

**The CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD,
CLARA & MARIA**

BY-LAW No. 2012-20

BEING a By-Law to regulate the implementation of Municipal Fire Bans.

WHEREAS under the provisions of Part II, section 7.1 1 (a) and (b) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* and amendments thereto, a municipality may enact by-laws regarding fire prevention and the setting of open air fires;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby enact as follows THAT:

DEFINITIONS:

A “**Designated campground**” is a campground that is inspected annually and satisfies the criteria in Appendix B to this by-law. This means that the Community Fire Safety Officer or other Municipal staff has completed an inspection and has determined that the campground is in compliance with criteria under the *Forest Fire Protection Act*.

“**Municipal fire ban**” means a state and related period of time declared by the Council of the Municipality during which no one may set or maintain any open air fire, including camp fires, within Municipal geographic limits for reasons related to public safety and protection of property.

1. If the Ministry of Natural Resources declares a Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) which includes our Municipality or parts of our Municipality it supersedes any Municipal Fire Ban, By-law or policy. The Municipality has no obligations but may wish to assist in advertising the RFZ.
2. A Fire Ban may be declared by the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria within our Municipality or parts of the Municipality if Council, so decides following the Municipal Fire Ban policy which is Appendix A to this By-Law.
3. When a Fire Ban is implemented, the public shall be notified by utilizing the Fire Ban Notification Checklist which is Appendix C to this By-Law.
4. A Municipal Campground may attain designation and exemption from Municipal Fire Bans by being inspected by the Community Fire Safety Officer and/or other Municipal Staff and meeting and maintaining the criteria outlined in the Campground Checklist for Designation – Appendix B.
5. During a Municipal Fire Ban, no outdoor fires will be permitted within the Municipality except within a Designated Campground or Driftwood Provincial Park over which the Municipality has no authority.
6. Under this Fire Ban **all wood burning fires are prohibited**, including the use of charcoal briquettes and portable wood-burning stoves in camping/picnic areas. The fire ban applies to all designated areas of the municipality.
7. During a Municipal Fire Ban, use of gas or propane stoves and barbeques is permitted for preparation of food and for heat.
8. During a Municipal Fire Ban the use of an outdoor fireplace (masonry, pottery or metal) is considered open air burning and is also banned. Although these fireplaces are designed to be used outdoors rather than indoors and may limit the heat and sparks through their design, these

reduced levels are still cause for concern and use is not permitted during Municipal Fire Bans.

9. By-Law 2006-09 is hereby repealed.

This By-Law comes into force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 15th day of June 2012.

Read a third time short and passed this 15th day of June, 2012.

REEVE – TAMMY LEA STEWART

CLERK – MELINDA REITH