

**BYLAW NO. 1582**

**TOWN OF WHITECOURT  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE  
PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF FIRES, AND AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF  
RELATED FEES, EXPENSES, AND CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Statutes of Alberta, and amendments thereto, a municipality may pass a bylaw respecting the safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, a municipality may pass a bylaw to regulate, prohibit and impose a system of licences, permits or approvals and may collect, pursuant to a bylaw, costs and expenses incurred by the municipality for fire services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Whitecourt wishes to establish fire service within the Town and provide for the efficient operation of such service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Whitecourt wishes to provide Fire Inspections, Fire Investigations and Enforcement of the National Fire Code - 2023 Alberta Edition as an accredited municipality under the Safety Codes Act of Alberta 2000, being Chapter S-1 of the Statutes of Alberta; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Whitecourt wishes to provide for the prevention, regulation, and control of fires within the Town;

**NOW THEREFORE**, Council of the Town of Whitecourt, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**PART 1 – PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This Bylaw shall be called the "Fire Services Bylaw".

**PART 2 – DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 "Acceptable Fire Pit" means an outdoor receptacle on a Person's property that meets the following specifications:
- The opening shall not exceed 1 metre in diameter.
  - A minimum of 3 metres clearance from any property line.
  - A minimum clearance measured from the nearest inside edge of the receptacle to any structure, trees, shrubs, or other combustible material as follows:
    - 2.5 metres for fire pits up to 0.7 metres in diameter,
    - 3 metres for fire pits up to 1 metre in diameter.
  - Must not be located underneath any trees, branches, power/utility lines, or other combustible materials.
  - Must be located at least 1 metre clear from any underground utilities.

The receptacle shall:

- be located on a non-combustible base and surrounded by non-combustible material equal to the height of the pit.
- have non-combustible sides with a minimum height of 30 centimetres above ground level.
- have a spark arrestor mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 centimetres that is constructed of metal (or equivalent material) that is placed over the

receptacle in a manner sufficient to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks.

- 2.2 "Acceptable Fireplace" means an outdoor receptacle on a Person's property that meets the following specifications:
- a minimum of 1 metre clearance is maintained from any building, property line, or other combustible material when measured from the nearest fireplace edge;
  - the fireplace is constructed of materials such as bricks or rocks that are heat and flame resistant;
  - the fireplace is equipped with a chimney that is not less than 2.5 metres in height when measured from the base of the burning area;
  - the fireplace chimney is equipped with a mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 centimetres designed to contain and reduce the hazards of airborne sparks
  - the base of the fire burning area is not less than 30 centimetres above the surrounding grade; and
  - the fire chamber does not exceed 1.25 metres in width and is at least 40 centimetres, but not more than 60 centimetres in depth.
- 2.3 "Apparatus" means any machinery, vehicle, or Equipment operated by or for the Fire Department whether that vehicle operates on land, in the air, or on water.
- 2.4 "Barbeque (BBQ)" means any appliance that burns propane, natural gas, or wood pellets that is designed and certified for the intended use of cooking or obtaining warmth.
- 2.5 "Burning Hazard" has the same meaning as in the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, RSA 2000 CF-19.
- 2.6 "Chief Administrative Officer" (CAO) means the administrative head for the Town of Whitecourt or the person designated by the CAO to perform their duties set out in this Bylaw.
- 2.7 "Council" means the Council of the Town of Whitecourt elected pursuant to the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000 cL-21, as amended.
- 2.8 "Dangerous Goods" has the same meaning as in the *Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act*, RSA 2000, c 0-4.
- 2.9 "Equipment" means any tools, devices, materials, or supplies used by or for by the Fire Department to respond to an incident.
- 2.10 "Fire Ban" means an order issued by the Minister responsible for the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, RSA 2000 cF-19, or an order issued pursuant to this Bylaw, for the purpose of cancelling all Fire Permits, prohibiting the lighting of, and requiring the extinguishment of all fires within the Town.
- 2.11 "Fire Chief" means the person employed by the Town as the Fire Chief, or their designate.
- 2.12 "Fire Restriction" means an order issued by the Minister responsible for the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*, RSA 2000 cF-19, or an order issued pursuant to this Bylaw, for the purpose of cancelling that all active Fire Permits for Fireworks, Special Events, and Open Burning, and no Fire Permits will be issued until the Fire Restriction is removed.
- 2.13 "Fire Department" means the Whitecourt Fire Department as established by the Town of Whitecourt pursuant to the provisions of this bylaw consisting of, but not limited to, all persons appointed or recruited to various positions, all Equipment, Apparatus, materials and supplies used in the operation, maintenance and administration of the Fire Department, including Fire Department Facilities.



