

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

BY-LAW NUMBER 72-2001

A BY-LAW TO LESSEN THE DANGER FROM FIRES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

WHEREAS, the council of the Corporation of the Township of Woolwich deems it expedient and necessary to pass a by-law to lessen the danger from fires in the Township of Woolwich;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Woolwich enacts as follows:

1. For the purposes of this by-law, "Fire Chief" shall refer to the Township of Woolwich Fire Chief, or designate and "District Chief" shall refer to the District Chiefs, or designate for the Township of Woolwich.
2. That the "Permission to Light Fires" form, attached as "Schedule A" to this By-law, be approved for use by the Woolwich Township Fire Department.
3. No person shall kindle or maintain, or cause to be kindled or maintained any open burning without an approved "Permission to Light Fires" form signed by the Fire Chief, District Chief, or designate.
4. That the following precautions, also outlined in the "Permission to Light Fires" form, shall be adhered to:
 - Children under the age of 18 years are prohibited from lighting or igniting fires;
 - Fires will be supervised and attended by an adult at all times;
 - Fires shall only be lit or ignited after 7:00 a.m. (0700 hours) on the dates (planned or rain date) noted on the Permission to Light Fires form;
 - Fires will not be planned, lit or ignited within 100 feet (30 m) of any facility, structure, building, grass, grain field, brush, wood lot, or building;
 - A fire pit or fire area will not exceed an area 20 ft x 20 ft (6 m x 6m);
 - The stacked height of materials to be burned will not exceed 6 feet (2m) at any time;
 - Fires will not be lit or ignited if winds exceed 10 mph (16 kmh);
 - Appropriate extinguishing agents (eg. Water hose, sand, fire extinguishers, tractors and plows) will be on-hand at all times during the preparation of the fire, while the fire is underway, and until the fire is fully and completely extinguished;
 - Only the following materials may be burned: wood and paper products. Under no circumstances are paint, solvent, rubber (e.g. tires), wire (including coating), plastics, asphalt and shingles, and toxic chemicals (e.g. pesticides), or materials that violate the regulations of the Ministry of the Environment to be burned, ignited or added to the fire at any time.

5. Failure to adhere to the requirements set out in Section 4, or loss of control of an approved fire, that requires the attendance of the Fire Department, may result in the person in charge of said fire being responsible for the cost of bringing the said fire under control, including vehicles, personnel and other fire fighting costs that may be incurred, as set out in the Fees and Charges By-law for the Township of Woolwich
6. That every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence and be liable upon conviction to a fine prescribed and recoverable under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.
7. That should any section, clause or provision of this By-law be held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of this By-law shall not be affected.
8. That any By-laws or parts of any By-laws inconsistent with this By-law are hereby repealed.
9. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of final passing thereof.

PASSED this 9th day of October, 2001.

Wm. L. Strauss
Mayor

LeeAnn Wetzel
Clerk