

APPENDIX A to BY-LAW 2012-20

The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria MUNICIPAL FIRE BAN POLICY

Purpose:

To provide guidelines for Council, Staff and members of the public for the application, notice and removal of a Municipal Fire Ban within the geographic area of the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

Definitions:

A “**Designated campground**” is a campground that is inspected annually and satisfies the criteria in Appendix B to this by-law. This means that the Community Fire Safety Officer or other Municipal staff has completed an inspection and has determined that the campground is in compliance with criteria under the *Forest Fire Protection Act*.

“**Municipal fire ban**” means a state and related period of time declared by the Council of the Municipality during which no one may set or maintain any open air fire, including camp fires, within Municipal geographic limits for reasons related to public safety and protection of property.

Authorities:

The Forest Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997

The Forest Fire Protection Act

Municipal By-Law

Notification:

1. The public will be notified of the application/removal of a Municipal Fire Ban by the placing/removing of signs and posters throughout the municipality. The Ministry of Natural Resources and area campground operators will be notified by phone.
2. Radio public service announcements shall be used upon direction of Council.

Application and Removal:

1. The decision to apply/remove a Municipal Fire Ban shall be made by the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at a duly called and conducted meeting including, if necessary, an emergency meeting called by staff and/or any member of Council.

2. The MNR fire index, observation of local environmental conditions and future weather forecasts may be some of the factors used in determining the application and removal of a Municipal Fire Ban.
3. Clear criteria exist for implementing fire bans, and are based on daily monitoring of weather and fuel/vegetation conditions, as well as principles of fire behaviour and risk. The fire ban will be lifted as soon as conditions permit.
4. Records of the date, time and notification methods utilized as per Appendix C will be maintained on the appropriate forms and filed in the Municipal Office.