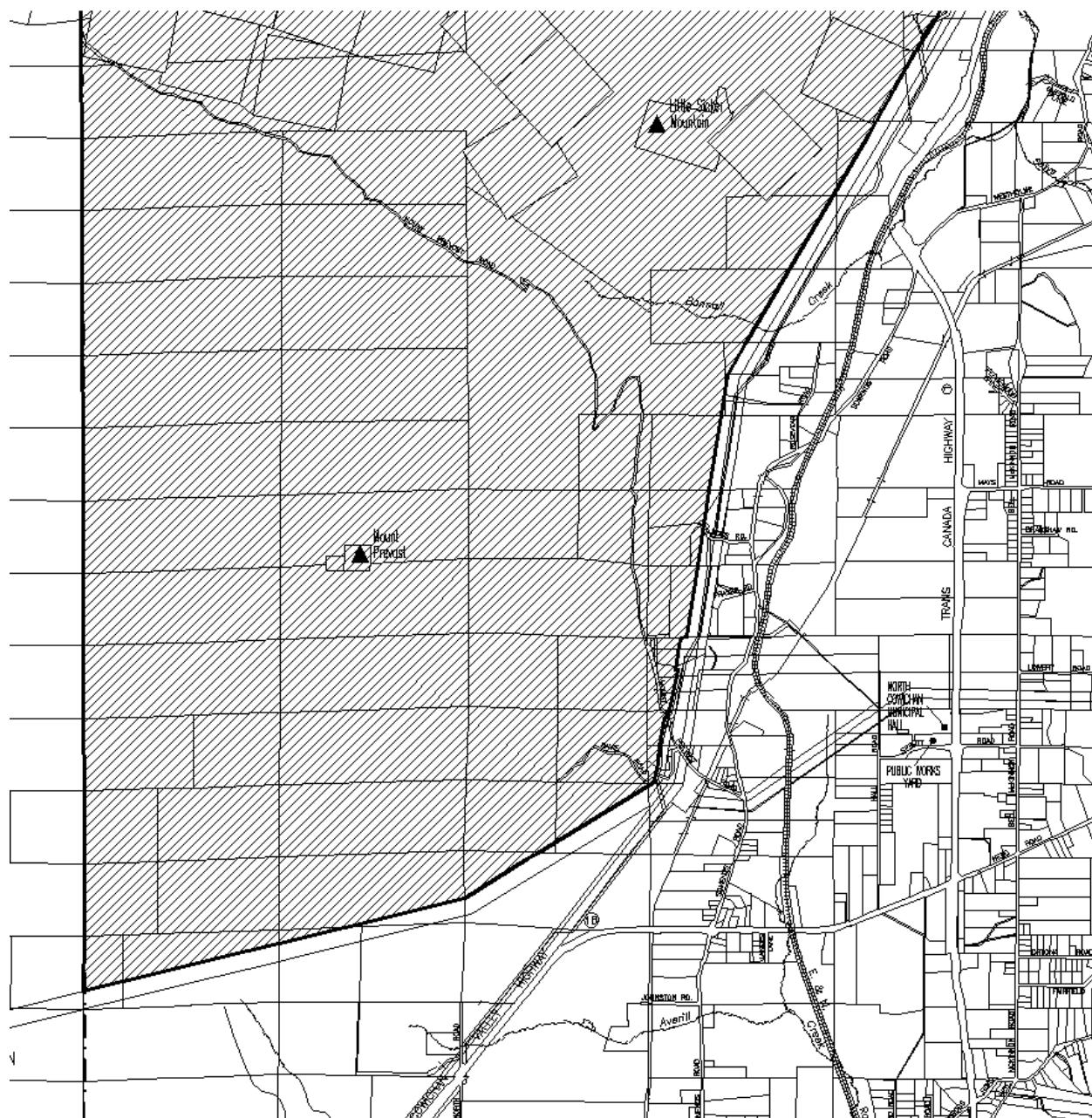
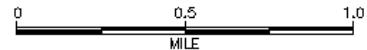
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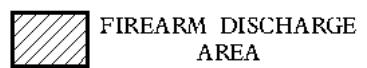
