



RM of Loon Lake #561

Policy Type:	Protective Services
Policy Title:	Fire Ban
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Purpose:

To set guidelines by which the R.M. of Loon Lake No. 561 will institute a fire ban within the boundary of the RM of Loon Lake No. 561

Definitions:

Definitions referenced in *The Wildfire Act*

Barbeque (liquid fuel): refers to a portable fireplace fuelled by propane, natural gas, wood pellets and charcoal over which various cuisine is roasted.

Burn Permit: A permit that has been issued by the municipality under RM 200-01 Burn Permit Policy

Burn Barrel: means an apparatus for burning waste material until it is reduced to ash

Campfire: means an outdoor enclosed pit containing fire sourced by logs that are fully encircled within the enclosure

Fire: means any type of fire, including a wildfire

Fireworks: means a device containing gunpowder and other combustible chemicals that causes a spectacular explosion when ignited, used typically for display or in celebrations

Fire Ban: means any fire ban, whether municipality or provincially declared, that prohibits fires in all or part of the municipality.

Fire Chief: means the individual appointed as head of the Fire Department

Fire Department: means the department of a local or municipality authority in charge of preventing and fighting fires

Fire Hazard: means any of the following:

- (i) Combustible material that:
  - (a) Through its characteristics, type, condition, quantity, location, distribution, continuity or arrangement, increase the potential for starting a fire;
  - (b) May contribute to the spread of fire; or
  - (c) May affect the ability to suppress a fire;

- (ii) Activities that, due to their nature or concentration, pose a high risk for starting a fire;
- (iii) The operation of equipment that, due to its design, location, poor maintenance, condition, defect or use, may contribute or start a fire;
- (iv) A situation or circumstance that, due to lack of precautions and preventative measures taken, increases the risk to life, property or the environment from wildfire;
- (v) Other circumstances or conditions that, through their nature, location, condition or arrangement, or through any combination of the factors mentions in subsections (i) to (iv), could create a fire hazard.

Open Burning: means a fire where any material is burned on the ground or in an open receptacle other than a furnace, incinerator, or other equipment connected to a stack or chimney

Wild Fire: means an unplanned fire that burns organic soil, grasses, shrubs, trees and associated vegetative fuels in their natural or modified state, and does not include structural, vehicle or landfill fires;

Scope:

This policy applies to all ratepayers, residents, landowners and leases of the Rural Municipality of Loon Lake No. 561, without exception.

Policy:

1. A fire ban may be imposed within the Municipality at any time at the discretion of the reeve after the consultation with members of RM council.
2. When determining whether to declare a fire ban within the municipality, consideration maybe 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 fire danger including fire load and level of ground fuels;
  - f. The amount of or increase in recent outside fires; and
  - g. Recommendations of the Fire Chief
3. Fire ban classifications shall be:
  - a. Level 1 Fire Ban:
    - i) All open burning in RM is banned
    - ii) Exemptions to a Level 1 Fire Ban providing there is supervision and a fire extinguish plan
      - a) Burning barrels with screens
      - b) Recreation camp fires
      - c) Barbeques
  - b. Level 2 Fire Ban:
    - i) All open burning in RM is banned
    - ii) Exemptions to a Level 2 Fire Ban providing there is supervision and a fire extinguish plan
      - a) Barbeques
      - b) Self contained CSA approved propane fire pits
4. The reeve shall notify the administrator of fire ban classification in effect.



5. Once a fire ban has been imposed all burn permits are cancelled.
6. Notice of fire ban shall be provided to the public by posting on the Municipality's website, social media, and any additional or alternate means that council considers appropriate under the circumstances.
7. The municipality shall contact Ministry of Environment at 306-236-7696 and burn notification number 1-866-404-4911 notifying them of the fire ban.
8. A fire ban imposed pursuant to section 1 shall remain in effect until such time as the reeve provides notice that the Fire Ban is no longer in effect.

**Effective Date/Repeal**

This policy will come into effect on August 12, 2021 unless otherwise specified and shall be implemented as outlined in this policy. This policy repeals and replaces all resolutions and any policies pertaining to fire bans that have been consolidated into this policy and replaces all past practices. This policy may only be amended or repealed by resolution of Council.

