



City of Salmon Arm

Fire Department

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 14, 2020
To: Carl Bannister
From: Brad Shirley, Fire Chief
Re: Updated Bylaw # 3792 amendment

Recommendation:

In the definition section of bylaw # 3792, whereas it states "Venting Index" means the Environment Canada forecast ventilation index relative to the Okanagan Valley;"

Amend to: "Venting Index" means the Environment Canada forecast ventilation index relative to the Salmon Arm"

Background:

Recently Environment Canada has added to the forecast ventilation index a reading specific to Salmon Arm. This provides a more accurate assessment of smoke ventilation in Salmon Arm as opposed to the "Okanagan Valley".

Background on other recommendations:

Part 2 – Fire Department

2. 1. a) Change minimum age requirement from 19 to 18 years of age:

Many Paid on call Fire Departments in the province have a minimum age of 18 and as takes a year minimum to complete recruit training, anyone starting program would be 19 when completed.

Part 2 – Fire Department Section 2.2. Delete in its entirety:

A person enrolled as a member of the Department for firefighting duties shall be on probation for a period of three [3] months following successful completion of recruit training where the person shall take such special training and examinations as may be required by the Fire Chief.

Background:

The 3-month probation period goes back to a time when recruit class was only 3 months in duration and at that time, was felt more time was required to assess the firefighter candidate.

Now that recruit class is a year plus in duration, it is felt the 3 month probation period following recruit class is not required.

By amending this, it also enables recruits to conduct all firefighter duties upon completion of the recruit class where currently they must complete the additional 3 month probation period.

Part 4 – General 7. 15.

Amend to: "The Fire Chief may ban any or all categories of the open burning bylaw under the following circumstances: if local conditions indicate a fire hazard, if B.C. Wildfire issues a fire ban within the Salmon Arm area of the Kamloops Fire Centre, when a public health risk exists or in the event of an emergency as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer".

Background:

Currently open burning can only be prohibited when B.C. Wildfire has issued a ban or if local conditions indicate a fire hazard. Given there may be other reasons, such as public health pandemic, amending this will provide prohibitions to take place at the discretion of Fire Chief and or Chief Administration Officer.

Respectively submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Shirley', written in a cursive style.

Brad Shirley, Fire Chief

CITY OF SALMON ARM

BYLAW NO. 4416

A bylaw to amend the Fire Prevention and Fire Department Bylaw No. 3792

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend the Fire Prevention and Fire Department Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Salmon Arm, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. "City of Salmon Arm Fire Prevention and Fire Department Bylaw No. 3792" is hereby amended as follows:

Amend as follows:

Part 2 – Fire Department

2. 1. a) is 18 years of age or over;

Part 4 – General

7. 15. "The Fire Chief may ban any or all categories of the open burning bylaw under the following circumstances: if local conditions indicate a fire hazard, if B.C.Wildfire issues a fire ban within the Salmon Arm area of the Kamloops Fire Centre, when a public health risk exists or in the event of an emergency as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer"

Addition:

Part 1 – Definitions

"Venting Index" means the Environment Canada forecast ventilation index relative to the Okanagan Valley

Delete in its entirety:

Part 2 – Fire Department Section 2.2. A person enrolled as a member of the Department for firefighting duties shall be on probation for a period of three [3] months following successful completion of recruit training where the person shall take such special training and examinations as may be required by the Fire Chief.

2. SEVERABILITY

If any part, section, sub-section, clause, or sub-clause of this bylaw for any reason is held to be invalid by the decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

3. ENACTMENT

Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon adoption of same.

5. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "City of Salmon Arm Fire Prevention and Fire Department Amendment Bylaw No. 4416"

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	DAY OF	2020
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	DAY OF	2020
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	DAY OF	2020
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THIS	DAY OF	2020

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER