

TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

BYLAW 2/04

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS TO REGULATE OPEN-AIR FIRES
WITHIN THE TOWN OF BIRCH HILLS

The Council of the Town of Birch Hills in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) "acceptable fire pit" means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
 - (i) minimum clearance of 3 meters from building and property lines
 - (ii) height does not exceed .6 meters
 - (iii) firebox opening does not exceed 1 meter
 - (iv) the apparatus must be constructed of cement, brick, or sheet metal
 - (v) the receptacle must be covered with a mesh screen or grating made of non-combustible material.
 - (b) "acceptable fireplace" means an outdoor receptacle that meets the following specifications:
 - (i) minimum 1 meter clearance from buildings and property lines
 - (ii) constructed of material such as bricks or rocks that are heat and flame resistant
 - (iii) fireplace is equipped with a chimney that is not less than 2.5 meters in height and equipped with a screen to reduce sparks
 - (iv) the fire chamber does not exceed 1 square meter.
 - (c) "portable barbecuing appliance" means any appliance sold or constructed for the purpose of cooking food outdoors, normally fuelled by propane, natural gas, charcoal briquettes.
2. No person shall set, cause or allow to be set, an open air fire within the Town of Birch Hills without first having obtained a permit from the Municipal Office, in the form of Exhibit "A".
3. Permits will be issued on approval of the Municipal Official (Administrator, Fire Chief or agent) as designated by Council.
4. The cost of a permit if \$5.00 per household, one time purchase.
5. Notwithstanding, Section 1, a permit shall not be required for approved apparatus, fireplace, grills, barbecues or structures that are used for cooking with natural gas, propane or charcoal briquettes.

Bylaw 2/04 (continued):

6. The burning of the following is prohibited:
- a) rubbish;
 - b) garden refuse
 - c) manure
 - d) livestock or animal carcasses; and
 - e) any material which when burned will generate black smoke or an offensive odour including insulation from electrical wiring or equipment, asphalt roofing material, hydrocarbons, plastics, rubber materials, creosoted wood or any similar material.
7. Open-air fires shall be reasonably supervised so as to prevent their spread and be adequately ventilated to ensure proper combustion and to prevent an unreasonable accumulation of smoke. ONLY untreated wood shall be allowed to be burned.
8. Open-air fires shall not be set in windy conditions conducive to creating a running fire or nuisance to another person. If smoke from an open-air fire causes unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property, the fire shall be extinguished immediately.
9. This Bylaw shall come into force upon the approval from the Minister of Saskatchewan Environment as required under Section 18 of The Clean Air Act.

INTRODUCED AND READ A FIRST TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2004


Mayor


Administrator

Certified a true copy of
Bylaw 2/04 passed by Council
on the 11th day of February 2004.


Administrator

EXHIBIT "A"
OPEN-AIR FIRE PERMIT

NAME OF LICENSEE: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED FIRE: _____

MATERIALS TO BE BURNED: _____

CLEARANCE FROM BUILDINGS & OTHER EXPOSURES: _____

OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS: _____

APPROVED: _____ NOT APPROVED: _____

SIGNATURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL: _____

Signature of Applicant _____