

Chapter 60
Deer Feeding By-Law



1.0 This By-Law shall be known as the “Deer Feeding By-Law”.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 *Attractant* – means any substance which could be reasonably expected to attract deer.

2.2 *Council* – means the Council of the Municipality.

2.3 *Deer* – means White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

2.4 *Food* – means a substance composed of grains, minerals (including salt and salt blocks), fruits, vegetable, hay or other food materials that may attract deer.

2.5 *Municipality* – means the Municipality of the County of Colchester.

2.6 *Private Property* – shall include all property other than public property.

2.7 *Public Property* – shall include any property owned by the Municipality.

3.0 General Provisions

3.1 No person shall intentionally feed deer.

3.2 No person shall leave Food or Attractant in any form out-of-doors for the purpose of attracting deer on private or public property.

4.0 Exemptions

The prohibition under s. 3 does not apply to:

4.1 Planting and/or maintaining any crop, vegetable or fruit bearing plant for personal consumption or sale.

4.2 A person who has a permit for farming deer.

4.3 Feeding birds provided the bird food is placed in a bird feeding device.


4.4 Placement of Food or Attractants for the purpose of a lawful hunt of deer.

5.0 Any person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Chapter 60 – Deer Feeding By-law was duly approved at a duly called meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Colchester, duly convened and held on the 25th day of September, 2025.

GIVEN under the hand of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of said Municipality on this 9th day of October, 2025

Dan Troke
Municipal Clerk



Notice of Approval
Chapter 60 – Deer Feeding By-law

TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, September 25, 2025, Council of the Municipality of the County of Colchester approved, by way of Second Reading, Chapter 60 - Deer Feeding By-law.

The Deer Feeding By-law is intended to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and protect both deer and the community by discouraging unnatural feeding that can lead to overpopulation, property damage, and safety risks.

The By-law may be obtained from the Administration Office, 1 Church Street, Truro, or is available on the County website at www.colchester.ca/administration/by-laws.

Dated October 9, 2025
Dan Troke
Chief Administrative Officer

I, Dan Troke, Municipal Clerk of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, do hereby certify that the adjacent Notice of Approval is a true copy of the Notice of Approval of Chapter 60, Deer Feeding By-law, duly advertised in the Thursday, October 9, 2025, issue of the Truro News.

Given under the hand of the Municipal Clerk and under the corporate seal of said Municipality this 9th day of October, 2025.

Dan Troke
Municipal Clerk

First Reading: August 28, 2025
Notice of Intent: September 10, 2025 (Municipal website)
Second Reading: September 25, 2025
Notice of Approval: October 9, 2025 (Truro News)



Deer Feeding Complaint Form

Date: _____

Name and/or Address of Offender: _____

Details/Description of Offence (include as much information as possible – dates/details/photos, etc):

Complaint filed by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