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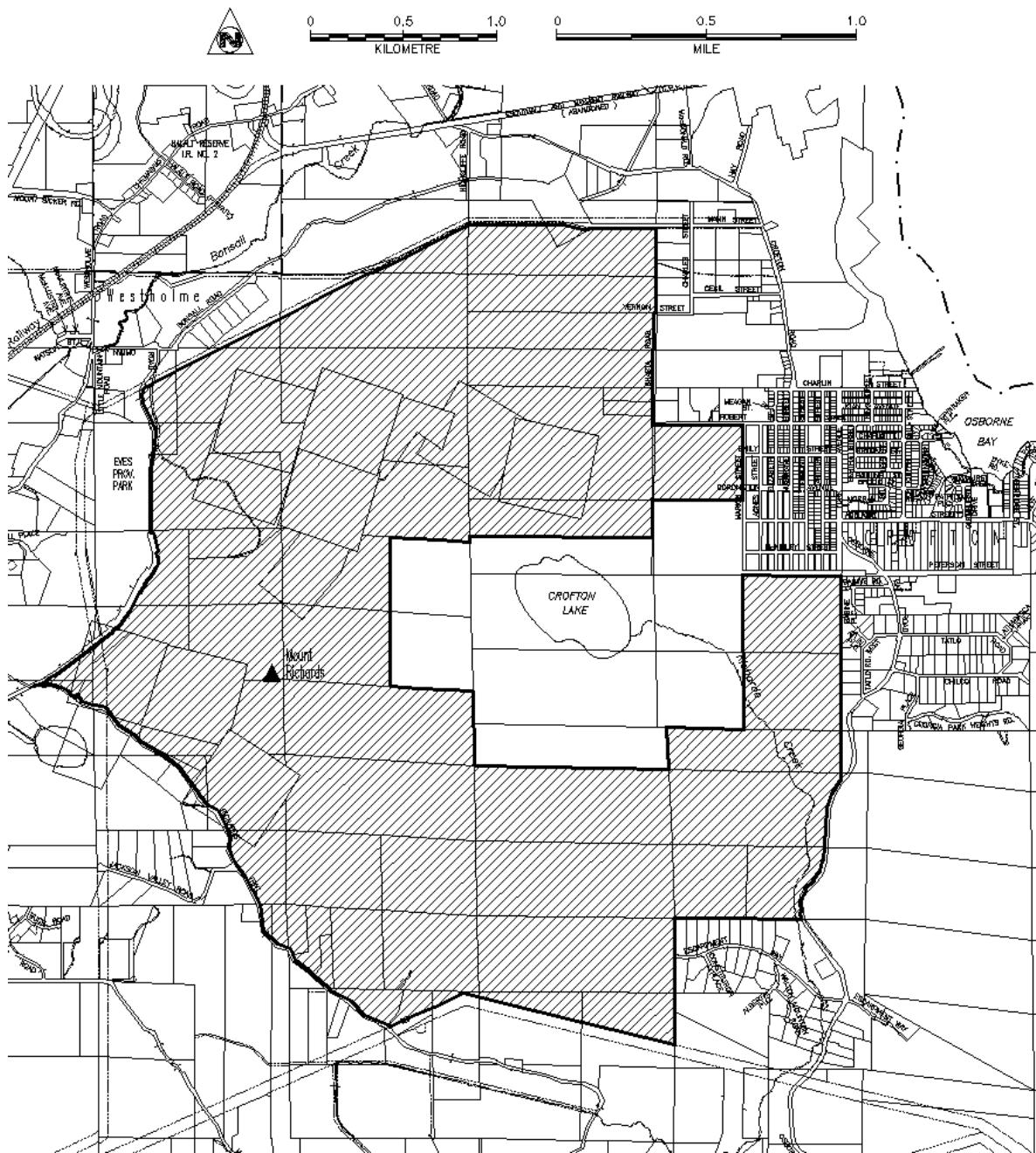


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