- 2.14 "Fire Hazard" has the same meaning as in the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*. RSA 2000 Cf-19.
- 2.15 "Fireworks" means any pyrotechnic device pursuant to the Explosives Act (RSC., 1985, c. E-17) and the Explosives Regulations, 2013 (SOR/2013-211), including, but not limited to consumer fireworks, display fireworks, firecracker or special effect pyrotechnics.
- 2.16 "Incident" includes a fire, medical, vehicular, or other emergency situation presenting danger or possible danger to life, property, or the environment, and to which the Fire Department has responded.
- 2.17 "Member" means any individual who is appointed as a member of the Fire Department.
- 2.18 "Member in Charge" means the Fire Chief, or in the absence of the Fire Chief, the Fire Department member designated as Duty Officer or Incident Commander.
- 2.19 "Municipal Tag" means a tag or similar document issued by the Town pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, cM-26, as amended, for the purposes of notifying a Person that an offence has been committed for which a prosecution may follow.
- 2.20 "Occupant" means the Person that is in possession, control or occupation of Property including, but not limited to, the holder(s) of an easement or right-of way.
- 2.21 "Order" means a written order pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, cM-26, as amended, to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw.
- 2.22 "Owner" means any Person listed on title as the registered owner of Property at the Land Titles Office.
- 2.23 "Peace Officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), a Peace Officer appointed under the Peace Officer Act, RSA 2006, cP-3.5, as amended, a bylaw enforcement officer appointed under the Municipal Government Act RSA 2000, cM-26, as amended, or any other person who is, in the execution of their duties, responsible for the preservation and maintenance of the public peace.
- 2.24 "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or society.
- 2.25 "Prohibited Debris" means any material that when burned will result in the release of dense smoke or toxic air contaminants to the atmosphere as outlined in any legislation or bylaw written to protect and enhance the environment and includes but is not limited to materials described as:
- a. animal manure;
  - b. animal carcasses
  - b. chemicals or chemical containers;
  - c. combustible material in automobiles;
  - d. household refuse;
  - e. non-wooden materials;
  - f. paints and painting materials;
  - g. pathological waste;
  - h. rubber or plastic, or anything containing or coated with rubber or plastic or similar substances;
  - i. tires;
  - j. toxic substances;
  - k. used oil; or
  - l. wood or wood products containing substances for the purpose of preserving wood.
- 2.26 "Property" means any real or personal property.

- 2.27 "Recreational Fire" means a fire confined within an Acceptable Fire Pit, Acceptable Fireplace, or non-combustible container provided by the Town within a designated public park or recreational area which is lit for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth, or viewing for pleasure. Approval by the Town is required.
- 2.28 "Special Event" means any ceremony, performance, dance, show, event or other exceptional circumstances.
- 2.29 "Town" means the municipal corporation of the Town of Whitecourt in the Province of Alberta, or where the context so requires, the area contained within the boundaries of the Town of Whitecourt.
- 2.30 "Violation Ticket" means a ticket issued pursuant to Part II or Part III of the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, RSA 2000, cP-34, as amended.

