

TOWN OF EDSON

BY-LAW 2119

BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF EDSON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR TOWN OF EDSON FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES, TO BE KNOWN AS “THE EDSON FIRE SERVICES BYLAW”

WHEREAS the Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, RSA, 2000 and amendments thereto, provides that the Council of a municipality may pass a by-law for municipal purposes respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

AND WHEREAS this bylaw provides that the Town of Edson will provide fire protection and emergency services within Edson, and further provides that the Town and its officials or employees will have certain duties and powers in regard thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Edson, duly assembled, does hereby enact as follows:

SECTION 1 – Name of Bylaw

1. This Bylaw may be cited as “The Edson Fire Services Bylaw”.

SECTION 2 Definitions:

In this Bylaw words and phrases shall be construed as follows:

- 2.1 “Apparatus” means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for firefighting as well as vehicles used to transport firefighters or supplies.
- 2.2 “Approved Fire Pit” means a burning device to burn combustible materials as described in the attached Schedule “C”.
- 2.3 “Authority Having Jurisdiction” (AHJ) means:
 - (I) the Chief or Deputy Chief of the Edson and District Fire Department;

- (ii) all persons designated by the Fire Chief of the Edson & District Fire Department.
- 2.4 “Council” means the Council of the Town of Edson.
- 2.5 “EFD” means Edson and District Fire Department.
- 2.6 “Emergency Services” shall mean services provided by the Edson and District Fire Department in respect of Fire or incidents.
- 2.7 “False Alarm” means the activation of the Fire Alarm System when there is:
 - i) No fire on the Premises, or
 - ii) No other emergency on the Premises.
- 2.8 “Emergency” means any situation to which the EFD has responded whether there is a real or perceived danger to the safety, health or welfare of a person, property or the environment.
- 2.9 “Equipment” means any tool, contrivance, device or material used by the EFD to mitigate an Incident or other Emergency whether that tool, contrivance, device or material is owned, conscripted or hired by the EFD.
- 2.10 “Fire” shall mean any combustible material in a state of combustion, a situation where a Fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a Fire or a danger or possible danger to life or property from Fire.
- 2.11 “Fire Ban” means a Provincial Ministerial Order or an order by a member of the Town of Edson Fire Chief’s Office banning all or a portion of all open fires.
- 2.12 “Fire Chief” means the person appointed as head of the Edson and District Fire Department.
- 2.13 “Fire Department” means the department established by this Bylaw and includes any person duly appointed to the Fire Department by the Fire Chief.
- 2.14 “Fire Department Property” shall mean all property owned or controlled by the Town and designated for use by the Fire Department, regardless of the source of that Property.
- 2.15 “Fire Permit” means a permit issued by this Bylaw allowing for the setting of outdoor open fires, structure fires, or incinerator fires within the Town.

- 2.16 “Fire Protection” shall mean all aspects of Fire Safety, including but not limited to fire prevention, firefighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire Inspections, fire investigation, Dangerous Goods response, public education and information, training or other staff development.
- 2.17 “Fire Protection Charge” shall mean any or all charges incurred by the Department in providing Fire Protection and /or Emergency Services.
- 2.18 “Fireworks” include, but are not limited to: showers, golden rain, lawn lights, pinwheels, roman candles, volcanoes, and sparklers, rockets, serpents, bombshells, tourbillions, maroons, large wheels, bouquets, barrages, bombardos, waterfalls, fountains, batteries, illumination, set pieces, pigeons, and firecrackers.
- 2.19 “Incident” means a situation presenting a danger or perceived danger to life, health or property, and to which the EFD has responded.
- 2.20 “Incident Commander” means the Member on site at an Incident or Emergency who is responsible for EFD emergency response service actions and resources at that Incident or Emergency.
- 2.21 “Level of Service” means the service the department will provide and standards to which such will be provided.
- 2.22 “Member” means any person duly appointed as a Member of the fire department and includes the Chief Officers.
- 2.23 “Occupant” means any person other than the registered owner who is in possession of the property including, but not restricted to, a lessee, licensee, tenant, or agent of the owner.
- 2.24 “Officer” shall mean an officer of the department as appointed by the fire chief
- 2.25 “Open Fire” means all outdoor fires except unintentional vehicle fires or unintentional structural fires.
- 2.26 “Owner” means:
- a) The person as registered on title at the Land Titles Offices;
 - b) A person who is recorded as the owner of the property on the assessment roll of the Town.

