



Deputy Inspector of Municipalities

VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BYLAW NO. 184

A bylaw for preventing and suppressing fires and for regulating the conduct of pe
The Trustees of the Van Anda Improvement District ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
The following terms and expressions will have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them, that is to say:
 - a. "Animal organic waste" means solid organic waste material of animal origin and includes flesh, carcasses, offal, hides, hair, and feathers.
 - b. "Approved plastic container" means approved by a recognized testing authority.
 - c. "Authorized" means authorized by the Chief of the Fire Department.
 - d. "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the District.
 - e. "Building" means any structure or building used or intended to be used for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, or chattels.
 - f. "District" means Van Anda Improvement District.
 - g. "Dwelling" means any building or part of a building occupied or intended to be occupied as the resident of not more than one family,
 - h. "Extinguished" means no visible flame, sparks, glowing embers, or smoke.
 - i. "Fire Chief" means the Fire Chief of the Van Anda Fire Department, or any person designated by them to act on their behalf.
 - j. "Fire Department" will include the Van Anda Fire Department and the Fire Department of any other fire protection district or municipal corporation attending fires within the District.
 - k. "Fire hazard" means any condition that is conducive to the destruction of life or property by fire, or will, or is likely to increase the extent or severity of the fire.
 - l. "Flash point" means the flash point of a flammable liquid as determined by the Tagliabue Closed Cup Tester or the Abel-Pensky Flash Point Tester methods.
 - m. "Garbage" means any animal, vegetable, and food wastes or scraps.
 - n. "Gasoline" means any product of petroleum or any liquid that will flash or emit a flammable vapour below the temperature of forty-four degrees Celsius (44C) or one hundred ten degrees Fahrenheit (110 F).
 - o. "Incinerator" means any metal (burning barrels) or masonry container in good condition mounted on a non-combustible base, fitted with a metal screen or grill of less than 6.35 mm (1/4") mesh to restrict any sparks or flying debris.
 - p. "Occupant" means owner, agent, lessee, licensee, or tenant of any building or premises to which any of the provisions of this bylaw will apply.
 - q. "Person", where used in the bylaw means natural persons, associations, corporations, or co-partnership's, whether acting by themselves or by a servant, agent, or employee, and the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns or other legal representatives of such persons to whom the context will apply according to law.
 - r. "Private residence" means any dwelling or two-family dwelling.

- s. "Refuse" means any approximately evenly proportioned mixture of rubbish and animal or vegetable waste material of low moisture content.
 - t. "Rubber" means rubber goods, tires, plastics, and tar and asphalt roofing materials.
 - u. "Rubbish" means any readily combustible inorganic dry waste material but does not include animal or vegetable wastes.
 - v. "Two-family dwelling" means any building occupied or intended to be occupied as the residence of not more than two families.
 - w. "Vehicle" means every device upon or in which any person or property is, or may be, transported or drawn on or upon a public highway.
2. Unless the context otherwise requires, wording importing the singular number will include the plural and the converse will apply.
 3. Prevailing Acts
 - a. Even where this bylaw and any regulations under the *Fire Services Act* deal with the same subject matters, any further or more stringent restrictions in this bylaw on the use of property or fire will have full force and effect.
 - b. In the event of any conflict, inconsistency or repugnancy between these bylaws and the *Waste Management Act*, the *Waste Management Act* will, in all cases, prevail.
 4. Right of Entry

With the exception of a privately owned and occupied single-family dwelling, the Fire Chief is hereby empowered to enter upon any land or premises for the purpose of making an inspection or investigation

 - a. to inspect for conditions which may cause a fire, increase the danger of a fire, or increase the danger to persons;
 - b. to see that any flammable matter is rendered harmless or suitably safeguarded against fire by requiring;
 - i. the erecting of barricades;
 - ii. the posting of "no admittance signs"; or
 - iii. any other measures deemed necessary by the Fire Chief.
 5. No Obstruction

No person will obstruct the Fire Chief in making any entry authorized by this bylaw.
 6. No Hindrance

No person will, in any way, hinder any member of the Fire Department or any other person under the direction of the Fire Chief at any fire or other emergency.
 7. Breaking Blockade

Except with the permission of the Fire Chief, no person will be permitted to enter any burning building or within the lines across any alley, lane, street or area marked by ropes or guards.
 8. Driving Over Hose