### **PART 3 – ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE WHITECOURT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- 3.1 The Whitecourt Fire Department is hereby established for the purpose of:
- a. Preventing and extinguishing fires;
  - b. Investigating the cause of fires as an Accredited Municipality under the Safety Codes Act in accordance with the quality management plan approved by Council and the Safety Codes Council;
  - c. Preserving life, Property, and the environment, and protecting Persons and Property from injury or destruction by fire;
  - d. Providing rescue services and medical emergency co-response;
  - e. Carrying out fire inspections as an Accredited Municipality under the Safety Codes Act in accordance with the quality management plan approved by Council and the Safety Codes Council;
  - f. Enforcing provisions of the *National Fire Code – 2023 Alberta Edition as an Accredited Municipality under the Safety Codes Act*;
  - g. Fulfilling the requirements of any mutual aid agreements with other municipalities, corporations, or other entities;
  - h. Assisting with emergency management;
  - i. Providing fire public education and information regarding emergency preparedness and community safety;
  - j. Controlling and mitigating incidents involving Dangerous Goods;
  - k. Establishing guidelines and recommendations for wildfire risk reduction, suppression, and FireSmart initiatives; and
  - l. Providing public fire prevention and emergency response pre-planning.

### **PART 4 – AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

- 4.1 The CAO shall ensure that a Town employee is designated as Fire Chief and assumes the authority and responsibility under this Bylaw.
- 4.2 The Fire Chief shall be responsible for managing the overall delivery of the Fire Department, subject to:
- a. Provincial legislation and regulations;
  - b. This Bylaw;
  - c. All applicable Town policies;
  - d. The direction of the CAO; and
  - e. Any agreements the Town has with other municipalities or other entities.
- 4.3 The Fire Chief is authorized to delegate, and to authorize further delegations, of any powers, duties and functions delegated to the Fire Chief by Council under this Bylaw.



## **PART 5 – AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS**

- 5.1 Members are responsible to the Fire Chief for the performance of their duties pursuant to this Bylaw and applicable Town policies.

## **PART 6 – AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER IN CHARGE**

- 6.1 The Member in Charge at an Incident shall have control, direction and management of all Apparatus, Equipment, and resources assigned to that Incident until relieved by another Member authorized to take over.
- 6.2 The Member in Charge shall take action as deemed necessary for preserving life and Property and protection to Persons and Property from injury or destruction by fire or other emergency and is authorized to:
- a. Enter, pass through or over buildings, structures or Property whether adjacent or in proximity to an Incident and to cause staff or Apparatus to enter or pass through or over the building, structure or Property without permission.
  - b. Establish boundaries or limits and keep Persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter by the Member in Charge;
  - c. Request a Peace Officer to enforce restrictions on Persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in Part 6 (b);
  - d. Cause a building, structure or object to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed;
  - e. Secure resources and Equipment which they consider necessary to manage an Incident.
  - f. Secure and/or commandeer privately owned Equipment which they consider to deal with an Incident and authorize payment for use of the Equipment.
  - g. Require any adult Person who is not a Member, to assist in:
    - i. Extinguishing a fire or preventing the spread thereof;
    - ii. Removing furniture, goods and merchandise from any building or structure on fire or in danger thereof and in guarding and securing same and
    - iii. Demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other Incident.

## **PART 7 – PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED FIRES**

- 7.1 No Person or Occupant or Owner of a property shall burn or allow to be burned any Prohibited Debris.
- 7.2 No Person or Occupant or Owner of a property shall allow a fire to create dense smoke or offensive odours that creates a risk to public safety.
- 7.3 No Person or Occupant or Owner of a property shall light or cause to be lit a fire or allow any fire on land unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting Fire Permit.
- 7.4 Notwithstanding Part 7.3 of this Bylaw, Fire Permits are not required under this Bylaw for:
- a. a Recreational Fire approved by the Town
  - b. a Barbeque (BBQ) when used on the property of the Person or in a public area approved by the Town.
- 7.5 This Bylaw does not apply to an outdoor fire lit by the Fire Department for training or preventative control purposes.

