



**OCTOBER 2, 2017
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



**TOWN OF
CLARESHOLM
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE RESTRICTION ON ALL OPEN FIRES IN
THE TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
HAS BEEN RESCINDED**

The Fire Restriction put in place by the Clareholm Fire Department on July 20, 2017 has been rescinded. The recent rain and snow along with cooler temperatures were determining factors in ending the restriction. The public is strongly encouraged to exercise caution with any outdoor burning or campfire use. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that the burn is done in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with open burning regulations. Officials are reminding people to carefully dispose of smoker's material in a metal container partially filled with sand or gravel, instead of tossing it into flower pots, planters or plastic containers.

Per Bylaw #1558, the Fire Protection & Emergency Services Bylaw:

- 21.4 Subject to Section 21, a person may, on property owned or controlled by him or her, set a Recreational Fire, so long as that Recreational Fire is set within a fire pit, outdoor fireplace, or other structure designed for the purpose of containing the recreational fire within a small, controlled area.
- Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and stationary barbecues that burn combustible material shall:
- a) Be located in a rear yard with a minimum of 3.4 meters (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials, or as approved by the Fire Chief;
 - b) Be constructed of bricks or concrete blocks, or heavy gauge metal, or other suitable non-combustible components;
 - c) Have a spark arrestor mesh screen of 1.30 centimeters (.50 inches) expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks over the fire at all times;
 - d) Be the sole responsibility of the owner or tenant of the property;
 - e) Be supervised at all times by a responsible adult person over the age of eighteen (18) until such time as the fire has been completely extinguished. For the purpose of this clause, a fire shall be deemed to include any hot ashes and smoldering embers resulting from the fire;
 - f) Only burn clean wood, charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas;
 - g) Have flames no higher than ninety (90) cm (3.28 feet) above the fire pit or the barbeque fire box.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
COOPERATION
Todd Heggie, Fire Chief**