- 2.27 “Peace Officer” means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; a Peace Officer appointed pursuant to the Alberta Peace Officer Act; a Community Peace Officer employed by the Town of Edson.
- 2.28 “Premises” includes lands, building and any other structure whatsoever on the property.
- 2.29 "Prohibited Debris" means any matter that, when burned, may result in the release to the atmosphere of dense smoke, offensive odors or toxic substances and includes but is not limited to:
- a) animal manure;
 - b) pathological waste;
 - c) non-wooden material;
 - d) waste material from building or construction sites, excluding wooden materials that do not contain wood preservatives;
 - e) combustible material in automobile bodies;
 - f) tires;
 - g) rubber or plastic, or anything containing or coated with rubber or plastic or similar substances, except rubber or plastic attached to shredded scrap steel;
 - h) used oil;
 - i) wood or wood products containing substances for the purpose of preserving wood; or
 - j) any other waste defined as Prohibited Debris under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, Chapter E-12, RSA, 2000 and its Regulations from time to time
- 2.30 “QMP” means Quality Management Plan submitted to the Safety Codes Council of Alberta outlining the Town’s commitment to fire inspections and fire investigations.
- 2.31 “Recreational Fire Pit” means a burning device to burn combustible materials.
- 2.32 “Town” means the Town of Edson.
- 2.33 “Town Manager” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Edson.
- 2.34 “Violation Ticket” means a violation ticket as defined in the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, Chapter P-34, RSA, 2000.

SECTION 3 Fire Service:

- 3.1 The Council hereby establishes the Edson & District Fire Department for the provision of fire protection and rescue services within the Town of Edson.
- 3.2 The Department shall respond within the scope of the Departments level of service and as resources permit, for the purpose of:
- a) Preventing, combating and controlling incidents
 - b) Preventing fires
 - c) Preserving life and property and protecting persons and property from injury or destruction by fire
 - d) Providing rescue services
 - e) Operating Apparatus and equipment for extinguishing fires or preserving life and property
 - f) Controlling and mitigating incidents involving Dangerous goods
 - g) Fulfilling approved agreements with other municipalities or persons with respect to emergency services
- 3.3 The Department shall provide these emergency services to a level and standard as articulated in the Emergency Response Level of Service Policy.
- 3.4 The Department shall provide Fire Inspection and Fire Investigation services as outlined in the "Quality Management Plan" submitted to the Safety Codes Council of Alberta, Alberta Municipal Affairs.

SECTION 4 Fire Chief:

- 4.1 The Fire Chief shall be appointed by, and report to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
- 4.2 The Fire Chief or his designate, has complete responsibility and authority over the Fire Department, subject to the direction of the CAO, and may prescribe rules, regulations and policies for the ongoing organization and administration of the Fire Department, including but not limited to:
- a) The use, care and protection of Fire Department property;
 - b) The appointment, recruitment, training, conduct, discipline, duties and responsibilities of the members of the Fire Department; or
 - c) The efficient operation of the Fire Department

- 4.3 The Fire Chief shall, within the Departments approved budget, purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, apparatus, materials or supplies required for the operation, maintenance and administration of the Fire Department to be used in connection therewith.
- 4.4 The Fire Chief shall keep or cause to be kept, in accordance with Town policies, records of transactions of the Fire Department, including the purchase or acquisition of equipment, apparatus, materials or supplies and records of emergencies attended, actions taken in controlling emergencies and any other records incidental to the operation of the Fire Department.
- 4.5 The Fire Chief or his designate, shall have control, direction and management of Department apparatus, equipment and manpower, assigned to an emergency and where a member is in charge, he or she shall continue to act until relieved by an officer authorized to do so.
- 4.6 The Fire Chief or his designate in charge may, at an emergency, at his or her discretion establish boundaries or limits and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter.
- 4.7 The Fire Chief or his designate in charge at an emergency, is empowered to cause a building, structure or thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if he deems it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.
- 4.8 The Fire Chief or his designate in charge at an emergency, is empowered to cause the Fire Department to enter on any land or premises, including adjacent land or premise, to combat, control or deal with an emergency in whatever manner he deems necessary to limit injury to persons, loss of life, or damage to property or the environment.
- 4.9 The Fire Chief or his designate in charge of an emergency may obtain assistance from other officials of the municipality, as he deems necessary in order to exercise his duties and responsibilities at an emergency scene.
- 4.10 The Fire Chief shall, manage mutual aid agreements and fire control agreements with recommendations and concerns regarding the establishing or renewing of any mutual aid agreement or fire control agreement or amendments thereto.

