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## **News Release**

### **New Fire Bylaw in Effect**

**Edson, Alberta, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – The Town of Edson’s new Fire Bylaw is now in effect.

Council has passed third reading for Bylaw 2119, which updated the Town’s Fire Bylaw for the first time since 1963. The new bylaw includes changes to the way outdoor fires in Edson are monitored, including a new permitting system for fire pits in Town limits. There will be a one-time fee of \$25 which includes an inspection of the fire pit to ensure proper distances from structures are met, along with other guidelines. Other changes in the bylaw would include a ticketing system for problem false alarms and amendments to the fireworks section. The following chart lists the major changes proposed.

<b>Old bylaw</b>	<b>Changes in new bylaw</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No open fire permitting system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open fires, including recreational fire pits, would require a permit and inspection.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ticketing system for false alarms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warnings would be imposed for 2 false alarms originating from one alarm system. Fines would be imposed for three or more false alarms.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fireworks section</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates Fireworks section to clarify low-hazard and high-hazard. Fireworks remain prohibited for sale, possession or storage in the Town of Edson. No person, other than an individual who has a valid Pyro-Technicians card and written permission from the Fire Chief may conduct a pyrotechnic display.</li> </ul>

Fire Chief Al Schram points out that 2015 will be a transitional year for the recreational fire pits. Residents will be allowed to continue to operate the fire pits during the transition process, however are encouraged to pick-up the application at the Town office as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to schedule and conduct the site inspections. **Council has also granted a grace period for the inspection fees until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.**

For more information you can contact the Edson Fire Department at 780-723-3178. The new Fire Bylaw can be found online at <http://www.edson.ca/bylaws>.

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