No person will drive or run over any fire hose with any vehicle.
 9. Access to Fire Hydrant

No person will place or maintain any object or matter on a sidewalk or street which interferes with free access or approach to any fire hydrant.
 10. Smoking Prohibited
 - a. Where, in their opinion, smoking may create a fire or explosion hazard, the Fire Chief may prohibit smoking in any Building, theatre, public hall, assembly hall, dance hall, school

auditorium, skating rink, arena, or place used for public amusement, sport or public assembly or any structure or open space in which combustible materials are handled, stored, manufactured or sold;

- b. where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, smoking should be prohibited, they may give notice in writing to the Occupant to post suitable signs that smoking is prohibited in or on such premises or Buildings and the Occupant thereof will prohibit smoking in such premises or Buildings. The term "smoking" will include the carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette;
- c. any Person violating any such order or notice will be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this bylaw and will be liable to the penalties herein imposed.

11. Chimneys

- a. No owner or Occupant of any Building will permit any chimney, stovepipe, or flue to remain in any condition which may cause or create a Fire Hazard;
- b. Every owner or Occupant of any Building will keep all openings in any chimney in such Buildings, while such openings are not in use, closed by a proper stopper of metal or other non-combustible material.

12. Inspection of Chimneys, Flues, Furnaces

Where they deem it necessary, the Fire Chief may examine carefully any chimney, flue, fireplace, hearth, oven, furnace, heater, boiler, stove, steam pipe, funnel, or any other equipment they may deem to be a Fire Hazard.

13. Notice to Remedy Fire Hazard

Where any chimney, flue, fireplace, hearth, oven, furnace, heater, boiler, stove, steam pipe, funnel, or any other equipment is found to be a Fire Hazard, the Fire Chief will notify the owner or Occupant of the Building of the condition and indicate the remedy and the time within which the condition will be remedied.

14. Duty to Comply

Where any owner or Occupant has received notice under Section 13, they will comply with the notice within the time indicated.

15. Depositing Ashes or Flammable Material Among Ashes

No Person will deposit any ashes or allow any ashes to be deposited or remain:

- a. in any combustible container;
- b. on the floor of any Building belonging or occupied by that Person; or,
- c. in any metallic container which is within 300 mm (12 inches) of any woodwork or any other combustible material.

It will be unlawful for any Person to deposit, or allow of cause to be deposited, any paper, straw, hay, shavings, or other combustible or flammable material or thing in or among any ashes or other materials or things taken from any stove, furnace, or fireplace.

16. No Open Flame or Smoking Near Flammable Material

No Person, within the District, in that part of any Building where there is an accumulation of hay, straw, shavings, or other readily flammable material or liquids, will smoke, or have in his possession any lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette, or light or carry any naked light, flame, or light not enclosed in a shade or other non-combustible guard.

17. Metal Receptacles for Flammable Material

No Person will, within the District, keep any waste, rags, papers, or other substance liable by spontaneous combustion to cause fire, except in a container made of metal or other non-combustible material and with an airtight top or lid of the same type of material.

18. Control of Combustible Material

No Person will deposit or allow to collect or be deposited, within the District, any paper, Rubbish, or other combustible material likely to cause or promote fire dangerous to Buildings or other property.

19. Clearing of Roof

No owner or Occupant of any Building will allow any paper, wood, debris, or other combustible Rubbish or material to accumulate upon the roof of the Building.

20. Duty to Safely Store

Any Person who makes, uses, or has charge of shavings, paper bags, litter, or other combustible material will, at the close of each day, ensure that they are safely stored or disposed so as to be safe from fire.

21. Remove Fire Hazard and Secure Unoccupied Buildings

- a. any owner or Occupant of real property in the District will remove any matter or thing situated in or on any Building or premises which, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, is a Fire Hazard or increases the danger of fire;
- b. any owner of any unoccupied Building will ensure that it is properly secured against entry by unauthorized Persons;
- c. where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, any Fire Hazardous condition exists or any unoccupied Building is not properly secured, the Fire Chief will give written notice to the owner or Occupant at their last known address or by posting a notice in a conspicuous place on the Building or premises;
- d. in any notice under this section, the Fire Chief will indicate the nature of the condition to be remedied, the manner in which the condition may be remedied, and the time within which the owner or Occupant must comply.