- 4.11 The Fire Chief or his designate in charge of an emergency, is empowered to activate and utilize any mutual aid agreement the Town may have with other municipalities or agencies.
- 4.12 The Fire Chief or his designate, in consultation with the CAO, shall have the authority to issue a fire ban banning all or a portion of open fires.

SECTION 5 - Fire Protection Charges and Fees:

- 5.1 Where the Department has responded to or taken action in respect to an incident for the purpose of providing rescue services, extinguishing a fire or responding to a call including a false alarm, the Fire Chief may levy a fire protection charge to the person who caused or contributed to the fire or incident, or the owner or occupant of the property involved and all individuals levied are jointly and severally responsible for the fire protection charge.
- 5.2 The Department may levy a charge for the following administrative services:
- a) Inspection or investigation services.
 - b) File searches.
 - c) Occupancy load calculations and permits.
 - d) Other relevant administrative services.
- 5.3 The schedule of fees for fire protection charges and fees shall be set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
- 5.4 A fire protection charge shall be paid within thirty (30) days of being levied.
- 5.5 Collection of unpaid fire protection charges may be undertaken by civil action in court of competent jurisdiction, and any civil action does not invalidate any lien to which the Town is entitled on the property in respect of which the indebtedness is incurred.
- 5.6 The owner of a parcel to which fire protection is provided is liable for fire protection charges incurred and the Town may, as permitted by the Municipal Government Act, add to the tax roll of the parcel of land all unpaid fire protection charges.

SECTION 6 - OPEN AIR FIRES:

- 6.1 All Open Air Fire and Recreational Fire Pits require a fire permit. Applications for fire permits shall be made to the Town of Edson Civic Center.
- 6.2 Upon receipt of an application, the Fire Chief, or his/her Designate, shall consider the Fire Permit application and may, in his or her discretion:
- a. Refuse to grant a Fire Permit;
 - b. Grant a Fire Permit with or without terms and conditions as deemed appropriate; or
 - c. Determine under special circumstances that a Fire Permit may not be required.
- 6.3 Each application for a Fire Permit must contain the following information:
- a. The name, address and phone number of the applicant;
 - b. The business license number where the applicant is a business;
 - c. The name and address of the owner of the Property upon which the applicant proposes to set a fire;
 - d. The municipal address of the Property on which the applicant proposes to set the fire;
 - e. The Type and description of materials which the applicant proposes to burn (agricultural/commercial/industrial applicants);
 - f. The period of time for which the Fire Permit is required (agricultural/commercial/industrial applicants);
 - g. The precautions, if any, that will be taken by the applicant to ensure that the proposed fire remains under his or her control (agricultural/commercial/industrial applicants);
 - h. confirmation of underground utility locates completed
 - i. The signature of the applicant; and
 - j. The written consent of the Property owner, where different from the applicant.
- 6.4 A Fire Permit is not transferable.
- 6.5 Fire Permits issued pursuant to this Bylaw are valid for such period of time as shall be determined by the Fire Chief, or Designate, and as noted on the Fire Permit.
- 6.6 The Fire Chief, or Designate, may extend the period of time for which the Fire Permit is valid, provided the Fire Permit has not expired.

