

ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS

A Bylaw Officer will do a complete investigation on any complaints received under the Animal Control Bylaw concerning the keeping of bees. Should a permit holder be convicted of more than one violation for the keeping of bees, the permit may be revoked.



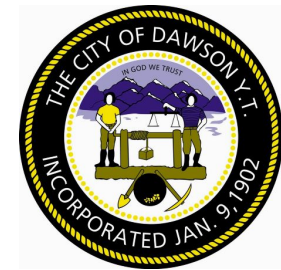
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CITY OF DAWSON BYLAW SERVICES

BEEKEEPING

What You Need
To Know



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HOW DO I GO ABOUT MAKING AN APPLICATION TO KEEP BEES ON MY PROPERTY?

- 1) **Prior** to the keeping of bees on your property, you will need to complete a Beekeeping Application.
- 2) Within 14 days of receipt of an application the Designated Officer shall review it and ensure that it is complete and meets all requirements.
- 3.) Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, the Designated Officer may refuse to approve an application and issue a permit, or may revoke an existing permit for a minimum of eighteen (18) months, if an applicant or a permit holder has:
 - (a) been convicted of cruelty to animals, or
 - (b) outstanding fines for more than one breach of this Bylaw, or
 - (c) equipment and/or Animals impounded, or
 - (d) multiple infractions of this Bylaw within a year.
- 4) The decision of the Designated Officer respecting the application is final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 5) Once the apiary is in place, an officer is required to inspect the apiary .
- 6) Once the apiary passes inspection, the officer will post an inspection certificate on

the apiary, which must be left in place for the permit to remain valid.

WHAT ARE THE REGULATIONS?

A person who keeps one to two beehives shall:

- adhere to good management practices and maintain Bees in a condition that will reasonably prevent swarming and aggressive behavior.
 - provide adequate water for the Bees to prevent Bees from seeking water in neighboring swimming pools, birdbaths, ponds or other community bodies of water.
 - deter other animals and protect the Beehives from disturbance by animals by a suitable method of prevention, including but not limited to adequate fencing or hedging or motion-censored high pitched deterrent devices;
- Beekeeping is not allowed in the C1 zone as defined in the City's Zoning Bylaw and any successor legislation.
 - A person who suspects disease in an Apiary must immediately report the suspicion, along with the person's reasons, to Yukon Government's Agriculture Branch.
 - If an Apiary has a disease that the Agriculture Branch determines is sufficiently severe, the Apiary must be destroyed.
 - A person must not keep Bees in a hive or structure that does not have movable frames containing combs.

- A person must not possess Beehive Equipment that does not have movable frames for combs.
- An Officer has the power to demand information on Apiaries within the municipal limits, the power to enter and inspect Property, which shall include a Beehive, and the power to seize, impound, and destroy Bees and Beekeeping Equipment.

MINIMIZING CONFLICT WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

Beehives shall be:

- Situated 2.5 meters or more above ground level and not be less than 1.5 meters from the Property line; or
- Situated behind a solid fence or a natural barrier (such as shrubbery of a hedge) that is 1.8 meters in height running parallel to the Property line; or
- Be located a minimum of 7.5 meters away from the neighbouring property line;
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and in all cases the Beehive entrance will be directed away from the neighbouring property.

