



# PEMBROKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### *Recreational Open Air Burning*

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Chief Selle reminds all residents that the City of Pembroke has a bylaw in place to regulate “Recreational Open Air Burning”.

This By-law restricts open-air fires to properties that border the Indian, Muskrat or Ottawa Rivers. All other properties within the City of Pembroke are prohibited from conducting open air fires.

If your property is bordering one of the three rivers listed above, you will require a Fire Permit before conducting an open air fire. The permits are available at the Pembroke Fire Department, at a cost of \$25 for a twelve month term. A site inspection will be conducted as part of the permit approval process.

The Chief Fire Official can withdraw a permit if the Permit Holder is not complying with the regulations of the by-law.

For properties not bordering one of the three rivers listed above, a CSA approved natural gas or propane fueled outdoor fireplace is permitted. A PFD Fire Permit is not required, however the regulations for fire safety within the bylaw must be adhered to.

Two public fire pits are available at Riverside Park for use by City of Pembroke residents. The fire pits are available from Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving. Reservations for use of the fire pits at no costs is done through the Kiwanis Fieldhouse or City of Pembroke Parks and Recreation Department.

By-Law #2020-21 “Recreational Open Air Burning” can be found on the City of Pembroke website.

For further information, contact the Pembroke Fire Department at 613-735-6821 ext. 1201.