

The Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac

By-Law No. 48-05

Being a by-law to regulate the setting of open air fires and provide for fees of suppression and other costs, within the Township of North Frontenac, and to repeal By-Law #23-01 as amended;

WHEREAS Part 2 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, Section 7.1, authorizes the Council of a Municipality to pass By-laws for the prevention and the spread of fires and;

AND WHEREAS Sections 390-391, 393-400 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 authorizes the Council of a local Municipality to pass By-laws imposing fees for the services provided and;

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 207/96 made under the Forest Fire Prevention Act of Ontario provides for outdoor fires;

NOW THEREFORE the council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac hereby enacts as follows:

1. The provisions of this by-law shall apply to lands located within the boundaries of the Township of North Frontenac.
2. **Definitions**, for the purpose of the by-law:

“Fire Ban” means a total fire ban and shall prohibit; burning of debris, burning in an outdoor incinerator, chimineas, fireworks displays, campfires of any type, and charcoal installations. *NOTE during a fire ban a BBQ or Hibachis (charcoal installation) may be used provided the installation is used within 100 meters of a permanent structure used as a dwelling that you occupy, or in an organized campground, is at least 2 meters from any flammable material and the ashes and coals produced are completely extinguished and safely disposed of.*

“Fire Chief” means a chief fire official of the Township of North Frontenac appointed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac.

“Fire Department” means any or all departments organized under the Municipal Act that provides fire protection for the Township of North Frontenac.

“Fire Warden” means a person who has been appointed by the Township and approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources as a “fire warden” to issue an ignition authority under the Forest Fire Prevention Act.

"Flying Lantern" means a small hot air balloon or other device designed to carry an open flame as an airborne light, also known as Sky Lantern, Chinese Lantern, Kongming Lantern or Wish Lantern, or other similar device which are devices containing a fuel pack, which fuel pack is usually a petroleum or wax based fuel that when lit causes the lantern to rise.

Amended per By-law #68-17

"Organized campground" is one that has trained staff on duty and on site 24 hours a day 7 days a week and have fire fighting equipment readily available.

3. No person shall start a fire outdoors without ensuring that:

- a) The conditions are safe and suitable for said fire.
- b) There are adequate adults competent to control the fire in attendance from start to extinguishment.
- c) There are no *fire bans* in place at the time.
- d) The rules and regulations of this by-law are followed.
- e) There is adequate personnel, equipment, and water to control and extinguish said fire.
- f) The fire is on bare mineral soil or rock and is at least 3 meters (9.75 ft.) from any flammable material.

3.1 Flying Lanterns

Amended by By-law #68-17

No person within the Township of North Frontenac shall ignite or release an ignited Flying Lantern.

Any person who ignites or releases a Flying Lantern and causes an open fire in the Township of North Frontenac assumes full responsibility for fire control and shall:

- i. be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons or animals occasioned by said fire;
- ii. assumes full responsibility for fire control and may be liable for costs incurred by the Fire Department, including the costs of the personnel and equipment as authorized and set out in the Township of North Frontenac Fees and Charges By-law in effect at the time of the incident.

4. Except for cooking or warmth no fires shall be set out of doors in the Township of North Frontenac between the hours of (7) seven a.m. and (7) seven p.m. from the first (1) day of April to the thirty first (31) day of October inclusive, in any calendar year.

5. The *Fire Chief* or his/her designate at his/her discretion may restrict or ban open air burning or all outdoor fires (*fire ban*) depending on climatic conditions. *See definition of fire ban*

6. No person shall start a fire outdoors for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth unless the conditions set out in clause (3) are met as well as:

