



## **FIRE PITS**

### **DESIGN REGULATIONS**

Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces or stationary barbeques that burn combustible materials shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- a minimum of 3.0 metres (10 feet) clearance shall be maintained from the eave of a building, property line or combustible material (i.e. decks, trees, fences etc.)
- fire pit and outdoor fireplaces installations shall have a surface or cooking area not exceeding 1 square metre (10 square feet)
- a spark arrestor mesh screen with a grid spacing of 1.25 centimetres (0.5 inches) or less expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided over the fire at all times
- except for portable outdoor fireplaces, fire pit bases shall have a 15 centimetre (6 inch) non-combustible base (i.e. bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal) and a 20 centimetre (8 inch) non-combustible perimeter area

### **USE REGULATIONS**

- The use of fire pits within Town is intended for recreational purposes only.
- The user shall not allow smoke or sparks to create a nuisance or hazard to neighbors or to other properties.
- Only clean seasoned wood that is not contaminated with glue, paint, stain or other preservatives may be used for burning.
- Refuse or waste materials including grass and leaves shall not be burned.
- Large fires or bon fires are not permitted; fires shall not have a flame height of more than 50 centimetres (20 inches) above the fire pit screen surface.
- All fire pit fires must be attended by a competent adult who is suitably equipped to effectively safeguard the fire at all times until the fire is totally extinguished.

### **GENERAL**

- No fires are allowed in Town without a permit except for a fire in a fire pit designed and operated as described above.
- Fire pits cannot be used if a fire ban prohibiting their use is in effect.
- A fire protection charge can be levied against any person responsible for a fire and/or the owner of the property involved if the Fire Department responds to a callout about a fire.
- Fires that are non-conforming to the regulations can be extinguished by the Fire Department or a Town employee with costs incurred being charged to the person responsible for the fire and/or the owner of the property involved.
- Fines ranging from \$200 for a first offence to \$600 for a second or subsequent offence can be issued to anyone who contravenes the regulations.