22. No Noxious Odours

No persons will burn any rubber, garbage, animal organic waste, or any materials which create a noxious odour.

23. "Open Air" Fires

A fire in the "open air" means a fire out-of-doors, not contained in an incinerator, excluding campfires.

- a. "Open air fires" are allowed between October 16th and May 14th;
- b. a competent Person will supervise and keep under control any burning in the "open air" and ensure that any equipment necessary for fire control is available;
- c. a competent Person will ensure that a fire in the "open air" is located at least:
 - i. 3 m (10 feet) from any grass, shrubbery or wooden fence; and
 - ii. 6 m (20 feet) from any building.

24. Backyard Burning (Category 2)

- a. A Category 2 open fire is a fire that:
 - i. burns material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width; or

- ii. burns material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width; or
 - iii. burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares (less than 2,000 square metres);
 - iv. is not a campfire.
- b. Anyone who lights, fuels, or makes use of a Category 2 open fire must comply with the *Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation*.
 - c. Backyard burning is allowed from October 16th to May 14th.

25. Incinerators

The owner of an incinerator will ensure:

- a. that the incinerator is maintained in a condition that provides for proper combustion of any material burned;
- b. that while it is in use, a competent person appointed by them will supervise any burning and ensure that any equipment necessary for fire control is available;
- c. that the authorized incinerator is located at least:
 - i. 2 m (6 feet) from any dry grass, shrubbery or wooden fence; and
 - ii. 4.5 m (15 feet) from any building.

26. Campfires

Campfires are subject to bans and are regulated by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and bans are posted as conditions change.

- a. campfires must not be larger than 0.5m x 0.5m (19"x19");
- b. a shovel and 8 L. of water must be available to extinguish the fire;
- c. a firebreak must surround the fire;
- d. campfire must never be left unattended;
- e. always ensure that the campfire is extinguished, and ashes are cool to touch before leaving the area.

27. Issuance

Except as provided in this bylaw, an *Open Air Burning Ban* will be implemented within the District each year from May 15th to October 15th. No Person will light, ignite, or maintain any fire or cause any fire to be lit, ignited, or maintained in the "open air". Back yard burning and Incinerators (burning barrels) included.

28. Total Burning Ban

When extremely dry conditions exist and the threat of wildfire is possible within the District, a *Total Burning Ban* will be implemented. Campfires included.

29. Fire Escapes

Each storey above the ground floor of any Building in the improvement District used as a school, hotel, apartment Building, duplex or boarding-house, as those defined in the official community plan, will be provided by the owner with an adequate fire escape or adequate fire escapes, and the owner, and the tenant, if any, will maintain the same in good repair and condition.

30. Exit Doors to Open Readily

No door to any exit leading to a fire escape in any Building will be closed or fastened except with a standard panic or exit bolt, which may be readily opened without the aid of a key or other device.

31. Gasoline Storage

No Person will store or keep Gasoline within the District other than:

- a. Gasoline not exceeding 45 litres (10 gallons) in closed metal containers or in Approved Plastic Containers;
- b. Gasoline in the Gasoline tank of an automobile, Gasoline engine, motorboat, or airplane, whose tank is permanently connected to and supplies its engine;
- c. Gasoline in excess of 45 litres (10 gallons) in approved containers. The location and volume of stored Gasoline in excess of 45 litres must be provided to the Fire Chief.

32. Storage of Explosive or Flammable Compound, Liquid, or Material in Public Building

Except in a place especially provided for the purpose and approved by the Fire Chief, it will be unlawful for any Person to keep, store, or use any combustible explosive or flammable compound, liquid, or material in any part of a Building used or maintained as a hotel, apartment house, school, or place of public assembly.

33. Unauthorized Fires

No person will light or maintain any fire either in the "open air" or in any form of container on any street, lane or boulevard allowance, without proper authorization.

34. Penalty

Any person who violates any provisions of this bylaw will be liable, upon conviction, to a maximum penalty as authorized under the *Offence Act*. Where any violation continues, each day in which it continues will be a separate violation for the purpose of prosecution under this bylaw.

35. This Bylaw repeals Bylaw 113.

36. This bylaw may be cited as the "Fire Regulations Bylaw No. 184".

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees on the 13th day of November 2024.

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees on the 13th day of November 2024.



Chair of the Trustees



Administrator