## **PART 8 – FIRE PERMITS**

- 8.1 The following types of Fire Permits will be issued:
- Fire Pit: for fires in an Acceptable Fire Pit or Acceptable Fireplace
  - Campground: for fires in an Acceptable Fire Pits or Acceptable Fireplace within a designated Campground.
  - Fireworks: for the discharge of any Fireworks
  - Special Event: for any burning or use of fire for a Special Event
  - Open Burn: for any other open fires or burning
- 8.2 Any person wishing to obtain a Fire Permit must submit an application on a form adopted by the Town, for the corresponding permit type.
- 8.3 An administrative fee as outlined in the Town of Whitecourt Fees, Rates, and Charges Bylaw shall be charged for application of a Fire Permit.
- 8.4 Upon receipt of an application for a Fire Permit, the Fire Chief or designate may, at their sole and absolute discretion, issue a Fire Permit upon such terms and conditions as the Fire Chief or designate deems appropriate, or refuse to issue a Fire Permit.
- 8.5 A Fire Permit shall only be valid for the time period, terms, and conditions expressly indicated on the Permit, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designate issuing the Permit, having regard for the nature and purpose of the fire and prevailing circumstances and environmental conditions.
- 8.6 The Fire Chief or designate may amend, terminate, suspend, or cancel a Fire Permit at any time.
- 8.7 Upon receiving notification of termination, suspension, or cancellation of the Fire Permit, the Fire Permit holder shall immediately extinguish any fire or cease the activity set pursuant to the Fire Permit.
- 8.8 A Fire Permit is only valid for the Person named on the Permit and is not transferable.
- 8.9 Every Person who sets a fire under authority of a Fire Permit shall:
- Comply with all terms or conditions of the Fire Permit;
  - Have the permission of the Owner of the Property.
  - Keep the permit at the site of the fire;
  - Produce and show the Permit to a Fire Chief, a Member, or a Peace Officer upon request;
  - Have a responsible Person in attendance at the fire at all times;
  - Keep the fire under control;
  - Not allow smoke or sparks to drift or otherwise create a nuisance or hazard to neighbouring Property, Persons or roadways;
  - Extinguish the fire before expiration of the Permit or upon cancellation of the Permit; and
  - Be responsible for costs of any action whatsoever in response to an Incident related to such fire.

## **PART 9 – FIRE RESTRICTION**

- 9.1 The Fire Chief may, from time to time, prohibit the issuance of any new Fire Permits and suspend all active Fire Permits when, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, the prevailing environmental conditions give rise to an increased risk of a fire running out of control.
- 9.2 A Fire Restriction imposed pursuant to Part 9 of this Bylaw shall remain in force until either the date provided in the notice of the Fire Restriction or until such time as the Fire Chief provides notice to the public that the Fire Restriction is no longer in effect.



- 9.3 Notice of a Fire Restriction shall be provided to the public. Notice may be in the form of signage, the Town's website, through social media, or other means which the Fire Chief determines is appropriate for the purpose of informing the public of the Fire Restriction.
- 9.4 When a Fire Restriction is in place, all active Fire Permits for Fireworks, Special Events, and Open Burning are suspended, and no Fire Permits will be issued until the Fire Restriction is removed.

#### **PART 10 – FIRE BAN**

- 10.1 The Fire Chief may prohibit all fires in the Town when, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, the prevailing environmental conditions give rise to an increased risk of fire running out of control.
- 10.2 A Fire Ban imposed pursuant to Part 10 of this Bylaw shall remain in effect until either the date provided in the notice of the Fire Ban or until such time as the Town provides notice to the public that the Fire Ban is no longer in effect.
- 10.3 Notice of a Fire Ban shall be provided to the public. Notice may be in the form of signage, the Town's website, through social media, or other means which the Fire Chief determines is appropriate for the purpose of informing the public of the Fire Ban.
- 10.4 No person shall ignite any fire whether or not the Person is the holder of a Fire Permit, and shall immediately extinguish any fire lit.
- 10.5 During a Fire Ban a Person may, subject to the requirements of this Bylaw, and unless the notice of the Fire Ban provides otherwise, use a Barbeque (BBQ) on the property of the Person.

#### **PART 11 – FIREWORKS**

- 11.1 No person shall use, discharge, fire or set off or cause to be discharged, fired or set off any Fireworks unless the Person is a holder of a Fire Permit that authorizes the use of Fireworks within Town.

#### **PART 12 – INCIDENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- 12.1 The Owner or Occupant of any Property damaged by fire must immediately report the particulars of the fire to the Fire Chief.
- 12.2 The Owner or Occupant of any Property containing Dangerous Goods, which sustains an accidental or unplanned release of the Dangerous Goods, must immediately report the particulars of the release to applicable government organization(s) as required by legislation or regulation, as well as to the Fire Chief.

