

**FIRE ADVISORY OR FIRE BAN BYLAW**  
**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VANSCOY NO. 345**  
**BYLAW NO. 11-2023**  
**A BYLAW TO ENACT A FIRE ADVISORY OR FIRE BAN**

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Vanscoy No. 345, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

A bylaw of the RM of Vanscoy No. 345 to establish a process for implementing a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban within the Municipality.

**WHEREAS** Section 8(1)(b) of *The Municipalities Act* provides that Council may pass bylaws for the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

**AND WHEREAS** the RM of Vanscoy No. 345 pursuant to the powers granted to it under *The Municipalities Act*, wishes to provide for the banning of fires within all or any part of the RM of Vanscoy for the health, safety and welfare of the people and protection of the people and property from damage or destruction by fire on the terms hereinafter provided:

**NOW THEREFORE**, the RM of Vanscoy No. 345 enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “Fire Ban Bylaw”;
2. The preamble forms part of the Bylaw;
3. In this bylaw:
  - 3.1. “Administrator” shall mean the Administrator of the RM of Vanscoy No. 345;
  - 3.2. “Council” shall mean the Council of the RM of Vanscoy No. 345;
  - 3.3. “Municipality” shall mean the RM of Vanscoy No. 345;
  - 3.4. “Reeve” shall mean the Reeve of the RM of Vanscoy No. 345, or in their absence the Deputy Reeve;
  - 3.5. “Designated Officer” shall mean the Administrator, a Peace Officer, and any other person appointed to enforce this bylaw;
  - 3.6. “Peace Officer” means a Peace Officer as defined in *The Summary of Offence Procedures Act, 1990*;
4. Notwithstanding the provision in any other Bylaw the Council or Administrator may declare a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban to all or any part of the Municipality.
  - 4.1. Fire Advisory means –open burning in the Municipality is not recommended due to dry conditions. It is recommended Agriculture and Industrial operations have water tanks filled and at their disposal at all times. Ratepayers will be advised to use extreme caution when burning or using fireworks and have a plan to extinguish a fire and prevent wildfires.

#### 4.2. Fire Ban

4.2.1. **Complete Ban means** – No agricultural or commercial burning, open burning, fireworks, burning barrels or fire pits/campfires and incinerators of all kinds. Use of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved appliances are permitted (Liquid Fuel Barbecues, fire tables, and Camp Stoves)

4.3. A fire ban shall be issued in writing and shall identify:

4.3.1. The time and dates that the fire ban commences;

4.3.2. The time and date the fire ban is lifted, or will be reviewed;

4.3.3. Authority declaring the fire ban;

4.3.4. Other information that may be in the public interest.

4.4. When a fire ban is declared, the Municipality may notify the public in any manner it deems appropriate, including registering it with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's Provincial Emergency Communication Centre.

5. When determining whether to declare a Fire Advisory or Fire Ban within all or any part of the RM of Vanscoy No. 345, consideration shall be given to any or all of the following factors:

5.1.1. Levels of precipitation;

5.1.2. Future weather forecasts;

5.1.3. Water shortages and/or restrictions;

5.1.4. Availability of fire crews, equipment and apparatus;

5.1.5. The overall fire danger including fire load and level of ground fuels;

5.1.6. The amount of, or increase in, recent outside fires;

5.1.7. The wildfire hazard rating for the RM (posted on the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency website).

6. Once a fire ban is implemented, if a fire is burning, the Municipality may, subject to the availability of personnel and equipment, take any action that is necessary to control and extinguish the fire.

6.1. The cost of the firefighting services, including fire prevention and fire suppression, provided by the nearest Fire Department, shall be assessed and levied in accordance with the Fire Department rates.

6.2. For the purpose of assessing and levying costs of firefighting services, the person who owns or occupies the land upon which a fire originated shall be deemed to be the person who receives the firefighting services to control and extinguish the fires.

6.3. Any amount with respect to firefighting services provided to a person within the RM pursuant to section 6 hereof that remains unpaid at the end of the year in which the service was provided shall be added to and form part of the taxes on any land or improvement owned by that person.

7. Notwithstanding section 6, Any person who fails to comply with any Fire Ban is guilty of an offense and is liable to a fine of:
  - 7.1.1.\$1,000 for the first offense;
  - 7.1.2.\$2,000 for a second offense occurring within 12 months of the first offense;
  - 7.1.3.\$3,000 for a third offense occurring within 12 months of the second offense.
  
8. Should any section or part of the Bylaw be found to have been improperly enacted, for any reason, then such section or part shall be regarded as severable from the rest of this Bylaw and the Bylaw remaining after such severance shall be effective and enforceable as if the section or part found to be improperly enacted has not been enacted as part of the Bylaw.
  
9. Bylaw No. 09-2021 is hereby repealed.
  
10. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the final day of passing thereof.

Read a first time this	13 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023
Read a second time this	10 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023
Read a third time and passed this	10 <sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023

SEAL

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Reeve

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Administrator