

Fire Ban Bylaw

Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502

BYLAW NO. 10 - 2018

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL WITHIN THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY

The Council for the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw the expression:
 - a) “Burn Permit Area” shall mean any lands lying within the R.M. of Britannia No. 502;
 - b) “Municipality” shall mean the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502;
 - c) “Council” shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502.

2. The Municipality hereby appoints the following Designated Officers:
 - i) the Reeve of the Municipality,
 - ii) the Councillors of the Municipality,
 - iii) the Administrator of the Municipality,
 - iv) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
 - vi) the Britannia Fire Department Chief or Deputy Chief.

3. No burning of any materials shall be allowed within the boundaries of the Municipality without the prior obtainment of a burn permit. A burn permit is not required for barbecues, camp fires, fires used for the purpose of cooking, receptacles used for the burning of household refuse, or low hazard fireworks discharged on private lands between dusk and 11:00 p.m.

4. No person shall hold a fireworks display using high hazard fireworks, or on any public land without first obtaining a burn permit from the Britannia Fire Department Chief or Deputy Chief

5. The permit shall be issued from the Rural Municipal office, during regular office hours, and may be obtained free of charge.

6. The form to be used for burning permit applications is hereto attached and identified as Schedule ‘A’ to this Bylaw.

7. On advice of the Fire Chief, a Designated Officer may cancel the issuance of burning permits if conditions exist that may make the burning of any materials hazardous.

8. On advice of the Fire Chief, a Designated Officer may declare when a Fire Ban is in effect by providing notification to the public in the prescribed form (Schedule B). The Fire Ban notification will include:
 - i. The time and date the Fire Ban commences
 - ii. The land locations the Fire Ban covers;

- iii. Persons authorizing the Fire Ban;
 - iv. Authority, namely this Bylaw, to impose a Fire Ban..
9. In a burning permit area or elsewhere, whether a permit is required or not, no person shall:
- a) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
 - b) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to a fire's readily escaping control;
 - c) Before starting the fire, fail to make himself or herself aware of any fire prohibitions or restrictions imposed by the municipality or fail to comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal law pertaining to fires and the burning of refuse;
 - d) Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading;
 - e) Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire's spreading;
 - f) Conduct any activity that involves the use of a fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire to spread, unless he/she exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring;
 - g) Leave the place where he/she has started an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire.
10. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw shall be liable to the penalties imposed as follows:
- a) Voluntary Payment:
 - i. In the case of an individual, to a voluntary payment of \$200.00, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further voluntary payment not exceeding \$200.00 for each day during which the offence continues, and
 - ii. In the case of a corporation, to a voluntary payment of \$500.00, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further voluntary payment not exceeding \$500.00 for each day during which the offence continues.
 - b) Summary Conviction:

Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and where the Municipality has not received voluntary payment of the amount prescribed in Section 10 a), shall be liable on summary conviction:

 - i. In the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$200.00 for each day during which the offence continues, and
 - ii. In the case of a corporation, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$500.00 for each day during which the offence continues.
 - iii. Where the Municipality receives voluntary payment of the amount prescribed under section 10(a) within the time specified, the person receiving the Notice of Violation shall not be liable to prosecution for the alleged contravention.

11. This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the day of its adoption
12. R.M. of Britannia Bylaws No. 21-2016 is hereby repealed.

SEAL

Reeve

Adminstrator



``SCHEDULE "A"

R.M. OF BRITANNIA NO. 502

PERMIT TO BURN

DATE: _____

PERMIT #

AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING

NAME:

PHONE#:

FAX #

EMAIL:

LSD:

DIRECTIONS:

DESCRIPTION OF BURN:

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATE/DATES (3 days Max):

In compliance with the following conditions:

- Property owner is responsible for contacting the CALL CENTER prior to any control burn. Please call # listed below.
- Property owner is legally responsible for containment of fire and shall keep control of the fire at all times.
- Property owner shall comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal laws pertaining to fires and the burning of refuse.

Representative of the
R.M. of Britannia No. 502

Fire Chief Notified _____

**Prince Albert Call Center @
1-866-404-4911 EXT 1**

Alternate # for Alberta Phones
1-306-953-4211



“SCHEDULE “B”

R.M. OF BRITANNIA NO. 502

FIRE BAN NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that effective:

Date: _____

Time: _____

A Fire Ban is declared to be in effect for the following areas within the Rural Municipality of Britannia No. 502:

No new fire permits will be issued to land owners whose property lies within the Fire Ban area while the Fire Ban is in effect, and any permits that have been issued to land owners within the Fire Ban area prior to the Fire Ban, will be suspended until the Fire Ban ends.

This Fire Ban has been declared by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

who is authorized to declare a Fire Ban in accordance with Bylaw 10-2018.