- a) The fire does not exceed 1 meter (3.25 ft.) in height and one 1 meter (3.25 ft.) in diameter.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause (4) An outdoor incinerator may be operated at any time provided there is no *fire ban* in place and all other regulations specifically clauses 1,2,3a-e,5,10,11,12,13,14 are met as well as:
- a) It is constructed of a non combustible material.
  - b) It is enclosed with a metal mesh of a 5 millimeters (1/4 in.) or less.
  - c) It is located on mineral soil or rock extending at least 2 meters (6.5 ft.) beyond the incinerator.
  - d) It is at least 5 meters (16.25 ft.) from trees, buildings or any flammable materials
  - e) It is a maximum of 0.5 cubic meter (17.7 cubic feet) in size
  - f) Persons establishing and operating an incinerator shall have regard for Schedule 'B' attached heretofore.
8. No piles to be burned shall be greater than 2 meters (6.5 ft.) high and 2 meters (6.5 ft.) in diameter. Piles must be separated by a minimum of 10 meters (32.5 ft.).
9. A fire for the purpose of burning grass and/or leaves must not exceed an area of 1 acre and must not have a flame edge exceeding 20 meters (65 ft.) Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 3(f) burning of leaves or grass may be done so long as the soil conditions and ground moisture content are not conducive to sub surface fires.
10. No person shall set an outdoor fire where it may cause inconvenience, irritation or detriment to others.
11. No person shall set an outdoor fire directly under or near telephone or power lines.
12. No person shall set a fire on or near roadways, which could interfere with traffic.
13. No person shall burn any material restricted by the Ministry of the Environment such as rubber, plastics, foam, treated wood, or any material which could cause toxic or noxious gasses.
14. Any person starting an outdoor fire shall ensure that adequate personnel, equipment and water are available to contain and extinguish the said fire and if said fire cannot be contained and extinguished the person(s) responsible shall notify the Fire Department immediately.
15. Not withstanding the provisions of Clause (4), qualified commercial operators (as per Township policy) may obtain special day-burning permits ( Ignition Authority, schedule 'C') subject to regulations set out in this by-law and on said permit at the discretion of the *Fire Warden* of the Township. These permits are available from the *Fire Warden* or his/her designate. A site inspection may be required. Fees for this approval can be found in Schedule 'A' attached hereto.

16. The *Fire Chief* or his/her designate may order any fire extinguished. If so ordered the person or persons responsible shall extinguish the said fire immediately. Failure to do so shall result in suppression costs being levied against the person or persons responsible as outlined in schedule 'A' attached hereto.

17. Every person who starts a fire shall be responsible and liable for damage to property, or injury to persons occasioned by the said fire.

18. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offense and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, as set out in a schedule of fines, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of Ontario.

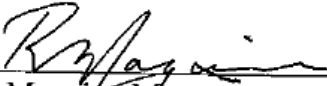
19. Every person who sets a fire in contravention of this by-law or who fails to extinguish a fire once ordered to do so by the Fire Chief or his/her designate shall, in addition of any penalty provided for herein, be liable to the Township of North Frontenac for all expenses incurred for the purpose of investigating, controlling and extinguishing any fire set or left to burn, and such expenses shall be levied as set out in the attached Schedule 'A'. Such fees shall be due and owing, and may be recovered in like manner as municipal taxes or by court action.


20. If any section, subsection or part thereof of this By Law be declared by any Court of Law to be illegal or ultra vires, such section or subsection or part thereof shall be severable and all parts hereof are declared to be separate and independent.

21. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the date of passing. By-Law #23-01 is hereby repealed.

Read a first and second time this 13th day of October, 2005.

Read a third time and finally passed this 23rd day of February, 2006.

  
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Ron Maguire, Mayor

  
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Brenda Defosse, Clerk

SCHEDULE 'A'

to By-Law No 48-05  
Replaced by By-law #56-16 Schedule 'H'

Respecting fees associated with Fire Department responses for Outdoor Fires

"Fees for Services"

	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Fee for Service</b>
a)	Providing inspection reports to solicitors and insurance companies	\$100.00
b)	Providing fire reports to solicitors and insurance companies	\$100.00
c)	Performing special inspection requests (i.e. property resale, mortgage renewal for residential type buildings)	\$60.00 per hour
d)	Inspection of private Home Day Care facilities or Group Homes with three (3) or fewer residents	No Charge
e)	Inspection of Group Homes with more than three (3) residents	No Charge
f)	Requested inspections for premises or buildings not mentioned elsewhere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single occupancy up to 2,000 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Multiple occupancy up to 2,000 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	No charge for residents of the municipality and \$60.00 per hour for non-residents
g)	Two unit residential inspection for compliance with Section 9.8 of the Fire Code	\$60.00 per hour
h)	Institutional inspection	\$60.00 per hour
	Residential inspection for compliance with Section 9.5 of the Fire Code	\$60.00 per hour
i)	Liquor Licensing requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patios</li> <li>• Special Occasions</li> <li>• Premises</li> </ul>	\$60.00 per hour if inspection is required \$25.00 if no inspection is required
j)	Motor Vehicle Incidents - Responding to and providing vehicle fire extinguishment and extrication services to owners/drivers (Provincial Highways)	Processed through the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) based on their criteria
k)	Motor Vehicle Incidents - Responding to and providing fire extinguishment and extrication services to owners/drivers (Secondary Roads or Private Lanes)	\$410.00 for first hour per piece of equipment, \$205.00 per each additional ½ hour or part thereof per piece of equipment for non-residents of the Municipality
l)	Fire Services for extinguishing fires set by persons for the purposes of burning grass, brush, rubbish or other such material or burning in barrels, drums, or wild land/forest fires etc.	*Per North Frontenac's Current Burning By-law
m)	Specialized equipment and/or resources to control or minimize loss (not provided by fire department)	Total cost recovery for specialized equipment/resources plus administration fee

