

Rural Municipality of Heart's Hill No. 352

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7.6 FIRE BAN

DEFINITION:

The restriction of the lighting of any fire within a designated area due to the presence of extreme fire hazards

POLICY:

If in the opinion of the Reeve and two Councillors, the Municipality has an elevated risk of a prairie fire, the Reeve shall instruct the Administrator to place the Municipality under a Fire Ban. The Administrator shall register the Fire Ban with the Ministry of Environment Fire Safety and publish and post a notice of the Fire Ban on the Municipal website and in one or more conspicuous places within the Municipality. The Fire Ban will remain in effect until the Reeve, in consultation with at least two Councillors, informs the Administrator to remove it. The Administrator shall inform the Ministry of Environment Fire Safety, and remove the notices from the website and Municipal location(s).

RATIONALE:

If extreme hot, dry conditions exist, escalating the risks of fire, Council shall place the Municipality under a Fire Ban to protect citizens and property. The Fire Ban should raise awareness to the elevated risk of fire and deter the lighting of any fire. If a resident attempts to register a controlled burn, he/she will be informed of the ban. Should a resident light a fire, he/she may be subject to fines and penalties as per bylaw and liable for the cost of the dispatched fire department(s) and any damages caused by the fire.

AUTHORITY:

Bylaw: 2/19: Bylaw to Provide for Fire Prevention and Protection, the Suppression of Fire and Assessing and Levying the Cost of Same

The Municipalities Act: 364

Fire Safety Act