
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2007
File No.: 3900-20;BL9868
To: City Manager
From: Fire Chief
Subject: Amendment No. 13 to Fire Prevention Regulation Bylaw No. 6110-88

Report Prepared by: R. Blanleil, Fire Chief, and C. Boback, Legislative Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the recommendations of the Fire Chief as outlined in the report dated September 25, 2007;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 9868, being Amendment No. 13 to Fire Prevention Regulation Bylaw No. 6110-88, be forwarded for reading consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Open burning regulatory bylaws in the past have been inconsistent from area to area within the Central Okanagan Regional District (CORD). This causes confusion amongst the public who may, for example, see burning occurring in one jurisdiction on a day when it is not permitted in a neighbouring jurisdiction. It also causes operational issues for the centralized dispatch (handled by the Kelowna Fire Department) which must determine where a reported fire is occurring, and which regulations apply to that location, when it receives a call before any action can be taken.

Amending the City of Kelowna Fire Prevention Regulation Bylaw, to make it consistent with other regulations within the CORD service area will not only improve service levels by removing the confusion, but is also consistent with the regional Air Quality Committee's goal of consistent air quality and open burning practices throughout the CORD area.

The amendments necessary to bring consistency at this time are as follows:

- increase the required minimum venting index for open burning from 55 to 65
- increase the air quality index, below which no burning is permitted, from 25 to 26
- change the dates between which burning permits may be issued from September 1st until April 30th, to October 1st until April 30th.

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Divisions 10 and 11 of Part 3 of the *Community Charter*

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The recommendations of this report are consistent with the CORD Air Quality Committee's policy recommendations.

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:
LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:
EXISTING POLICY:
FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:
PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:
ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted by:

R. Blanleil, Fire Chief

Approved for Inclusion:

