

# Town proposing changes to Halton Hills firearms bylaw

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The Town of Halton Hills is proposing changes to the boundaries where it is considered safe to discharge a firearm in town.

The changes, which town staff is calling "minor", will be presented at the Community Affairs Committee meeting on Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and any residents interested in providing input are welcome to attend.

Those wishing to speak on the matter at the committee meeting must register as a delegation by filling out the Council/Committee delegation form found at [haltonhills.ca/forms/delegation.php](http://haltonhills.ca/forms/delegation.php) by 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 17.

"The draft bylaw proposes some minor changes that will update the prohibited

and restricted boundaries for discharging a firearm and improve public safety," wrote the town in a release.

While some of the provisions will remain the same, the bylaw states: "no person shall discharge, cause to be discharged or allow to be discharged firearms in a regulated area within the Town of Halton Hills."

In addition to common restricted areas, the draft bylaw prohibits discharging firearms within 150 metres of a building or structure, whether occupied or not; Within 300 metres of a school or park; Within 30 metres of a highway, private road or recreational trail; On privately owned land without first obtaining the express written permission of the occupier; Or on any lands other than privately owned lands unless otherwise posted.

The new bylaw would al-

low for the use of blanks in certain situations.

"A person firing blank ammunition which does not discharge a projectile, for or in connection with its lawful use, in any of the following activities: a motion picture, television or stage production, historical reenactment or display, starting or controlling a sporting event or in connection with special honour guard tribute by the Royal Canadian Legion or similar community-based event, provided that the person has obtained Town approval and/or any permits as required," reads the draft bylaw.

Paint ball operators would also be exempt after filing for proper licensing.

Contact supervisor of enforcement services, Marina Booton, at 905-873-2601 ext. 2366, or by email at [marinab@haltonhills.ca](mailto:marinab@haltonhills.ca).

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