TOWN OF MEADOW LAKE

BYLAW NO. 16/2002

FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF MEADOW LAKE WITH RESPECT TO FIRE PREVENTION.

The Council of the Town of Meadow Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

PART 1 - INTRODUCTION

1. Title
This bylaw shall be known and may be cited as the "FIRE PREVENTION BYLAW".

2. Purpose
The purpose of this bylaw is to set out regulations and responsibilities pertaining to fire prevention in the Town.

PART 2 - DEFINITIONS

3. Whenever in this bylaw the following words or terms are used, they shall, unless the text otherwise provides, be held to have the following meanings:

(a) "FIRE DEPARTMENT" - means the Fire Department established pursuant to Bylaw No. 7/94.

(b) "COUNCIL" - shall mean the Council of the Town of Meadow.

(c) "FIRECHIEF" - shall mean the person employed by the Town of Meadow Lake who is appointed by Council as Firechief or his designate.

(d) "MEMBER" - means any person that is an appointed member of the Fire Department.

(e) "PERMIT" - shall mean the written authority of the Firechief issued pursuant to this bylaw.

(f) "LOCAL ASSISTANT" - means the local assistant to the Fire Commissioner for the Province of Saskatchewan and shall be the Firechief or Acting Firechief.

(g) "TOWN" - shall mean the Town of Meadow Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan.

PART 3 - GENERAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

4. No waste paper, hay, straw, shavings, excelsior or other flammable or combustible material shall be allowed to accumulate in any building, yard or premises that is deemed a hazard by the Firechief unless placed in a covered metal receptacle or in a fireproof room provided with fire doors. All such material, if not so placed, shall be removed or destroyed at the close of each business day.

5. Any and all burning as permitted by the Clean Air Act shall not be kindled except by BURNING PERMIT obtained from the Firechief, and no such permit shall be issued unless the applicant undertakes to see that the fire is kept under control, provides surveillance by a competent person until it is extinguished and agrees to any restrictions as deemed appropriate by the Firechief; and that should smoke from such fires create a traffic hazard on any public highway, the applicant must undertake appropriate measures to eliminate the hazard or otherwise safeguard the traffic from the hazard.

6. No burning barrels or outdoor burning devices with the exception of propane or briquet barbecues, chemineas or approved and inspected firepits shall be used within the town limits.

PART 4 - PERSONS PRESENT AT A FIRE

7. No person shall drive any vehicle over any hose while in use or about to be used at any fire or which has been used or laid to be used at a fire or a fire practice.

8. No person shall in any way impede or hinder any firefighter or other person who shall be assisting at the extinguishing of any fire, or who may be engaged in other duties connected therewith.

9. No person shall obstruct, hinder or delay any fire equipment while the same is proceeding to a fire; and every person travelling, riding, or driving on any street or place along which any fire apparatus is proceeding to a fire, shall yield the right of way to the same.

PART 5 - FIRECHIEF

10. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief:

    a) To save life and property endangered by fire, and to foster fire prevention.

    b) To be the director of operations at and to regulate the conduct of all persons present at or assisting in the suppression of a fire.

    c) To keep a permanent record of all fires and causes thereof and to make a monthly written report thereon to the Council.

    d) To keep a permanent record of all orders issued to remedy fire hazardous conditions.

    e) To investigate all fires in order to ascertain the cause, origin and other circumstances thereof.

    f) To notify the Fire Commissioner immediately of any fire of a suspicious nature, any major outbreak of fire, or of any death caused by fire.

    g) To send a complete report of all fires to the Fire Commissioner.

    h) To make a general fire inspection of the business districts or any other district or property as deemed necessary for the purpose of ascertaining any violation of the provisions of this bylaw or the Fire Prevention Act 1992 and all regulations thereunder; and to order the remedying or the removal of any condition likely to cause a fire.

11. The Fire Chief may call upon all or any person to assist in the suppression of a fire and all persons called upon shall obey the commands of the Fire Chief or other officer-in-charge.

12. The Fire Chief, or other officer-in-charge of a fire, may prescribe the limits within which no person or vehicle shall be permitted, and shall have power to close any street or lane to the public for the duration of the fire and related operations.

13. The Fire Chief may order the pulling down or demolition of buildings or other erections when deemed necessary to prevent the spread of fire.

PART 6 - GENERAL

14. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw or any part thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalties prescribed by the General Penalties Bylaw of the Town or the Fire Prevention Act 1992.

15. Bylaw No. 07/2001 is hereby repealed.

16. This bylaw shall come in to force on date of final passing thereof.

Introduced and read the first time this 25th day of November, 2002.
Read a second time this 9th day of December, 2002.
Read a third time and passed this 9th day of December, 2002.

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Administrator Mayor