

**MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**

BURNING BY-LAW #2014-005

Whereas the municipality wishes to modify the burning by-law number 205;

Whereas we wish to regulate conditions on how and when burning is permitted;

Whereas notice of motion was given by Joe Belanger at a regular council meeting held on April 7 2014;

Therefore,

It is moved by Donald Graveline and unanimously resolved at a regular council meeting held on May 5 2014 to adopt by-law 2014-005 modifying the municipal burning by-law .

Article 1-Preamble

The preamble is an integral part of this by-law;

Article 2 -Periods allowed and conditions

In the objective of cleaning a property, an open fire is permitted between November 1st and April 30th of each year under the following conditions:

- a) A permit must be issued by the municipality at least 24 hours before the time of the expected burning;
- b) only the following items can be burned
 - a) dead leaves
 - b) branches no larger than 4 inches in diameter
- c) burning must take place in an area where the fire can be contained
- d) burning must be at least 15 meters (50 feet) from all buildings and at least 4.5 meters (15 feet) from the property limits
- e) the fire at no time should exceed 2 meters in diameter at its base
- f) burning cannot be a nuisance to neighbors, cause discomfort to persons, loss of enjoyment or normal use of property
- g) That smoke or other emissions from the fire must not travel across any public roadway to the extent or degree that it may cause a public safety hazard to any person traveling on the roadway.
- h) that no restrictions to burn have been given by SOPFEU (Société de protection des forêts contre le feu), C.C.N.(Commission de la Capitale Nationale) or the municipality.
- i) It is the responsibility of the person who is in charge of the burning to ensure that no such restrictions are in effect

Article 3 - Farming allowances

The specifications in article 2 are also applicable to the farming community with the addition that when burning straw, hay or large amount of branches authorization is also required from the fire department.

Article 4 - Prohibited materials

It is strictly forbidden to burn construction material, domestic garbage, tires, chemical products or any other kind of dangerous domestic garbage.

Article 5 - Exterior fire places

Exterior fire places are allowed from May 1st and September 30th under the following conditions:

- a) the fireplace must be built of fireproof materials that will stop the accidental spread of fire
- b) the fireplace must have a screen to prevent sparks from flying out
- c) cannot be placed on a wooden platform
- d) manufacturer instructions must be followed
- e) must be situated at least 4.57 meters (15 feet) from all combustible material

- f) that no restrictions to burn have been given by SOPFEU (Société de protection des forêts contre le feu), Commission de la Capitale Nationale or the Municipality.
- g) That smoke or other emissions from the fire must not travel across any public roadway to the extent or degree that it may cause a public safety hazard to any person travelling on the roadway.
- h) Burning cannot be a nuisance to neighbors, cause discomfort to person, loss of enjoyment or normal use of property
- i) It is the responsibility of the person who is in charge of the burning to ensure that no such restrictions are in effect.

Article 6 – Campfires

Controlled campfires are allowed under the following conditions:

- a) the campfire must be contained in such a way (by a ring of stones, brick fireplace or a metal shield)that it cannot travel either by air or on the ground to combustible materials
- b) must be situated at least 4.57 meters (15 feet) from all combustible material
- c) that no restrictions to burn have been given by SOPFEU (Société de protection des forêts contre le feu) or C.C.N.(Commission de la Capitale Nationale) or the municipality.
- d) That smoke or other emissions from the fire not travel across any public roadway to the extent or degree that it may cause a public safety hazard to any person traveling on the roadway
- e) burning cannot be a nuisance to neighbors, cause discomfort to persons, loss of enjoyment or normal use of property
- f) It is the responsibility of the person who is in charge of the burning to ensure that no such restrictions are in effect

Article 7 – Fires and pyrotechniques

No demonstrations using fireworks or pyrotechnics are allowed in the limits of the municipality without a permit issued by the municipality

Article 8 -Penal provisions

- 7.1 All persons that contravene to any disposition of the present by-law are committing an offence.
 - a) A minimum fine of \$200 and a maximum fine of 1000 \$
 - b) All persons that contravene can also be held responsible for any physical or environmental damages caused by the infraction.
 - c) If an infraction continues, the fine will be imposed for every day for however long the infraction continues

Article 9

The present by-law abrogates and replaces the by-law 205.

Article 10

The present by-law will come into force according to the law.

Given this day _____

at Campbell’s Bay, Quebec

Colleen Larivière
Mayor

Julie Bertrand
Interim Director General