

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, June 15, 2012				Report Date	Tuesday, June 5, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Modification of Fire Ban Process - Report #15/06/12/1002									

Subject: Modification of process to be used when considering and declaring a Municipal Fire Ban.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council pass the attached resolution amending the current process to make it more accurately reflect authorities making the decision a decision of Council.

**WHEREAS** the current process for implementation of Municipal Fire Bans contains outdated terms and designations;

**AND WHEREAS** a new process must be adopted reflecting actual authorities of individuals and Council;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 2012-20 being a by-law to regulate the implementation of Municipal Fire Bans be read a first and second time;  
Be read a third time short and passed.

Background/Executive Summary: The current Fire Ban process requires that the Head of Council solely makes the decision to implement a Fire Ban. With the Head of Council not having any more experience or expertise in this area, with no Fire Chief for consultation and with the Municipal Act declaring that all decisions are to be decisions of Council; change to this process is required.

The by-law and each of its appendices have been modified. The main changes are to replace the term Chief Fire Warden with Community Fire Safety Officer and Reeve with Council.

Other changes were grammatical and more accurately reflected terminology changes eg. MNR Fire Ban is now a Restricted Fire Zone.

The main principles and processes are maintained aside from Council as a whole making the decisions and the Community Fire Safety Officer doing campground inspections as we no longer have Fire Wardens.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None

Policy Impact: Changes policy to reflect new terminology and the Municipal Act.

Others Consulted/Resources/References: The Municipal Act; Bob Labre, Community Fire Safety Officer.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

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