- 6.7 The Fire Chief, or Designate, may for cause, at his or her discretion, suspend or cancel a Fire Permit or impose additional conditions to a Fire Permit at any time.
- 6.8 Notification of suspension or cancellation of a Fire Permit shall be made by telephone to the Fire Permit holder and shall be confirmed by providing written notice of such suspension or cancellation to the holder of the Fire Permit.
- 6.9 A Fire Permit shall not be required under this Bylaw to conduct:
- a. Cooking of food using a Portable Barbecue Device;
 - b. Burning in municipal campgrounds and parks where Outdoor Fireplaces, Fire Pits and stoves have been provided and approved by the Fire Chief.
 - c. Burning of a smudge fire confined within a non-combustible receptacle that is set on property of 0.5 hectares or larger, for the purpose of repelling insects or preventing frost in an orchard or garden;
 - d. Burning by the Fire Department for the purpose of training;
 - e. Burning by the Fire Department for the purpose of Fire Hazard reduction; and
 - f. The installation and operation of an Outdoor Fireplace.
 - g. Open burning approved by the Fire Chief, or Designate, which is under the control of Town of Edson staff.

SECTION 7 RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS

- 7.1 A Recreational Fire Pit shall be constructed of non-combustible materials as outlined in the FIRE PERMIT APPLICATION.
- 7.2 The maximum external dimension of the Recreational Fire Pit shall not be greater than one metre, unless otherwise authorized by the Fire Chief.
- 7.3 Except where approved by the Fire Chief, a Recreational Fire Pit shall be covered by a substantial screen or grate with openings not to exceed 12.5 millimetres in any dimension (Spark Arrester).
- 7.4 A Recreational Fire Pit shall not be located within three metres from a Property line, combustible material, including, but not limited to, buildings, structures, fences, patio decks and foliage as measured from the nearest Fire Pit edge.
- 7.5 A Recreational Fire Pit shall not be located within 0.6 metres laterally from an underground utility line.

- 7.6 The Owner or Occupier of the Property shall possess a Fire Permit for Recreational Fire Pit.
- 7.8 A Recreational Fire Pit Fire Permit shall be valid for the duration of the Applicant's tenancy of the premises for which the Fire Permit was issued for.

SECTION 8 FALSE ALARMS:

- 8.1 "False Alarm" means the activation of a Fire Alarm system as a result of which the services of the Fire Department are provided and the Fire Department do not find any evidence of Fire, Fire damage, smoke in relation to the building, structure, residence or facility, or where there has been no emergency situation.

False alarm incidents include but are not limited to:

- i) The testing of an alarm which results in a Fire response
 - ii) An alarm actually or apparently activated by mechanical failure, malfunction or faulty equipment
 - iii) An alarm activated by user error
 - iv) An alarm reporting fire or an emergency situation occurring on or in relation to the address in which the alarm system is installed where no evidence exists or where no such event took place
 - v) An alarm actually or apparently activated by atmospheric conditions, excessive vibrations or power failures
- 8.2 The owner of the property shall be responsible for the proper use, installation, maintenance and operation of the Fire Alarm system installed on or in the property in order to ensure the prevention of false fire alarms
- 8.3 If in any calendar year the Fire Department responds to two (2) false fire alarms originating from one fire alarm system, the Fire Chief shall cause a notice to be sent to the owner of the property in which the fire alarm system is installed advising of the occurrence of the false fire alarms and of the consequences which may arise if further false fire alarms occur.
- 8.4 If in any calendar year the Fire Department responds to three (3) or more false fire alarms originating from one fire alarm system, there shall be imposed on the owner of the property in which the fire alarm system is installed a fee, as listed in Schedule "A" for the third and each subsequent false fire alarm.

- 8.5 The determination by the Fire Chief under this Section of whether an alarm was false shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

SECTION 9 - FIRE WORKS:

9.1 Low-hazard fireworks:

- a) Low-hazard fireworks means fireworks listed in Class 7, Division 2, Subdivision 1 in Section 14 of the Explosives Act (Canada) and regulations under the Act, also commonly referred to as Consumer or Family fireworks.
- b) It is strictly prohibited to display for sale, offer for sale, sell, possess or store any Low-hazard fireworks, firecrackers, fire balls, squibs or any such Chinese firecrackers within the boundaries of the Town of Edson.
- c) It is strictly prohibited to obtain, purchase, handle, set off, discharge or otherwise any low-hazard fireworks, firecrackers, fire balls, squibs or any other such Chinese firecrackers with the boundaries of the Town of Edson.

