

Information about recreational burn permits within the Town of Petawawa.

May 16, 2020 The Restricted Fire Zone has been lifted in Ontario, which means that Town of Petawawa residents, who hold a valid recreational fire permit are permitted recreational fires.

At this time and until further notice, no **NEW** recreational fire permit applications will be accepted due to the ongoing restrictions resulting from COVID-19.

As part of our burn permit process an applicant must have a fire inspection of their home completed not only to verify the placement and build of the fire area against the by-law regulations but to confirm and test both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms within the home. Burn permits are only processed upon completion of these inspections and correction, by the homeowner, of any noted deficiencies. This process is in place to ensure the safe management of recreational fires within an urban environment where there is density in population and infrastructure at greater risk.

Until it is safe for fire personnel to enter a residents' home no inspections will occur. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes but we continue to work diligently with the Fire Department resume the process to ensure the safety of all parties. Updates and more information will be shared on our municipal website and our social media resources. www.petawawa.ca

For anyone who currently has a **valid recreational fire permit**, please note that we are honouring all fire permits that have expired or are due to expire as of this fiscal year. Once the municipal office has reopened we will begin the process of issuing 2020 fire permit renewals. This may take some time but we will communicate with each fire permit holder, by phone or email, to notify them when their renewal fire permit is ready for pick up. Residents will then have a 30 day window to collect the 2020 permit.

It is important that when the opportunity is available that you renew your fire permit so as not to have to begin the application process again from the start. As long as you do not alter your fire pit at any time, which would require a re-inspection and automatically void your fire permit, then maintaining a fire permit will be a small expense to safely enjoy recreational fires.

Fire permits are individual and residence specific so if you relocate to a home that has an existing fire pit it does not mean you have authorization to have a fire. You will be required to undergo the process of obtaining a fire permit for yourself. Again, at this time no NEW recreational fire permits are being accepted but you can prepare the documentation and provide it to the municipal office once our office reopens.

If you have any questions about this information, please respond to this email or call the office at 613-687-5536.

We thank you for your patience during these uncertain times and thank you for your respectful adherence to protocols put in place for the greater good of the public at large.

Take care, stay safe.