MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO. 135

REVISED BY: Dianna Butz **REVIEWED BY:** Brian Allen	**ADOPTED BY:** COUNCIL	**NUMBER:** FIRE-6
TITLE: Burning Policy	**DATE:** May 23, 2024 **REVISED:** October 13, 2026	

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY: To provide a procedure and guidelines for landowners wishing to burn any material, within the Municipal District of Peace No. 135. This policy covers all intentional fires within the MD.

POLICY STATEMENT

All intentional fires within the MD of Peace that are not specifically permitted under Section 9.5 of the MD's Fire Protection Bylaw #6/2025 require a fire permit, regardless of the time of year and specific location of the proposed fire within the MD.

TO OBTAIN A FIRE PERMIT

Landowners wishing to initiate a burn must complete the Fire Permit Application form available on the MD's website or at the MD's office in Berwyn. The form can be completed electronically by means of the MD's webform or by completing and signing a PDF copy which may be submitted by email to admin@mdpeace.com or dropped off at the MD office. Applications must be submitted a **minimum of two days** prior to the proposed date of the burn.

Completed Fire Permit Applications must be accompanied by at least one photo of the proposed burn site, including the material to be burned, to demonstrate the material is acceptable for burning. Fire Guardians may, at their discretion, request additional photos from the applicant. Further, the Fire Guardian may determine that a site visit is required before a fire permit is issued.

Upon receipt of the completed application form, MD staff will review the application to confirm that:

1. The application has been completed in its entirety; applications that are missing information will be rejected,
2. The material proposed to be burned is permitted under the MD's "Fire Protection Bylaw 6/2025",
3. The applicant is the owner of the land on which the proposed fire is expected to take place or has written consent from the landowner.
4. The applicant has answered yes to questions 5-11 of section 2 of the permit application,
5. The location of the proposed burn as represented by the photos sent with the application, show that the location of the proposed fire and materials ~~is~~ are acceptable. Acceptable burn locations are at least 10 meters from any structure or combustible material.

FIRE PERMITS

1. All Fire Permits are valid for one calendar week after the date on which it was issued,
2. Fire Permit extensions may be granted by the Fire Chief, the CAO or a Fire Guardian, permit holders must request the extension before their original permit expires,
3. Permit holders who are burning within a half mile of a numbered highway are responsible to contact the Provincial Highway Contractor (LaPrairie Works Inc. 780-332-4452) to arrange for appropriate "smoke ahead" signs to be placed on the highway,

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4. All Fire Permits are cancelled immediately upon the issuance of a Fire Restriction or a Fire Ban by the MD of Peace and any fires already burning must be immediately extinguished,
5. Where additional conditions have been imposed on a fire permit, the permit holder must immediately comply with all such conditions.