



# Communiqué

## Open Air Burning and Burn Permits

May 5, 2017

### Camborne, ON – *Open Air Burning and Burn Permits*

Open air burning has been identified as a high risk for fire loss in the community. Based on the operating experience gained over the past few years, Open Air Burning By-Law 2014-19 has been reviewed and updated with the objective of improving the procedures and processes around open air burning.

Township Council has asked for and will be receiving a report on issues that have been raised about open air burning and Burn Permits at our Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

A presentation regarding Burn Permits and related matters will be made by Fire Chief Serson. If you are interested in these issues, please plan to attend this meeting.

In the interim, we would like to provide you with some safe burning tips.

#### **Hamilton Township Safe Burning Tips**

- Attend your fire at **all** times – it must be fully extinguished before leaving the site
- The person in charge of the burning operation conducted under the permit shall produce and show the permit to any officer whenever requested by that officer
- Day burning between the hours of 8am and 6pm from April 1 to October 31 must be authorized by the Fire Chief or his/her designate
- The material pile to be burned shall not exceed 2 cubic metres, kept a safe distance from any combustibles, structures or buildings (>5 metres), unless otherwise approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designate
- Make sure you have sufficient persons and fire-fighting equipment in serviceable condition, at the location of the fire
- No burning shall be conducted in windy conditions, burn during the coolest, dampest, calmest times and conditions. Avoid burning in hot dry conditions.
- Burning toxic material, such as plastics, tires, shingles, chemicals, combustible liquids, etc. or incinerating garbage is prohibited.
- Smoke from burning shall not impede the visibility of the roadway/highway

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