



## Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588

### Bylaw No. 09/23

#### A BYLAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MEADOW LAKE NO. 588 TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE PROTECTION, FIRE SUPPRESSION, FIRE BANS AND BURN PERMITS

The council of the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts Bylaw 09/23 as follows:

1. This bylaw shall be referred to as the "Fire Control Bylaw."
2. Definitions:
  - a) "Emergency" shall mean a present or imminent situation or condition that requires prompt action to prevent or limit: loss of life, harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people or damage to property or the environment.
  - b) "Extreme Fire Hazard" shall mean any situation where any open flame may cause rapid fire spread across properties because vegetation is dried out from lack of moisture or flammable material is stored improperly.
  - c) "Fire Hazard" shall mean a condition or situation where an emergency may occur if proper care is not followed concerning fire prevention.
  - d) "Imminent risk" means an imminent risk of a fire, emergency or other danger that, in the opinion of a fire inspector on reasonable grounds, threatens persons, property or the environment and requires the response of a fire department or the provision of fire department services.
  - e) "Municipal Inspector" shall mean a fire inspector, municipal inspector, provincial inspector or designate as defined in the Fire Safety Act, and may include the CAO, Reeve or Manager of Public Works.
  - f) "Rural Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588.



3. Prohibitions - No person shall:

- a) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
- b) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to causing a fire to spread;
- c) Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading;
- d) Deposit, discard or leave any burning material or flammable substance in a place where it might ignite other material and result in a fire spreading;
- e) Leave an outdoor fire unattended before fully extinguishing the fire.

4. Fire Hazards:

- a) Subject to Section 19 of the Fire Safety Act.
  - i) Where a Municipal Inspector finds conditions which constitute an imminent risk of fire endangering life or property, they may order the owner or occupant of land on which the conditions exist, to reduce or remove the hazard within a fixed period and in any manner that the Municipal Inspector prescribes in writing; and
  - ii) Where a Municipal Inspector finds that the order made pursuant to subsection (a) has not been carried out they may enter upon the land with equipment and personnel to perform the work required to reduce or remove the fire hazard.



- b) The owner or occupant of land shall be liable for any costs or portion thereof, incurred by a Municipal Inspector and any personnel performing work under the direction of the Municipal Inspector pursuant to subsection (a) ii) , and if the costs are not paid by the end of the year that the work was completed in, the costs or unpaid portions thereof, will be added to the municipal property taxes of the land or buildings that benefited from the service in accordance with Section 369 of the Municipalities Act.

5. Powers of Municipal Inspectors:

- a) Where in the opinion of the Municipal Inspector an extreme fire hazard exists or the safety of persons or property exists, the Municipal Inspector may order or do any of the following:
  - i) Prohibit the setting of any fire within a specified area;
  - ii) Require the evacuation of any area;
  - iii) Prohibit the entry into or occupation of any area;
  - iv) Take any action required to extinguish or control a fire and order the use of heavy equipment to create fire guards or other machinery to combat the spread of a fire;
  - v) Attempt to deliver notices to anyone in the occupied area and post the information on the RM of Meadow Lake website.

6. Costs of fire suppression:

- a) The cost of fire fighting and fire suppression or portion thereof, provided by the Rural Municipality may be levied to a property owner or occupant who receives this service to the extent authorized by Sections 369(1) (c) , 369(1) (d) and 369 (2) (b) of the Municipalities Act as well as Section 49 The Fire Safety Act and Section 13 of The Wildfire Act. Any unpaid invoices at year end will be added to the property taxes of the affected property.+



7. Burning Permits:

- a) No burning of material shall be permitted within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588 without the property owner or occupant first obtaining a burning permit issued in the form marked as Exhibit "A" and forming part of this bylaw. This form will apply to all forms of burning except the use of a recreational fire pit.
- b) The burning of wood in a firepit shall be controlled by a separate permit in the form marked as Exhibit "B" forming part of this bylaw.
- c) The permits shall be issued from the office of the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588 and will be free of charge.

8. Fire Bans:

- a) The CAO may issue a fire ban removal or implementation if the Reeve and four Councillors agree to the implementation or removal by phone, text or email and their vote will be recorded by the CAO on the form marked as Exhibit "C" forming part of this bylaw.

9. Penalties:

- a) Fines levied under the contravention of this Bylaw shall be subject to the General Penalties Bylaw and/ or Section 46 of The Wildfire Act.

10. Bylaw 07/16 and Bylaw 08/16 are hereby repealed.

11. This bylaw shall become effective on the date of third reading.

  
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Reeve

  
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CAO/Administrator

Introduced and read a first time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Read a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

Read a third time and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023



# BURN PERMIT

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

## Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake #588

Permit to burn issued under the authority of the RM of Meadow Lake #588 Bylaw dated this \_\_\_\_\_

Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Authorization is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_

(owner) of

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ W3 \_\_\_\_\_ PCL/LSD

**Civic Address:** \_\_\_\_\_; and

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ W3 \_\_\_\_\_ PCL/LSD

**Civic Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

To burn the following materials:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

On the property mentioned between the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and the

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in compliance with the following conditions:

1. **This permit will be VOID when a fire ban is in effect.**
2. **Prior to starting the fire:**
  - a. **Call the P.A. 911 Service at 1-866-404-4911**
  - b. **If you live within 4.5 kms of the forest boundary you must call either**
    - i. **Dorintosh Fire Cache – 1-306-236-7696 (from April 1-October 31)**
      1. **If you are located on the west side of Hwy 903 and Rge Rd 3162**
    - ii. **Big River Fire Cache – 1-306-469-2500 (from April 1-October 31)**
      1. **If you are located on the east side of Hwy 903 and Rge Rd 3162**
3. **Burn Responsibly**
4. **This permit does not provide liability coverage to the Permit holder. The Permit holder is responsible for all and any costs incurred.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

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RM office Staff

**NOTE: EVERY PERSON STARTING A FIRE IN A RURAL MUNICIPALITY HAS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FIRE SAFETY ACT.**

“Exhibit A”



# FIRE PIT BURN PERMIT

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Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_; and

\_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ W3 \_\_\_\_\_ PCL/LSD

Civic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To burn the following materials:

### WOOD / BRIQUETTES

On the property mentioned above in compliance with the following conditions:

1. The immediate area has received reasonable precipitation.
2. The applicant takes reasonable precaution to ensure the immediate area has been cleared of flammable material and is 6 metres from any structure.
3. The fire pit shall not be used during windy conditions.
4. The fire is properly extinguished after use.
5. Burn responsibly.
6. This permit does not provide liability coverage to the Permittee. The Permittee is responsible for all, and any costs incurred.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
RM office Staff

#### NOTE:

EVERY PERSON STARTING A FIRE IN A RURAL MUNICIPALITY HAS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE FIRE SAFETY ACT.

“Exhibit B”

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**FIRE BAN**

Implementation and Removal Form

Fire Ban Implementation

Fire Ban Removal

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone, Text or Email  
Survey:**

	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>In Favour</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Reeve:</b>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillors:</b>				
Division 1:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division 2:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division 3:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division 4:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division 5:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division 6:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CAO:

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Signature

“Exhibit C”