

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Topic: Fire Bylaw 22-1012

Introduction:

Fire Bylaw 22-2012 is required to address some technical difficulties identified in the current Fire Bylaw 06-2011.

Facts (Background Information):

The firm of Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer, who prosecute Parkland County bylaws, identified some technical concerns with the current Fire Bylaw, 06-2011.

Analysis:

The following changes have been made in Bylaw 22-2012:

- Section 2.1.dd "Prohibited Debris" by adding "as amended" at the end of the sentence
- Section 8.1 changed to "The Owner of the property upon which Fireworks are discharged, an Outdoor Fire is lit or a Structure Fire is lit, with the necessary Fire Permit required by this Bylaw, or while a Fire Ban is in effect, is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw."
 - o Peace Officers will not be required to prove who discharged the fireworks or lit a fire, rather just the property owner,
- Adding Section 8.23 "When a fire is lit under the circumstances described in sections 8.9, 8.10, 8.11, 8.16, 8.17, 8.19 and 8.22 the Owner of the Property shall:
 - o Extinguish the fire immediately; or
 - o If unable to extinguish the fire immediately, report the fire to the Fire Department; and
 - o Be liable to the costs incurred by the County to respond, suppress and extinguish the fire."

Alternatives:

- I. None.

Conclusion/Summary:

Administration recommends Council give Fire Bylaw 22-2012 first, second, third & final reading.

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