

By-Law 2003-96

The Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bay

Being a by-law to establish open air burning procedures.

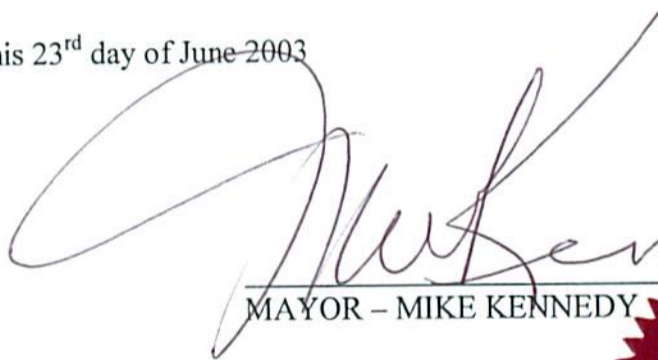
WHEREAS the Ontario Fire Code Section 2.6.3.4. provides that open air burning is not permitted unless approved, or unless such burning consists of a small confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or a barbecue.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Georgian Bay enacts as follows:

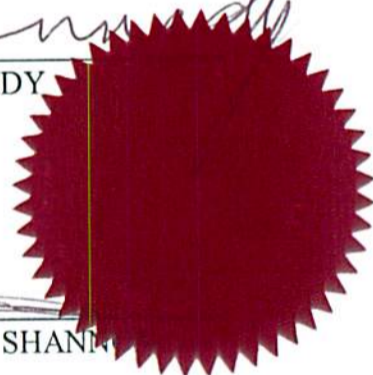
1. For the purposes of this by-law, the following definitions shall apply:-
 - a) "Chief Fire Official" means the Fire Chief or his designate
 - b) "Approved" means as approved by the Chief Fire Official
2. This by-law shall be in effect from the first of January of any year until the thirty-first of December of the same year.
3. All persons setting an open air fire in the Township of Georgian Bay shall first obtain a fire permit from the fire department or municipal office pursuant to this section. A person who has obtained a fire permit pursuant to this section shall:
 - (a) before burning, call Fire Dispatch to check the Fire Danger Rating. If the rating is High or Extreme, absolutely no burning is permitted, even if a permit has been issued.
 - (b) after fire is extinguished, call Fire Dispatch to advise that you have completed burning.
 - (c) burn only dry materials. Petroleum products, plastics, rubber or any other substance that will cause excessive smoke are not permitted.
 - (d) burn only one (1) cubic metre of material at any one time;
 - (e) ensure that means of extinguishing the fire is available at the site at all times during the fire;
 - (f) keep the fire at least 15 metres from any structure;
 - (g) supervise the fire at all times;
 - (h) refrain from burning on days where rain, fog or any weather conditions prevent readily dispersion of smoke; and when the wind is greater than 20 kph;
 - (i) ensure that smoke does not blow across roadways and hamper visibility;
 - (j) the said permit shall be in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto.
4. A site inspection may be required by the Chief Fire Official prior to issuing the permit.
5. The permit is valid for three days.
6. Applicants having an approved incinerator may apply for a seasonal permit, upon verification from the Chief Fire Official.
7. A fire permit may be cancelled or suspended at any time by the Chief Fire Official due to such circumstances as high fire hazard rating or wind conditions and immediately upon receiving notice of such cancellation or suspension, the permittee shall extinguish any fire started under the permit.
8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 hereof, the Chief Fire Official may, upon application, approve the setting of any fire subject to the fire being monitored by the Chief Fire Official of the Township of Georgian Bay.
9. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 hereof, open air fires may be set when such burning consists of a small confined fire, supervised at all times and used for cooking or warmth.
10. No person shall set an uncontained fire, including but not limited to, grass fires.

11. All person setting an open air fire in the Township of Georgian Bay shall:
- (a) be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons occasioned by the said fire;
 - (b) be liable for costs incurred by the fire department, including personnel, equipment and apparatus necessary and called in to extinguish the said fire.
12. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of not more than \$2,000.00 exclusive of costs under the Provincial Offences Act.
13. This by-law may be cited as " Township of Georgian Bay Open Air Burning By-law".
14. This by-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read and finally passed this 23rd day of June 2003


MAYOR - MIKE KENNEDY


CAO - CLERK - SUSAN SHANLEY



Township of Georgian Bay
Fire Department

Open Air Burn Permit

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| Applicant name: | _____ | Permit #: | _____ |
| Home address: | _____ | Date of burn: | _____ |
| Burning location: | _____ | From: | _____ |
| Phone number: | _____ | To: | _____ |

Note: Call Fire Dispatch before and after burning at 705-526-7891

Ministry of the Environment Guidelines

- Burn only dry materials. Don't burn petroleum products, plastics, rubber or anything that will cause excessive smoke.
- Keep at least 15 metres from buildings.
- Burn less than one cubic metre of material at a time.
- Stay with the fire at all times.
- Don't burn on days where rain, fog or any weather conditions prevents readily dispersion of smoke.
- Don't burn where smoke will blow across road ways and hamper driving visibility.
- Always have proper extinguishments tools on site.

Absolutely no burning permitted when Fire Danger Rating is HIGH or EXTREME.

I have read and understand the above conditions for approval of open air burning. I agree to pay the following rates should the Township of Georgian Bay Fire Department be dispatched to the burn site to extinguish an out of control or hazardous fire or a fire not conforming to these conditions. The rate charged shall be a minimum of \$350.00 per fire apparatus for every hour or part thereof that the fire department is on site to extinguish the fire.

Signature of applicant

Date

Chief Fire Official or Designate

Date