



Hiawatha First Nation Fire Ban Lifted

Hiawatha has lifted the fire ban effective **May 7, 2020**.

Open air fires will be the responsibility of the property owner and they shall be responsible for any injury or damage to another person or property resulting from the said fire.

Persons who are setting an open air fire shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Fire Department, if the Department is called to extinguish the said fire. Such costs shall be calculated in accordance with the current fee structure paid by Hiawatha First Nation to Otonabee - South Monaghan.

Not more than one (1) cubic metre of material shall be burned at one time.

The fire shall not be near any buildings, and with the wind direction blowing away from the buildings.

Adequate means of extinguishing the fire shall be available at all times at the site during burning, and until the fire is completely out.

Weather Conditions:

No open air burning shall be permitted when the wind is in such a direction or of such intensity that the following conditions occur:

- A decrease in visibility of the roadway;
- A rapid spread of fire through grass or brush area;
- An adverse effect on neighbouring persons or property;
- At all times, protection of the environment shall be a primary concern.

Materials:

- Material to be burned shall be limited to wood or wood by-products;
- No hazardous materials shall be burnt. This category includes all plastics, petroleum products, rubber, painted materials, etc.;
- Household waste shall not be burnt.

Again, we are asking our Citizens to be cautious if having an open air fire as we do not want to have our Firefighters and/or other First Responders have to gather during this time of COVID-19.