

# Rural Municipality of Wellington No. 97

BYLAW NO. 3-2018

## **A BYLAW RESPECTING FIRE RESTRICTION**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Wellington No. 97 in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

### **SHORT TITLE**

This bylaw shall be referred to as the "Fire Restriction Bylaw".

### **PURPOSE**

To provide for public safety in times of extreme fire hazard conditions as published daily on the Minister of Environments website, Daily Fire Danger Maps (<http://www.saskatchewan.ca/environment>);

To restrict or eliminate the use of fire within the municipality in areas of fire danger;

To attempt to minimize the risk of accidental fire;

To regulate open fires, fireworks and burning of any kind;

### **PART I – DEFINITIONS**

- a) "**Administrator**" shall mean the administrator of the municipality, or in their absence their designate;
- b) "**Council**" shall mean the council of the municipality;
- c) "**Designated Officer**" shall mean the Administrator and any person appointed to enforce this bylaw;
- d) "**Discharge**" includes to ignite, fire, or set off and the words "discharging" and "discharged" have a similar meaning;
- e) "**Fireworks**" means any of the three classifications of fireworks; Consumer, Display or Special Effect Pyrotechnics, as defined in the *Explosives Act and Explosives Regulations, 2013*.
- f) "**Municipality**" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Wellington No. 97;
- g) "**Reeve**" shall mean the person elected as Reeve to the municipality, or in their absence the Deputy Reeve.

### **PART II - FIRE BAN**

1. A fire ban prohibiting open fire of any kind may be issued by a resolution of Council or by any three officials of the Municipality identified in section 2 of this bylaw. A fire ban shall be issued in writing and shall identify;
  - a. The time and date that the fire ban commences;
  - b. The land location(s) the fire ban covers;
  - c. The time and date the fire ban is lifted, or will be reviewed;

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- d. Persons authorizing the fire ban;
  - e. Authority allowing the fire ban;
  - f. Other information that may be in the public interest.
2. Pursuant to section 1 of this Bylaw, the three municipal officials so authorized to issue a fire ban are the Administrator, Reeve and any one Councillor of the Municipality.
  3. No person shall light, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air during a fire ban.
  4. No person shall discharge, or start or allow or cause to be discharged, ignited or started any fireworks of any kind whatsoever during a fire ban.
  5. A Designated Officer may order any fire be extinguished forthwith during any period for which a fire ban is in effect within the municipality.
  6. No person shall fail to immediately comply with an order to extinguish a fire by a Designated Officer.
  7. A Designated Officer may cause a fire to be extinguished forthwith during any period for which a fire ban is in effect within the municipality.
  8. The cost of fire prevention, suppression and emergency response services shall be charged directly on the persons who receive the service in accordance with the Municipality's Bylaw No. 2-2018, A Bylaw to Recover Fire Fighting Expenditures.



Reeve

Administrator

Read a third time and adopted this 6 day of June, 2018.

*Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw 3-2018 adopted by Council for the RM of Wellington No. 97 on June 6, 2018.*

*Heather Wawro*

