
CITY OF KELOWNA
MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2002
File No.: 3900-20/BL8882
To: City Manager
From: Fire Chief
Subject: Amendments to Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 6110

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council approve amendments to Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 6110-88 to prohibit open burning for development and land clearing purposes (non-farming) and to prohibit all open burning during days when air quality conditions, as defined by the Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection, are fair or poor;

THAT Bylaw No. 8882, being Amendment No. 8 to Fire Prevention Regulations Bylaw No. 6110-88, attached to the report from the Fire Chief dated July 8, 2002 be advanced for reading consideration by City Council.

BACKGROUND

Over the past year the R.D.C.O. Air Quality Committee and city staff have worked together to improve air quality in our region. One of the initiatives was to study open burning and its effects on air quality. It was determined that open burning did have a major effect on air quality and that changes to the burning regulations would be a definite benefit. The committee's recommendation was to eliminate all development burning within the Regional District and also to eliminate open burning on fair and poor air quality days, as determined by Environment Canada and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. These amendments were made to the R.D.C.O. Smoke Control Bylaw. The Fire Department supports the Region's direction and recommends the City's bylaw be amended to incorporate the same provisions.

In addition to the above changes, the Air Quality Committee is continuing to work on open burning issues with the farming community, who have to date been very co-operative.

GERRY ZIMMERMAN, Fire Chief

Attach.

c.c. Director of Finance & Corporate Services