

**TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE
BYLAW NO 10-2023**

A BYLAW TO ENACT A FIRE ADVISORY OR FIRE BAN

The Council of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

A Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake to establish a process for implementing a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban within the Municipality.

WHEREAS Section 8(1)(b) of *The Municipalities Act* provides that Council may pass bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Blaine Lake pursuant to the powers granted to it under *The Municipalities Act*, wishes to provide for the banning of fires within all of or any part of the Town of Blaine Lake for the health, safety and welfare of the people and protection of the people and property from damage or destruction by fire on the terms hereinafter provided:

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Blaine Lake enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Fire Ban Bylaw";
2. The preamble forms part of the Bylaw;
3. In this Bylaw:
 - 3.1 "CAO" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Blaine Lake;
 - 3.2 "Council" shall mean the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake;
 - 3.3 "Municipality" shall mean the Town of Blaine Lake;
 - 3.4 "Mayor" shall mean the Mayor of the Town of Blaine Lake;
 - 3.5 "Fire Chief" shall mean the Fire Chief of the Town of Blaine Lake;
 - 3.6 "Fire Board" shall mean the Town of Blaine Fire Board consisting of appointed members;
 - 3.7 "Violation Ticket" shall mean a ticket issued for an offense committed against any provision of this Bylaw.
4. Notwithstanding the provision in any other Bylaw the Fire Board may, upon receiving input from the Fire Chief of the Town of Blaine Lake, declare a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban to all or any part of the Municipality.

4.1 Fire Advisory means - Open burning in the Municipality is not recommended due to dry conditions. It is recommended Agriculture and Industrial operations have water tanks filled and at their disposal at all times. Ratepayers will be advised to use extreme caution when burning or using fireworks and have a plan to extinguish a fire and prevent wildfires.

4.2 Fire Bans - 2 Types:

- (a) **Partial Ban means** - No fires or fireworks are permitted. Use of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved appliances are permitted (Incinerators, Liquid Fuel Barbecues, Camp Stoves). Burning barrels with screens under constant supervision are permitted. Campfires in approved containers as per Schedule A are permitted.



- (b) **Complete Ban means** - No agricultural or commercial burning, open burning, fireworks, burning barrels or fire pits / campfires are permitted. Use of CSA and UL approved appliances are permitted (Incinerators, Liquid Fuel Barbecues, Camp Stoves).

4.3 A fire ban shall be issued in writing and shall identify:

- (a) The time and date that the fire ban commences;
- (b) The type of fire ban and the land location(s) or part of the Municipality the fire ban covers;
- (c) The time and date the fire ban is lifted, or will be reviewed;
- (d) Person or persons authorizing the fire ban;
- (e) Authority allowing the fire ban;
- (f) Other information that may be in the public interest.

4.4 When a fire ban is declared, the Municipality may notify the public in any manner it deems appropriate, including registering it with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's Provincial Emergency Communication Centre.

5. When determining whether to declare a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban within all or any part of the Town of Blaine Lake, consideration shall be given to any or all of the following factors:

- (a) Levels of recent precipitation;
- (b) Future weather forecasts;
- (c) Water shortages and/or restrictions;
- (d) Availability of fire crews, equipment and apparatus;
- (e) The overall of fire danger including fire load and level of ground fuels;
- (f) The amount of, or increase in, recent outside fires;
- (g) The wildfire hazard rating for the Town of Blaine Lake (posted on the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency website); and
- (h) Recommendation of the Fire Chief(s)

6. Once a fire ban is implemented, if a fire is burning, the Municipality may, subject to the availability of personnel and equipment, take any action that is necessary to control and extinguish the fire.

6.1 The cost of the firefighting services, including the fire prevention and fire suppression, provided by the nearest Fire Department, shall be assessed and levied in accordance with the Fire Department rates.

6.2 For the purpose of assessing and levying costs of firefighting services, the person who owns or occupies the land upon which a fire originated shall be deemed to be the person who receives the firefighting services to control and extinguish the fires.

6.3 Any amount with respect to firefighting services provided to a person within the Town of Blaine Lake pursuant to Section 6 hereof that remains unpaid at the end of the year in which the service was provided shall be added to and form part of the taxes on any land or improvement owned by that person.

7. Where the Fire Chief(s), the CAO, member of Council or Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, he or she may serve upon such person a Bylaw Violation Notice as provided by this section.



7.1 Service of such a Bylaw Violation Notice shall be sufficient if:

- (a) Personally served;
- (b) Mailing by registered mail; or
- (c) Leaving the same at the last known address of the person in violation.

7.2 Such notice shall be deemed to have been served:

- (a) On the day of actual delivery, if the notice is served personally;
- (b) 10 business days after mailing unless the delivery receipt is an earlier date of which that date would be deemed the date of service; or
- (c) The next business day after delivering to the last known address.

7.3 A Bylaw Violation Notice shall be in such form as determined in Schedule B and shall state the section of the Bylaw which was contravened, and the amount, which is provided in Clause 7.3 (a-c) that will be accepted by the Municipality in lieu of prosecution.

- (a) \$1,000 for the first offense;
- (b) \$1,500 for a second offence occurring within 12 months of the first offense;
- (c) \$2,500 for a third offense occurring within 12 months of the second offense.


7.4 Upon production of a Bylaw Violation Notice issued pursuant to this section within thirty (30) days from the issue thereof, together with the payment of the fee as provided in Clause 7.3 (a-c) to the CAO of the Municipality, the person to whom the ticket was issued shall not be liable for prosecution for the contravention in respect of which the ticket was issued.

7.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person to whom a Bylaw Violation Notice has been issued pursuant to this section may exercise his or her right to defend any charge of committing a contravention of any of the provisions of this Bylaw.

8. Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as severable from the rest of this Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section or part found to be improperly enacted has not been enacted as part of the Bylaw.

9. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the final day of passing thereof.




Al Sorenson, Mayor


Danielle Vandale, CAO

Read a first time this 17 day of
July, 2023.

Read a second time this 17 day of
July, 2023.

Read a third time and adopted this 17 day of
July, 2023.



Danielle Vandale, CAO

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SCHEDULE "A" TO BYLAW 10-2023

Approved Containers

- "Fire Pit" meaning a temporary or permanently affixed outdoor fire receptacle at least 10 feet away from any combustible structure or item;
 - Non-combustible receptacle constructed of concrete, brick, stones or sheet metal with a minimum eighteen (18) gauge thickness and a maximum diameter of eighty-two (82) centimeters (32.28 inches)
 - The brick, stone or concrete or sheet metal shall be separated from grass and any other vegetation by a distance of at least forty (40) centimeters (15.7 inches) by means of clean earth, sand, gravel or other non-combustible medium
 - A receptacle must be covered with a heavy gauge metal with openings not exceeding thirteen (13) millimeters (0.5 inches)
 - Logs or other fuel source must be fully contained within the enclosure; embers and ash must be prevented from escaping the enclosure
- "Propane barbecues", cylinders not exceeding the 20 pound size and shall be connected and secured to the barbecue; must be shut off at the tank when not in use; barbecue must be at least 10 feet from any combustible structure or item

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SCHEDULE "B" TO BYLAW 10-2023

FEE SCHEDULE

Bylaw Violation Fees

First Offense.....	\$1,000
Second Offense (occurring within 12 months of the first offense).....	\$1,500
Third Offense (occurring within 12 months of the second offense).....	\$2,000

