
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2004
File No.: 3900-20
To: City Manager
From: Fire Chief
Subject: **Fire Prevention By-law # 6110-88;
Amendments for Fuel Reduction and Burning Period.**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council have staff amend By-law # 6110 to permit burning of woody debris from the process of fuel reduction or hazard abatement on private or public property;

AND THAT Council have staff amend the burning period to extend from Sept. 1 to April 30.

DISCUSSION:

City staff are receiving reports from private property owners outlining the condition of their property relating to fuel build up and potential hazards. There have been requests for burning for fuel reduction as a result of these reports.

As well there have been numerous (55 or more) properties that have received permission to log their fire impacted properties. In the course of logging there have been large accumulations of woody debris in many interface areas.

These large piles of material may be slash burned (most are dry) outside the existing window during better venting periods and should not wait until winter or spring when potential smoke during poorer venting will add to the already narrow window for agricultural burning.

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Kelowna Fire Chief

cc: Environment and Solid Waste Manager