

Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
By-Law No. 2004-14

BEING a by-law to regulate wildfire services in the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara, & Maria

WHEREAS the Forest Fire Prevention Act R.S.O. 1990 section 21. (1) states that subject to an agreement made under section 19 and to subsection (2), every municipality in a fire region shall at its expense extinguish grass, brush or forest fires within its limits, and

WHEREAS Council deems it prudent to establish a wildfire service

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria enacts as follows:

1. In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) “Wildfire Protection Services” means fire suppression and the training of persons involved in the provision of wildfire services.
 - b) “Approved” means approved by township council
 - c) “Chief Administrative Officer” means the person appointed by Council to act as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Corporation (C.A.O.).
 - d) “Corporation” means the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.
 - e) “Council” means the council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.
 - f) “Wildfire Service” means the Head, Clara & Maria Wildfire Service.
 - g) “Chief Wildfire Warden” means the person appointed by resolution of Council, to act as Chief Warden of the Wildfire Service and who is ultimately responsible to Council
 - h) “Wildfire Protection Services” includes fire suppression and the training of persons involved in the provision of wildfire protection services.
 - i) “Wildfire Warden” means a chief warden and/or any person employed in, or appointed to the wildfire service who qualifies by training and practice to suppress wildfires
 - j) “Member(s)” means anyone employed in, or appointed to, the wildfire service.
 - k) Fire Committee means the committee appointed by council to oversee all fire related matters.
 - l) Public utility emergency vehicle means all vehicles owned by the Corporation.

2. A wildfire suppression service for the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria to be known as the Head, Clara & Maria Wildfire Service is hereby established and the head of the wildfire service shall be known as the Chief Wildfire Warden.

3. The wildfire service shall be structured in conformance with the approved Organizational Chart Appendix A, and following the level of service document Appendix B, The Membership policy in Appendix C and Fire Management Policy in Appendix D. These appendices may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council without amending this by-law.

4. The Chief Wildfire Warden may recommend to the Fire Committee the appointment of any person as a member of the wildfire service, subject to the Membership Policy Appendix C.

5. The remuneration of the members shall be as determined by Council.

6. The Chief Wildfire Warden is ultimately responsible to Council through the C.A.O., for proper administration and operation of the wildfire service.

7. The Chief Wildfire Warden shall implement all approved policies and Guidelines to ensure the appropriate care and protection of all wildfire service personnel and wildfire service equipment.

8. The Chief Wildfire Warden and Fire Committee shall review periodically all policies, orders, rules and guidelines of the wildfire service and submit to the wildfire committee for Council's approval any suggested additions or changes.
9. The Chief Wildfire Warden shall take all proper measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of wildfires and the protection of life and property and shall exercise all powers mandated by the Forest Fire Prevention Act.
10. The wildfire service shall not operate outside the geographic limits of Head, Clara & Maria Twp. except with respect to a reported fire:
That, in the opinion of the Chief Wildfire Warden or designate of the wildfire service threatens property in the Township or on property beyond the Township boundary where the Chief Wildfire Warden or designate determines immediate action is necessary to preserve life or property.
11. This by-law comes into effect the day it is passed by council.

Read a first and second time this 21st day of December 2004.
Read a third time and passed this 21st day of December 2004.

Reeve

CAO/Clerk