n)	Clean-up of spills as defined in the Environmental Protection Act, Part X, as amended	Total cost recovery for specialized equipment/resources plus administration fee
o)	Equipment required to take down or make safe a scene for investigation or overhaul (not owned by Fire Department)	Total cost recovery for specialized equipment/resources plus administration fee
p)	Demolish, clean-up and make safe after a fire (if not completed by property owner)	Total cost recovery for specialized equipment/resources plus administration fee
q)	Where there has been more than three (3) false fire alarms/faulty equipment or more than two (2) nuisance calls in a twelve month period to the same address	\$100.00 per truck per response
r)	Administration Fee	\$50.00

\*Note: Vehicle and firefighter hours to include refurbish of vehicles and equipment readied for the next incident or response.

"Criteria for Exemption or Reduction of Fees for Services"

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Fee</b>
a)	Non-Profit Organizations	No Charge
b)	Non-Profit Events	No Charge

Respecting fees associated with Fire Department responses for Outdoor Fires

<b>Item</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Pumper	\$ 300.00/hr.
Tanker	\$ 300.00/hr.
Wild Land/ Pickup Truck	\$ 250.00/hr.
Squad	\$ 250.00/hr.
Off Road Vehicles (ATV, boat, etc.)	\$100.00/hr.
Fire Fighter	\$25.00/hr. per FF
Site Inspection	\$ 30.00
Investigation	\$ 30.00/hr.

## SCHEDULE 'B'

to By-Law No. 48-05

Respecting a suitable Incinerator Setup



1. **Do not burn garbage** or any material restricted by the Ministry of the Environment such as **rubber, plastics, foams**, treated wood, or any material which could cause toxic or noxious gasses. **Most of these materials can be either recycled or composted.**
2. Select a site at least 5 meters from forest, buildings or combustible material.
3. Clear an area 2 meters around the incinerator down to mineral soil or rock.
4. Use a metal barrel in good condition and not larger than 0.5 cubic meter (17.7 cubic feet)
5. Support the material off bottom and provide holes to allow air to enter from under material.
6. A heavy metal mesh with holes less than 5 millimeters (1/4 in.) must be placed on top of barrel to prevent sparks from spreading fire.
7. Keep a shovel or rake and water nearby.
8. Do not dump ashes until they have been cold for at least 3 days.
9. Do not leave incinerator unattended while burning.
10. Ensure there is no fire ban in place.

SCHEDULE 'C'

to By-Law No. 48-05

-Respecting Qualified Commercial Operators 'Ignition Authority'

Sample

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRONTENAC  
IGNITION AUTHORITY

Issued under Ont. Reg. 230/00 and By-law #48-05

Company name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_

Land owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Location of burn site (civic address / lot & con.) \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to burn site \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person in charge \_\_\_\_\_ Means of communication at site  
\_\_\_\_\_

Physical description of burn site \_\_\_\_\_

Material to be burned \_\_\_\_\_ size of piles/area to be burned \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment assigned for control and extinguishment of fire: Heavy equipment \_\_\_\_\_

Pumps \_\_\_\_\_ Hose \_\_\_\_\_ Shovels \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other conditions in effect \_\_\_\_\_

It is the Permittee's responsibility to notify the appropriate fire department before ignition of fire.  
Permittee and Landowner will be held responsible for the cost of extinguishing all escaped or abandoned fires.

Permit approved for the following dates \_\_\_\_\_ to and including \_\_\_\_\_  
(when signed by fire warden) (note permit may be cancelled at anytime by the fire warden or chief fire official)

Signature of Permittee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Fire Warden \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **SCHEDULE “D”**

