

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SUTTON NO. 103

BYLAW NO. 6/17

A BYLAW FOR ENACTING A FIRE RESTRICTION OR FIRE BAN

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be known as the "Fire Ban Bylaw".
2. In this bylaw,
 - (a) "Administrator" refers to the Administrator of the Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103;
 - (b) "Municipality" refers to the Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103;
 - (c) "Fire Chief" refers to the fire chief of the Mossbank & Rural Fire Department and/or their designate(s) or any other individual the Municipality has designated;
3. Whereas Section 8(1)(b) of *The Municipalities Act* provides that a municipality has a general power to pass any bylaws for the purposes of safety, health, and welfare of people and the protection of people and property,
4. The municipality may enact a fire advisory or fire ban, in consultation with the Fire Chief, as indicated below:

(a) **FIRE ADVISORY**

Open burning in the municipality is **not recommended** due to dry conditions. It is recommended that agricultural and industrial operations with water tanks at their disposal keep those filled and accessible at all times. Please use extreme caution when burning or using fireworks and have a plan to extinguish a fire to prevent a wildfire.

(b) **FIRE BANS**

Open burning in the municipality is **banned** due to dry conditions wherein there is a high risk of fire spreading. It is recommended that agricultural and industrial operations with water tanks at their disposal keep those filled and accessible at all times.

(i) **LEVEL 1 FIRE BAN**

Open burning within the municipality is banned.
A Level 1 fire ban **includes** unsupervised burning barrels.

Exceptions to a Level 1 fire ban (with a plan to extinguish a fire):

- a. supervised incinerators (for farm, acreage, or hamlet use)
- b. burning barrels with screens (under constant supervision)
- c. solid fuel barbecues and recreational campfires (as per Schedule A)
- d. liquid fuel barbecues (propane or natural gas)
- e. camp stoves
- f. fireworks

(ii) **LEVEL 2 FIRE BAN**

Open burning in the municipality is banned.
A Level 2 fire ban **includes**:

- a. incinerators (for farm, acreage, or hamlet use)
- b. all burning barrels
- c. fireworks

Exceptions to a Level 2 fire ban (with a plan to extinguish the fire):

- a. solid fuel barbecues/recreational campfires (as per Schedule A)

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- b. liquid fuel barbecues (propane or natural gas)
- c. camp stoves

(iii) LEVEL 3 FIRE BAN

Open burning in the municipality is banned.

A Level 3 fire ban **includes**:

- a. incinerators (for farm, acreage, or hamlet use)
- b. all burning barrels
- c. solid fuel barbecues/recreational campfires (as per Schedule A)
- d. camp stoves
- e. fireworks


Exceptions to a Level 3 fire ban:

- a. liquid fuel barbecues (propane or natural gas)

- 5. Any person who contravenes this bylaw is guilty of an offense and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of up to \$1,500, in addition to any fire suppression and control costs incurred.
- 6. This bylaw will come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.





Reeve


Administrator

Read a third time and adopted
this 10th day of August, 2017.

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SCHEDULE "A"

**PROVISIONS FOR SOLID FUEL BARBECUES
AND RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES**

1. Solid fuel barbecues and recreational campfires are permitted under certain provisions of the Fire Ban Bylaw, providing:
 - (a) fires are under constant supervision by an adult;
 - (b) enclosed fire pits or barbecues are covered with a metal screen having mesh no larger than 0.5 inches (1.25 cm) and which covers the entire opening. Logs or other fuel sources must be fully contained within the enclosure. Embers and ash must be prevented from escaping the enclosure;
 - (c) the fire pit or barbecue is a distance of at least 20 inches (0.5 metres) from any grass, and 10 feet (3 metres) from any combustible structure or item;
 - (d) the person supervising the fire is fully prepared, and has a plan to extinguish a fire should it escape from the fire pit or barbecue;
 - (e) fires and embers are extinguished completely when not under constant supervision;
 - (f) wind speed does not exceed 5 km/hour; **and**
 - (g) the fire occurs during the following hours:

Sunday to Thursday
Friday & Saturday

prior to 11:00 p.m.
prior to 1:00 a.m. of the following day

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