

TOWN OF BIGGAR

BYLAW NO. 14-750

A BYLAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND ENSURING THE SAFE OPERATION OF PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS/HOT TUBS

The Council of the Town of Biggar in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as the “The Swimming Pool Bylaw”.
2. In this bylaw:
 - (a) “Chief Administrative Officer” shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality;
 - (b) “Council” shall mean the council of the municipality;
 - (c) “private swimming pool” means an artificially created basin, lined with concrete, fiberglass, vinyl or similar material, intended to contain water for the use of persons swimming, diving, wading or other similar activity, which is at least 600 millimeters (36 inches) in depth and includes pools situated on top of the ground and hot tubs.
 - (d) “owner” means a person or his authorized agent, and includes a lessee or Tenant in possession of property on which a private swimming pool is located.
 - (e) “enclosure” means any structure or combination of structures which completely and continuously surround a private swimming pool on all sides.
 - (f) “swimming pool area” means the area within an enclosure and shall, as a minimum, include the access walkway.
3. That Section 68 of Part 1 of the Canadian Electrical Code (Eleventh Edition) shall apply to and be in full force in respect of all private swimming pools in operation in the Town of Biggar.
4.
 - (a) The owner of every private swimming pool shall, in accordance with the Provisions of the bylaw, erect and maintain an enclosure of not less than six (6) feet in height, said enclosure shall present an exterior surface such as to make it non-climbable, and all doors, and/or gates to give access to the pool shall be locked at all times when the pool is not in use or under the supervision of a responsible person over the age of sixteen years.
 - (b) Spacings in any enclosure shall not exceed four (4) inches.
 - (c) Every pool shall provide an access walkway around the pool having a minimum width of three (3) feet. Provided, however, that for surface pools that have an elevated access walkway, the minimum width of such walkway shall be two and one-half (2 ½) feet.
 - (d) The enclosure must be built prior to the swimming pool being filled with water.
 - (e) The enclosure must be properly maintained to comply with this Bylaw at all times.
5. Every private swimming pool shall be equipped with following safety devices which shall be readily accessible in the event of an emergency:
 - (a) a reaching pole of sufficient length to reach mid-pool

- (b) a first aid kit
 - (c) buoys and rope
 - (d) water filters, pumping equipment or purification systems as may be required by the Medical Health Officer of the Department of Public Health.
6. (a) That the drainage of all water from any private swimming pool shall be pumped out at a controlled rate into a storm sewer, where same is available; or into a domestic sewer where the storm sewer is not available.
- (b) That under no circumstances shall water be drained or discharged from a Private swimming pool onto or across private or public property unless within a system of pipes.
7. (a) A person must obtain a building permit from the Town prior to the Construction, erection or demolition of a private swimming pool.
- (b) In order to obtain a building permit, a person must file with the Town a site plan and pool specifications.
- (c) That a fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars shall be paid to the Town Office upon issue of said permit.
8. In the case of a private swimming pool which is a hot tub the requirements of Section 3 and 4 of this Bylaw do not apply if all the following provisions are complied with:
- (a) the hot tub does not exceed 2.4 meters across the widest portion of the water surface;
 - (b) the hot tub has a cover with the strength to support the weight of an adult walking across the top;
 - (c) the hot tub has a lockable device to prevent access to the water by Unauthorized persons; and
 - (d) the cover is maintained in place and locked at all times when the hot tub is unsupervised.
9. Any person found guilty of an infraction of any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be liable to the penalties provided in the general penalty bylaw of the Town of Biggar.
10. Bylaw No. 85-435 passed August 7, 1985 is hereby repealed.
11. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect from, and after the date of the final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 17th day of June, 2014.

READ a second time this 8th day of July, 2014.

READ a third time and adopted this 8th day of July, 2014.

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer