

**PORTIONS OF
BYLAW NO. 4-2004
OF THE
TOWN OF VERMILION
FIRE PIT**

8.8 Acceptable fire pits will be permitted within the Town of Vermilion under the following conditions:

1) Construction:

- i) located in the back yard only (side yards are not permitted);
- ii) fire pit will be located no less than 3.0 m from any property line;
- iii) fire pit will be located no less than 3.0 m from any structure (fence, deck, garage, shed, or dwelling);
- iv) fire pit acceptable design
 - a. 1.2 m maximum pit opening;
 - b. .60 m minimum pit opening;
 - c. 1 m minimum pad surrounding pit constructed from non-combustible material (patio block or poured concrete preferred);
 - d. fire pit walls shall be a minimum of 10 cm thick by 40 cm deep with a minimum of 15 cm of wall height above ground;
 - e. fire pit walls must be lined with a fire brick liner with a high temperature cement mortar (a 5 mm steel liner may be used in lieu of fire brick);
 - f. a minimum of 10 cm of non-combustible fill must be provided in the bottom of the pit;
 - g. a fire retention screen capable of covering the pit but protruding beyond the perimeter of the pit must be provided;

8.9 Acceptable fireplace, which is an outdoor receptacle, will be permitted within the Town of Vermilion under the following conditions:

1) Location:

- i) located in the backyard only (side yards are not permitted);
- ii) a minimum of 1 m clearance measured from the nearest fireplace edge is maintained from buildings, property lines, or other combustible material;
- iii) the fireplace is constructed of materials such as bricks or rocks that are heat and flame resistant;

- iv) the fireplace is equipped with a chimney that is not less than 2.5 m in height when measured from the base of the fire burning area;
- v) the fireplace chimney is equipped with a regulation screen designed to contain and reduce the hazards of air born sparks;
- vi) the base of the fire burning area is not less than .3 m above the surrounding grade;
- vii) the fire chamber does not exceed 1.25 m in width and is at least .4 m but not more than .6 m in depth;

8.10 Permitted uses for acceptable fire pit and acceptable fireplace as follows:

- 1) Cooking of food for human consumption:
- 2) For warmth.
- 3) Fire is attended by a person of competence to supervise it at all times.
- 4) Only clean and dry materials are to be burned.

8.11 Prohibited material for use in acceptable fire pit and acceptable fireplace is as follows, but not limited to:

- 1) Household refuse, garbage, leaves, straw, and/or painted wood.
- 2) Construction materials.
- 3) Materials made of or containing rubber, plastic, or similar material that will have the potential to create a nuisance.
- 4) Any fires generating absorbent quantities of smoke may be subject to extinguishment. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the imposition of a fine or penalty.

8.12 An application for construction of an acceptable fire pit, or for the placement of an acceptable fireplace, shall be made to the Fire Department in writing on the form adopted by the Municipality from time to time. The Safety Codes Officer shall receive and consider the application and after having done so, he or she may in his or her absolute discretion, issue the applicant a permit.

8.13 An Officer may in his or her absolute discretion, suspend or cancel the acceptable fire pit or acceptable fireplace permit at any time.

8.14 Council may, in its absolute discretion, suspend or cancel an acceptable fire pit or acceptable fireplace permit at any time.

- 8.15 Each application for an acceptable fire pit or acceptable fireplace must contain the following information:
- 1) The name and address of the applicant;
 - 2) The legal description of the land on which the applicant proposes to establish the outdoor receptacle.
 - 3) A site plan showing the proposed location of the outdoor receptacle in relationship to other improvements on the property.
 - 4) Any provision for vehicle parking, access, and egress points to the site, as well as fence locations, residential building locations, and accessory building locations, together with the location of the proposed acceptable fire pit, or acceptable fireplace and applicable distances.
 - 5) Each application for construction of an acceptable fire pit or placement of an acceptable fireplace, shall be accompanied by a fee as provided in Schedule "A" of the Bylaw.
- 8.16 In making a decision, the Safety Codes Officer may approve the application conditionally approve the application subject to those conditions considered appropriate, approve the application permanently or for a limited time period, or refuse the application.

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FIRE PIT BY-LAW

Application for Development of Fire Pit

Applicant: _____ Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Owner of Land: _____

Interest of Applicant if not Owner: _____

Address of Property where Fire Pit to be Developed: _____

Legal Description: Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____

Estimated Commencement Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Material used for Fire Pit Construction: _____

Site Plan attached

****One Call - 1-800-242-3447 Ticket Number _____ ****

Notice of Decision – Official Use Only

The above application has been APPROVED _____ REFUSED _____
Conditions of Approval (if any) Reasons for Refusal

Date of Decision _____, _____

Vermilion Fire Department

Please Print Name Here

SITE INSPECTION:

Comments: _____

Date of Inspection: _____, _____

Vermilion Fire Department

Please Print Name Here