9.2 High-hazard fireworks:

- a) High-hazard fireworks means fireworks listed in Class 7, Division 2, Subdivision 2 in Section 14 of the Explosives Act (Canada) and its Regulations
- b) No person, other than an individual who has a valid Pyro-Technician's card issued pursuant to the Explosives Act of Canada, shall set-up, set-off, operate or discharge a pyrotechnic display within the boundaries of the Town of Edson
- c) A Display Supervisor or a Pyro-technician, holding a valid authorization under the Explosives Act, may only conduct a show after receiving permission to do so in writing from the Fire Chief.
- d) It shall be the responsibility of the Display Supervisor or a Pyro-Technician to ensure that the requirements of the Explosives Act of Canada and the Alberta Fire Code are adhered to.

SECTION 10 REQUIREMENT TO REPORT:

- 10.1 The Owner or his authorized agent of any property damaged by fire shall immediately report to EFD particulars of the fires in a manner satisfactory to the Fire Chief
- 10.2 The Owner or his authorized agent of any property containing a Dangerous Goods product, which sustains an accidently or unplanned release of the Dangerous Goods product, shall immediately report to the EFD particulars of the release, in a manner satisfactory to the Fire Chief.

SECTION 11 - OFFENCES:

11.0 No person shall:

- (1) impede, obstruct or hinder a member of the EFD, Peace Officer or any other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief, or his designate or member in charge of an incident;
- (2) cause or permit any fire in the Town to occur contrary to the provisions of this bylaw;
- (3) damage or destroy EFD apparatus or equipment;
- (4) drive a vehicle over any Fire or Emergency Services equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or his designate in charge of an incident.
- (5) falsely represent themselves as a member or wear or display any EFD badge, cap, button, insignia or other paraphernalia for the purpose of false representation;
- (6) obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any fire alarm, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water required for fire fighting purposes or any connections provided to a fire main, pipe, stand pipe, sprinkler system, cistern or other body of water required for fire fighting purposes;
- (7) at an incident, enter the boundaries or limits as established, unless authorized by the Fire Chief or his designate in charge of an incident;
- (8) impede, obstruct or hinder a member of the EFD from carrying out duties imposed by this bylaw;

- (9) provide false, incomplete or misleading information to the EFD with respect to an incident, fire or other fire related matter;
- (10) either directly or indirectly, personally or through an agent, servant or employee kindle a fire or let it become a running fire on any land not his or her own property or allow a running fire to pass from his or her own property to the property of another;
- (11) permit a fire to burn when a fire is set in contravention of this bylaw. The owner or occupier of land, or the person having control of the land upon which the fire is lit shall immediately extinguish the fire or if unable to extinguish the fire, report the fire to the EFD as soon as possible;
- (12) light a fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
- (13) light a fire when the weather conditions are conducive to create a running fire;
- (14) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from becoming a running fire or from spreading onto property other than his or her own;
- (15) deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance where it might ignite other materials and cause a fire; or
- (16) sell, discharge, fire or set off fireworks within the limits of Town, unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designate.

SECTION 12 - PENALTIES:

12.0 Any person who:

- (1) Violates any provision of this bylaw;
- (2) Suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of or in violation of any provision of this Bylaw
- (3) Neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by the provisions of this Bylaw; or

- (4) Does any act or thing or omits any act or thing, thus violating any provision of this Bylaw;

Is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw and is liable to a fine as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw.

SECTION 13 - INDEMNITY:

- 13.1 A Member of EFD or a Peace Officer acting in good faith and without malice in the discharge of his duties under this Bylaw, shall not render himself liable personally and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may occur to persons or property as a result of any act required or by reason of any act or omission in the discharge of those duties.
- 13.2 The Town shall defend any suit, action or claim, commenced against a Member wherein it is alleged that the Member acted in a negligent manner during the course of the Member's duties (whether by commission or omission). Unless directed to the contrary by the member affected in writing, the Town shall defend any such suit, action or claim until the final determination of the proceedings, a negligent act or omission, brought against a Member until final determination of the proceedings.

SECTION 14 - SEVERABILITY:

14. Should any section or part of this Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as being severable from the rest of the Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section found to be improperly enacted had not been enacted as part of this Bylaw.

