

Town of Carberry
BYLAW NO. 07/2025

BEING A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs) BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS the Town of Carberry recognizes the benefits of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), commonly known as drones, in enhancing the operational effectiveness of the Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Carberry wishes to establish regulations governing the use of UAVs to ensure safety, privacy, and compliance with applicable laws;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Carberry, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as the "Fire Department UAV Use Bylaw."

2. DEFINITIONS

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

- "UAV" means an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, commonly referred to as a drone.
- "Fire Department" means the Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire Department.
- "Chief" means the Fire Chief of the Fire Department or their designate.
- "Flight Operations" means any deployment of a UAV for fire, emergency response, training, or operational purposes.
- "Restricted Airspace" means any area where UAV operation is regulated or prohibited by law.
- "Transport Canada" means the division of the Government of Canada that regulates the use of drones.

3. AUTHORIZED USE OF UAVs

UAVs may be used by the Fire Department for the following purposes:

- Fire suppression and situational awareness;
- Search and rescue operations;
- Hazardous material assessment;
- Damage assessment after natural disasters;
- Training and operational planning;
- Any other emergency response activity as determined by the Chief. (b) UAVs shall not be used for surveillance or law enforcement purposes unless authorized by applicable legislation.

4. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) The Fire Department shall ensure all UAV operations comply with applicable federal and provincial regulations, including Transport Canada regulations.

(b) Only trained and certified personnel authorized by the Chief shall operate a UAV.

(c) UAVs shall not be flown over private property without the owner's consent unless responding to an emergency.

(d) UAVs shall not interfere with manned aircraft operations or enter restricted airspace without proper authorization.

(e) All flight operations shall be documented, including date, time, purpose, location, and operator details.

5. PRIVACY AND DATA MANAGEMENT

(a) The Fire Department shall take reasonable measures to protect individual privacy during UAV operations.

(b) UAV footage shall only be used for operational purposes and retained in accordance with municipal and provincial record-keeping policies.

(c) Data collected shall not be shared with third parties unless required by law or approved by the Chief.

6. LIABILITY AND SAFETY

(a) The Fire Department shall ensure that UAVs are maintained in good working condition and operated in a safe manner.

(b) The Municipality shall not be liable for any damages caused by the operation of UAVs in compliance with this bylaw.

7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

(a) Any unauthorized use of UAVs by Fire Department personnel may result in disciplinary action.

(b) Violations of this bylaw may be subject to fines as determined by municipal policies.

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon its passing.

(b) The Fire Chief is authorized to establish additional guidelines and procedures for UAV operations consistent with this bylaw.

DONE AND PASSED in Council duly assembled at Carberry in the Province of Manitoba this 8th day of April 2025.

Mayor

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Read a first time this 13th day of March 2025
Read a second time this 8th day of April 2025
Read a third time this 8th day of April 2025