

BYLAW NO. 2025-09

**A BYLAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FRENCHMAN BUTTE No. 501
TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT,
AND CONTROL**

SCHEDULE “A”

BURN PERMIT REQUEST

Applicant Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Phone Number you can be contacted AT ALL TIMES during the burn: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Legal Land Description: _____

Civic Address: _____

Date(s) of Burn (max seven [7] consecutive days): _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Materials to be burned: _____

Please note that burning composite wood products (ie: plywood, particle board, MDF) and any painted, varnished or otherwise treated wood products, paper, recyclables, animal carcasses, garbage and combustibles are prohibited within the RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501. Any person(s) burning prohibited materials will be fined in accordance with Schedule “B” from Bylaw 2025-09. Any application with prohibited materials will be denied and every application approved or denied may be subject to random inspection by an RM official.

FIRE SAFETY MEASURES: Please check that you have read and agree to the following statements from *The Wildfire Act*:

- ☐ I will not start an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire will be kept under control at all times;
- ☐ I will not start an outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to a fire readily escaping control;
- ☐ I will take reasonable steps to control a fire and prevent it from spreading, causing damage, or becoming dangerous;
- ☐ I will not deposit, discard, or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire spreading;
- ☐ I will not conduct any activity that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire to spread; and
- ☐ I will not leave an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire.

At the time of Burn, Applicant must call:	St. Walburg and District Fire and Rescue Association / Village of Paradise Hill Fire Association Fire Chief Keith Craig 780-205-5823 Town of Turtleford & RM of Mervin Fire Association Fire Chief Brent Edwards 639-844-7604	APPLICANTS MUST ENSURE THAT THE CONTROLLED BURN IS SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. ALL FIRE CALL RESPONSES INCLUDING FALSE ALARMS AND OUT OF CONTROL PERMITTED CONTROLLED BURNS, WILL BE INVOICED TO THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES.
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RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Burn Permit Conditions

Please check each box to show that you have read and understand the conditions. All boxes must be checked off by the applicant before a burn permit will be issued.

- ☐ It is the responsibility of the applicant to become familiarized with Bylaw 2025-09 and the allowable materials, and proper procedures for controlled burns within the RM.
- ☐ It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the controlled burn is supervised at all times.
- ☐ The applicant must provide a phone number in which they can be reached at all times during the burn.
- ☐ Controlled burns are allowable only during a maximum seven (7) day period. If additional days are required, a new permit application must be submitted to the RM office.
- ☐ It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the appropriate bodies are notified prior to the burn.
- ☐ Applicants may only burn clean, non-toxic material. Any person(s) burning prohibited materials as specified by Bylaw No. 2025-09 will be fined in accordance with Schedule “B”.
- ☐ If the contracted fire/protective services for the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 receive a fire call, and they have not received Notice, or if they cannot reach you at the number provided, they will respond to the fire call and the landowner shall be invoiced for the emergency response call.
- ☐ In the event that a fire alarm which dispatches contracted fire/protective services, the company or person(s) holding title to the affected land will be invoiced for the fire call. If you alarm sends an emergency response signal to the contracted fire/protective services and it is not an emergency (ex: the fire is controlled or there is no fire at all), please call the contracted fire/protective services immediately to report a false alarm. You will be invoiced for an emergency response call out if emergency services respond to your fire alarm call and they do not receive notification from you stating that it is a false alarm prior to emergency response equipment being dispatched.
- ☐ In the event that you notify the contracted fire/protective services of a false alarm, and the fire/protective services deems it necessary to continue the emergency response in order to ensure public safety, the affected property owner will be invoiced for the fire call.
- ☐ All amounts owed to the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 that are left unpaid, as of December 31, will be added to the tax roll of any parcel of land for which the person(s) or company responsible for the emergency fire call is the assessed person.

Signature _____

Date: _____

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SUMMARY OFFENCE TICKET INFORMATION

1. Any person who is in violation of this bylaw may be issued a Summary Offence Ticket Information with respect to a violation of any Section of this bylaw.
2. Any person, upon being served with a Summary Offence Ticket Information, may voluntarily pay the penalty as identified in this schedule within the time specified on the Summary Offence Ticket Information at the Court of King’s Bench.

Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offences
Burning materials without obtaining a burn permit	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Holding a fireworks display using high hazard fireworks without a burn permit	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Failure to contact Control Burn Centre	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Burning wood in campfires or cooking receptacles, or burning garbage, or discharging fireworks during a fire ban	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Starting an outdoor fire without precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Starting any outdoor fire when weather conditions are not conducive to keeping the fire under control	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Failing to be aware of any fire prohibitions or restrictions or complying with any law pertaining to fires and the burning of refuse	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Leaving burning matter in a place where it might ignite other matter and spread	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Conducting any activity that might be expected to cause a fire to spread	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Leaving an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750
Failing to remove fire hazard within a fixed period	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 - \$750