Approved by By-law #74-12

### **Protocol for Declaring a Fire Ban in the Township of Addington Highlands and the Township of North Frontenac**

- Initial call by fire department personnel to the respective Fire Chief recommending a fire ban.
- The Fire Chief of the Township of Addington Highlands and the Fire Chief of the Township North Frontenac will consult the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire headquarters and surrounding municipal officials to determine the forest fire hazards for the area.
- After reviewing the data collected and either Fire Chief deeming conditions warrant a fire ban, the declaration will be made.
- The Fire Chief shall notify the Board if one or the other wants the fire ban in place after discussions between the Fire Chiefs.
- When a fire ban is declared it will be in effect in both the Township of Addington Highlands and the Township of North Frontenac.
- The Fire Chiefs or their designates will ensure the township officials and MNR fire headquarters are notified.
- Each Fire Chief or their designate will be responsible for ensuring that fire department personnel are informed of the declared fire ban.
- The Fire Chiefs or their designate will make a reasonable attempt to notify area merchants, resort owners, media, fire wardens and any other individuals or groups that the authorities deem necessary be notified of the declared fire ban.
- Fire Department personnel shall ensure that all forest fire hazard signs are indication a fire ban and assist in posting additional fire ban signs if required.
- Township of North Frontenac office staff shall post a fire ban sign in the office. Staff will also notify the campsite and road permit issuers for Crown Land Recreational Stewardship (CLRS) program and the CLRS staff, members of Council and all township employees.
- Township of Addington Highlands office staff will post a fire ban sign in the office and notify members of Council and all township employees.
- To remove the fire ban both Fire chiefs must agree to have the ban removed and notify the Board.

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRONTENAC**

**PART 1 Provincial Offences Act**

By-law # 48-05

**FIRE PREVENTION By-Law**

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Item	COLUMN 1 Short Form Wording	COLUMN 2 Offence Creating Provision	COLUMN 3 Set Fine (includes cost)
1	Start a fire without ensuring safe and suitable conditions for igniting said fire	Section # 3 (a)	\$ 350.00
2	Start a fire without adequate adults competent in attendance from start to extinguishments	Section # 3 (b)	\$ 250.00
3	Ignite a fire during a fire ban	Section # 3 (c)	\$ 350.00
4	Fail to supply adequate personnel, equipment and water to control fire	Section # 3 (e)	\$ 350.00
5	Fail to supply adequate personnel, equipment and water to extinguish fire	Section # 3 (e)	\$ 350.00
6	Fail to ignite a fire on bare mineral soil or rock	Section # 3 (f)	\$ 250.00
7	Ignite a fire within 3 meters of flammable material	Section # 3 (f)	\$ 250.00

**NOTE:** Penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 18 of By-law No. 48-05, a certified copy which has been filed.

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRONTENAC**

**PART 1 *Provincial Offences Act***

**By-law # 48-05**

**FIRE PREVENTION By-Law**

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Item	COLUMN 1 Short Form Wording	COLUMN 2 Offence Creating Provision	COLUMN 3 Set Fine
8	Ignite a fire outdoors during restricted times	Section # 4	\$ 350.00
9	Ignite a fire outdoors that exceeds restricted size	Section # 6 (a)	\$ 350.00
10	Burn piles that exceed restricted size	Section # 8	\$ 350.00
11	Burn grass or leaves exceeding restricted size	Section # 9	\$ 350.00
12	Ignite a fire where it may cause inconvenience to others	Section # 10	\$ 350.00
13	Ignite a fire where it may cause irritation to others	Section # 10	\$ 350.00
14	Ignite a fire where it may cause detriment to others	Section # 10	\$ 350.00

**NOTE:** Penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 18 of By-law No. 48-05, a certified copy which has been filed.

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRONTENAC**

**PART 1 Provincial Offences Act**

**By-law # 48-05**

**FIRE PREVENTION By-Law**

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Item	COLUMN 1 Short Form Wording	COLUMN 2 Offence Creating Provision	COLUMN 3 Set Fine
15	Ignite a fire directly under or near telephone lines	Section # 11	\$ 350.00
16	Ignite a fire directly under or near power lines	Section # 11	\$ 350.00
17	Ignite a fire on or near a roadway	Section # 12	\$ 350.00
18	Burn restricted material	Section # 13	\$ 350.00
19	Fail to notify Fire Department of uncontained fire	Section # 14	\$ 350.00

**NOTE:** Penalty provision for the offences indicated above is Section 18 of By-law No. 48-05, a certified copy which has been filed.

Township of North Frontenac

**Part 1 Provincial Offences Act**  
By-law #68-17 to Amend By-law #48-05

Item	<b>Column 1</b> Short Form Wording	<b>Column 2</b> Provision Creating or Defining Offence	<b>Column 3</b> Set Fine
20	Ignite or Release an Ignited Flying Lantern	Section #3.1	\$350.00

Note: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is Section 18 of Bylaw #48-05, as amended a certified copy of which have been filed.