#### **PART 13 – RECOVERY OF COSTS**

- 13.1 The Town may establish and levy fees and charges for services in accordance with the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.
- 13.2 Where the Fire Department has taken any action whatsoever in response to an Incident, they shall charge the fees set out in the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw to the Person responsible for the Incident, the Owner or occupier of the land where the Incident occurred, and/or the insurance provider.
- 13.3 In respect of the fees or charges required to be paid under this Bylaw:

- a. The Town may, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, cM-26, add outstanding amounts for unpaid expenses and costs to a Property Tax Roll, if the contravention of the Bylaw occurred on all or part of the Owner's property.

#### **PART 14 – INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

- 14.1 The Fire Chief or designate is authorized to carry out inspections of land and structures, issue orders, remedy conditions and contraventions, and enforce this Bylaw in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 cM-26, and the Safety Codes Act.
- 14.2 A Person shall not provide false or misleading information to any Member, or Peace Officer.
- 14.3 A Person shall not:
  - a. Impede, interfere with, or attempt to obstruct a Member or Peace Officer, or other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or the Member in Charge.
  - b. Drive a vehicle over any Equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or Member in Charge;
  - c. Falsely represent themselves as a Member;
  - d. Obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any fire alarm, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated for firefighting purposes or any connections provided to a fire main, pipe, stand pipe, sprinkler system, cistern or other body of water designated for firefighting purposes.
  - e. Enter into the vicinity of an Incident unless permitted by the Fire Chief or Member in Charge.
- 14.4 The Fire Chief, or designate, or a Peace Officer, is hereby authorized to enforce this Bylaw to the extent of their authority.
- 14.5 Orders to remedy contraventions:
  - a. If the Fire Chief or Peace Officer finds that a person is contravening this Bylaw, the Fire Chief or Peace Officer may write an Order in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, cM-26, to require any person responsible for the contravention to remedy it.
  - b. The Order may:
    - i. direct a person to stop doing something, or to change the way in which they are doing it;
    - ii. direct a person to take any action necessary to remedy the contravention of this bylaw to prevent reoccurrence of the contravention;
    - iii. state a specified time to comply; and,
    - iv. state that if the person does not comply within a specified time, the Town shall take necessary action, at the expense of the person.
  - c. The expenses and costs resulting from action taken by the Town under this Part, are due and payable by the person in contravention of this Bylaw.
  - d. The Town may, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, cM-26, add outstanding amounts for unpaid expenses and costs referred to in this Bylaw to a Property Tax Roll, if the contravention of the Bylaw occurred on all or part of the Owner's property.
- 14.6 Review by Council:
  - a. A person who receives a written notice or Order under this Bylaw, may submit a request for Council to review the notice or Order within fourteen (14) days after the date it was received, provided the request is submitted in writing.
  - b. A person shall pay the required fee as per the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw prior to the review by Council.
  - c. After review, Council may confirm, vary, substitute or cancel the notice or Order.



