FIRE BAN POLICY

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Policy Statement

This policy provides guidance for the issuance and removal of fire bans within the Village of Hussar as per Section 6 of Bylaw #501-15, also known as the Fire Bylaw.

Definitions

Fire Advisory is used as a warning that a more restrictive fire ban may be coming if conditions do not improve, as well as to remind individuals to be cautious of igniting fires.

Fire Restriction no open burning is allowed; suitable household fire pits and barbeques that utilize solid fuels (wood, briquettes, etc.) are allowable.

Fire Ban no burning of any type is allowed, this includes household fire pits and barbeques that utilize solid fuels (wood, briquettes, etc.); use gas and propane barbeques is still permitted.

Guidelines

The Fire Chief may issue or remove a fire advisory, restriction or ban at any time in consultation with the CAO or Council.

The Village Council, as per the Municipal Government Act, may only issue or remove a fire advisory, restriction or ban by resolution of Council.

The Chief Administrative Officer may issue or remove a fire advisory, restriction or ban only upon discussion with the mayor and councillors of the Village. If the mayor and councillors of the Village are unavailable to the CAO for any reason, the CAO must first attempt contact with the Fire Chief prior to issuing or removing a fire advisory, restriction or ban.

Responsibilities

The Fire Chief is responsible for notifying the Village Office upon the issuance or removal of a fire advisory, restriction or ban.

The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for ensuring proper notification is provided for the issuance or removal of a fire advisory, restriction or ban. Proper notification includes placing written notification at the Village Office, Post Office, and Campground.