SECTION 15 - RESCINDING OF PREVIOUS BYLAW:

15. Bylaw 981 and Bylaw 1607 are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

READ A THIRD AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE A.D. 2015.

MAYOR

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Schedule "A"

Fire Protection Charges / Fees

Emergency & Incident Responses:

All Fire Department Apparatus shall be charged out at the current Alberta Transportation Rates for Emergency Vehicles.

File Search and letter Response:	\$100.00
Occupant load calculation and permit:	\$100.00
Occupant load replacement permit:	\$ 50.00
Requested Fire Inspections:	\$100.00
Fire Permit Open Air:	\$ 50.00
Fire Permit Recreational Fire Pit:	\$ 25.00

Fire Programs and Courses:

Rate set by Fire Chief based on industry rates and costs incurred

False Fire Alarm Rates:	
First False Alarm:	N/C
Second False Alarm	N/C
Notice from Fire Chief	
Third False Alarm	\$200.00
Subsequent False Alarms	\$400.00

Schedule "B"**Specified Penalties for Offence Tickets**

First Offence:	\$200.00
Second Offence:	\$400.00
Subsequent Offences	\$400.00

NOTE: For Offence tickets, a second and subsequent offence is deemed to be committed if it occurs within one (1) year of the previous related offence.

Schedule "C"
TOWN OF EDSON
APPLICATION FOR FIRE PERMIT

Date of Application: _____

Applicant: _____ Primary Contact #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Secondary Contact #: _____

Physical Address of Property: _____

Application for Recreational Fire Pit Fire Permit \$25 Permit Fee Paid

Application for Open Air Burning \$50 Permit Fee Paid

Property Owner: _____ Primary Contact #: _____

Property Owner Consensual Signature: _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY FOR OPEN-AIR BURNING NOT IN FIRE PIT

Type and description of material proposing to burn: _____

Precaution taken to ensure fire remains under control: _____

Period of Time Fire Permit is Required: _____

For one-time open-air burning not in a fire pit, this permit is valid for 10 days from approval date.
For repeated burning of same material type in same area, this permit is valid for one calendar year

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMIT APPROVAL

The site identified above has been inspected by an Officer of the Edson Fire Department

This permit application is approved, meeting all requirements identified

This permit application is approved with the following variances:

This permit application is not approved based on the following discrepancies:

Inspected By: _____ Date: _____

PRINT

Signature: _____

A Recreational fire pit must not exceed 1 metre in diameter; be a minimum of 20cm in height; constructed of non-combustible material (brick, steel, rock); located greater than 3 meters from property line and combustible materials such as fences, structures, decks, trees, foliage as measured from the nearest outside edge of the fire pit; and located greater than 0.6 meters laterally from underground utilities. Only clean, dry/seasoned fire wood is permitted for burning. During burning, a spark arrestor screen shall be used with openings not exceeding 12.5mm in any dimension. See example diagram attached.

All recreational fire pits and open-air burning areas are subject to inspection by the Fire Chief, or his Designate, prior to issuing a Fire Permit.

USE REGULATIONS

1. The use of fire pits within Town is intended for recreational purposes only.
2. The user shall not allow smoke or sparks to create a nuisance or hazard to neighbors or to other properties.
3. Only clean seasoned wood that is not contaminated with glue, paint, stain or other preservatives may be used for burning.
4. Refuse or waste materials including grass and leaves shall not be burned.
5. Large fires or bon fires are not permitted; fires shall not have a flame height of more than 50 centimetres (20 inches) above the fire pit screen surface

FIRE PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. The applicant is responsible for the fire(s) authorized by this permit and shall be held liable for all damages caused by him/her, or others, while acting under this permit.
2. The applicant shall provide at the site during light up and for safeguarding the fire(s) authorized by this permit, a competent adult person(s) suitably equipped to effectively safeguard the fire.
3. No fire(s) are to be lit if the wind exceeds 20 kilometres per hour.
4. The applicant shall give consideration to neighbors so as to avoid smoke from entering their property.
5. The applicant shall totally extinguish all fire(s) authorized by this permit on or prior to the expiry of this permit; or shall extinguish the fire(s) upon suspension or cancellation of this permit or when instructed to do so by a representative of the Town of Edson.
6. The applicant shall also abide by additional written conditions attached to this permit.