- 14.7 Vicarious Liability:
- a. For the purpose of this Bylaw, an act or omission by the Owner or another person acting on their behalf is deemed to be an act or omission of the Owner. If the act or omission occurred in the course of exercising the powers or performing any duties on behalf of the Owner.
- 14.8 Corporations and Partnerships:
- a. When a corporation commits an offence under this Bylaw, every principal, director, manager, employee or agent of the corporation who authorized the act or omission, or agreed to participate in the act or omission that constitutes the offence, is guilty of the offence.
  - b. If a partner in partnership is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw, each partner in that partnership who authorized the act, or agreed to participate in the act or omission that constitutes the offence, is guilty of the offence.
- 14.9 A Peace Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue a Municipal Tag to any Person who is believed on reasonable and probable grounds to have contravened any provisions of this Bylaw.
- 14.10 A Municipal Tag shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served if:
- a. served personally upon the accused;
  - b. mailed to the last known address of the person; or
  - c. by leaving it at the last known address of such person.
- 14.11 A Municipal Tag shall be in a form approved by the Town, and shall state:
- a. the name of the person;
  - b. the offence;
  - c. the appropriate penalty for the offence as specified in this Bylaw;
  - d. the due date at which time the penalty is required to be paid; and,
  - e. any other information as may be required by the Town.
- 14.12 Where a Municipal Tag has been issued to a Person pursuant to this Bylaw, the person to whom the Tag has been issued to may in lieu of prosecution of the offence, pay the Town the specified penalty set out on the Municipal Tag by the due date listed on the Municipal Tag.
- 14.13 In the case where a Municipal Tag has been issued and the penalty specified on the Municipal Tag has not been paid within the prescribed time, a Peace Officer is authorized and empowered to issue a Violation Ticket pursuant to Part II or Part III of the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, RSA 2000, cP-34 as amended.
- 14.14 Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent a Peace Officer from immediately issuing a Violation Ticket pursuant to either Part II or Part III of the Provincial Offences Procedures Act, RSA 2000, cP-34 as amended.
- 14.15 If a Person has been prosecuted for the offence specified in the Violation Ticket and has been convicted of such, then the fine imposed shall not be less than the original amount indicated on the Violation Ticket.

## **PART 15 – AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

- 15.1 The CAO is hereby delegated the authority to:
- a. carry out inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
  - b. take steps or carry out actions required to enforce this Bylaw;
  - c. take necessary steps or carry out actions as required to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw;
  - d. issue and establish terms and conditions to be met for a Permit under any section of this Bylaw that required a Permit; and,

- e. delegate any powers, duties or functions under this bylaw to an employee of the Town.

#### **PART 16 – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

- 16.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary conviction, to a specified penalty for that offence as set out in Schedule A – Fines to this Bylaw.
- 16.2 Notwithstanding Schedule A – Fines of this Bylaw, any Person who commits a second and subsequent offence under this Bylaw, within one (1) year of committing a first offence under this Bylaw, is liable on summary conviction to double the fine set out in Schedule A – Fines to this Bylaw, for that offence.
- 16.3 A Person who is guilty of an offence is liable to a fine in an amount not less than established in Schedule A – Fines, and not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or to an order of imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

#### **PART 17 - SEVERABILITY**

- 17.1 Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision is declared invalid by a Court, then the invalid provisions shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

#### **PART 18 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 18.1 This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

#### **PART 19 - REPEAL OF BYLAWS**

- 19.1 Bylaws 697, 842, 1015, 1092, 1118 and any amendments, are hereby rescinded in their entirety upon final passing of this Bylaw.
- 19.2 Any action or preceding action taken or any charge or offence ticket issued under any of the preceding Bylaws shall be continued to completion, and notwithstanding the final passage of this Bylaw, the preceding Bylaws shall apply to any such action, preceding charge or offence ticket.

READ a first time this 24 day of March, 2025.

READ a second time this 24 day of March, 2025.

READ a third and final time 24 day of March, 2025.

Original Signed by the Mayor and CAO this 26 day of March, 2025.



**Bylaw 1582 FIRE SERVICES Bylaw  
SCHEDULE A – FINES**

OFFENCE	SECTION	SPECIFIED PENALTY
<b>PART 7 – PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED FIRES</b>		
Burning Prohibited Debris	7.1	\$500
Smoke/Odour Risk to Public Safety	7.2	\$250
Fire Without Permit	7.3	\$250
<b>PART 8 – FIRE PERMITS</b>		
Fail to comply with conditions of Fire Permit	8.9	\$250
<b>PART 10 – FIRE BAN</b>		
Ignite Fire in Fire Ban	10.4	\$1,000
<b>PART 11 - FIREWORKS</b>		
Discharge Fireworks in Town without Permit	11.1	\$250
<b>PART 12 – INCIDENT REPORTING</b>		
Fail to Report Property Damage by Fire	12.1	\$500
Fail to Report Dangerous Goods Release	12.2	\$500
<b>PART 14 – INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
Provide False/Misleading Information to Member, Peace Officer	14.2	\$500
Impede/Obstruct Member, Peace Officer	14.2	\$1,000
Conditions for a Person	14.3	\$500
Fail To Comply with Order	14.5	\$500