

FIRE BAN BYLAW
VILLAGE OF MEOTA
BYLAW NO. 01-2026

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL

The Council for the Village of Meota in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw shall be known as "*The Fire Ban Bylaw*".
2. In this Bylaw the expression:
 - a) "Burn Authorization Area" shall mean any lands lying within the Village of Meota;
 - b) "Municipality" shall mean the Village of Meota;
 - c) "Council" shall mean the Council of the Village of Meota.
3. The Municipality hereby appoints the following Designated Officers:
 - a) the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality,
 - b) the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
 - c) the Community Safety Officer; and
 - d) the Meota and District Fire Department Chief or Deputy Chief.
4. No burning of any materials shall be allowed within the boundaries of the Municipality without the prior obtainment of a burn authorization. A burn authorization is not required for barbecues, camp fires, fires used for the purpose of cooking, receptacles used for the burning of household refuse, or low hazard fireworks discharged on private lands between dusk and 11:00 p.m.
5. No person shall hold a fireworks display using high hazard fireworks, on any public land, or after the hour of 11:00 p.m. without first obtaining a burn authorization.
6. Burn authorization shall be issued from the Fire Chief and may be obtained free of charge.
7. If the Fire Chief gives permission to burn, the property owner is responsible for contacting the PRINCE ALBERT CONTROL BURN CALL CENTRE at 1-866-404-4911 (open 24 hours, seven days a week) to inform them of the date(s) and time period of the burn.
8. After consultation with the Fire Chief of the Meota and District Fire Department, a Designated Officer may declare when a Fire Ban is in effect by providing notification to the public in the prescribed form (Schedule A – Fire Ban) or (Schedule B- Modified Fire Ban).

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- a) The Fire Ban notification will include:
 - i. the time and date the Fire Ban commences;
 - ii. the land locations the Fire Ban covers;
 - iii. persons authorizing the Fire Ban;
 - iv. authority, namely this Bylaw, to impose a Fire Ban.
 - b) The Fire Chief of the Meota and District Fire Department will notify any adjacent municipalities that might be affected by the ban;
 - c) Municipal Administration will immediately notify Provincial 911;
 - d) Notifications will be clearly communicated by municipal Administration through the following means:
 - i. Displayed at the municipal office;
 - ii. Displayed in another conspicuous place in the municipality or within the boundaries of the Village of Meota;
 - iii. Displayed on the municipal website;
 - iv. By local radio station news release if deemed necessary.
 - e) Notwithstanding Section 4, when a fire ban is in effect, no person shall burn wood in camp fires or cooking receptacles, burn garbage or discharge fireworks.
 - f) Propane barbecues or propane fire pits shall not be subject to fire ban regulations included in this bylaw.
 - g) On advice of the Fire Chief, a Designated Officer may lift a Fire Ban, by following the same procedures as listed in clause 9 a), b), c) and d) of this bylaw.
9. In a burning authorization area or elsewhere, whether authorization is required or not, no person shall:
- a) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
 - b) Start any outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to a fire's readily escaping control;
 - c) Before starting the fire, fail to make himself or herself aware of any fire prohibitions or restrictions imposed by the municipality or fail to comply with all applicable municipal, provincial and federal law pertaining to fires and the burning of refuse;
 - d) Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading;
 - e) Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire spreading;
 - f) Conduct any activity that involves the use of a fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire to spread, unless he/she exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring;
 - g) Leave the place where he/she has started an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire.

10. a) Where a Designated Officer finds conditions which, in his or her opinion, constitute a fire hazard endangering life or property, he may order the owner or occupant of the land on which the condition exists to reduce or remove the hazard within a fixed period and in any manner that the Designated Officer prescribes in writing.
 - b) Where a Designated Officer finds that the order made pursuant to Subsection 11.1.a) has not been carried out, he or she may enter upon the land with any equipment and persons that the Officer considers necessary, and may perform the required work to reduce or remove the fire hazard.
 - c) The owner or occupant of the land on which work is performed pursuant to Subsection 11.1.b) shall, on demand, reimburse the rural municipality for the cost of work performed as a firefighting service.
 - d) Any amount with respect to firefighting or work that is performed pursuant to this bylaw that remains unpaid at the end of the year in which the service was provided, shall at the end of that year be added to and form part of the taxes on any land, improvement, or business on which the work was performed.
11. Any person found in contravention of any part of this bylaw shall be subject to the penalties provided in Schedule "C" as attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
 12. Fire response fees associated with service calls resulting from contravention of any part of this bylaw will be assessed at twice the rates established by agreement of the Meota & District Fire Department member municipalities.
 13. A Designated Officer may issue a Summary Offence Ticket Information with a voluntary payment option for breach of any provision of this Bylaw.
 14. All penalties set forth in this Bylaw may be recovered and enforced by summary conviction as provided by *The Summary Offences Procedure Act*, and in default of payment, the person convicted may be imprisoned for a term of not more than 90 days, unless the penalty is paid sooner.
 15. Conviction of a person for a contravention of any provision of this Bylaw does not relieve that person from compliance with the Bylaw, and the Justice may, in addition to any penalty imposed, order the person to perform any act or work necessary for the proper observance of this Bylaw or to remedy the contravention of it.
 16. A Designated Officer may cancel any Summary Offence Ticket Information issued pursuant to this Bylaw where, in the opinion of the Designated Officer, the Summary Offence Ticket Information was issued in error.

17. This bylaw shall come into force and effect on the day of its adoption.



Certified true copy of Bylaw 62-2026 adopted by resolution of Council this 15th day of ~~February~~ March 2026

 Administrator

 Mayor

 Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

BAN NOTIFICATION

Bylaw No. 01-2026
Fire Ban Bylaw

Notice is hereby given that effective:

Date: _____

Time: _____

A Fire Ban is declared to be in effect for the following areas within the Village of Meota:

No new fire authorizations will be issued to land owners whose property lies within the Fire Ban area while the Fire Ban is in effect, and any burn authorizations that have been issued to land owners within the Fire Ban area prior to the Fire Ban will be suspended until the Fire Ban ends.

This ban applies to **ALL OPEN BURNING OF ANY OUTDOOR FIRE** that may create a public safety hazard, including, but not limited to:

- **Controlled burns**
- **Fireworks**
- **Campfires**
- **Fire Pits**

This Fire Ban has been declared by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

who is authorized to declare a Fire Ban in accordance with the Fire Ban Bylaw

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SCHEDULE "B"

MODIFIED BAN NOTIFICATION

Bylaw No. 01-2026
Fire Ban Bylaw

Notice is hereby given that effective:

Date: _____

Time: _____

A Modified Fire Ban is declared to be in effect for the following areas within the Village of Meota:

No new burn authorizations will be issued to land owners whose property lies within the Fire Ban area while the Fire Ban is in effect, and any burn authorizations that have been issued to land owners within the Fire Ban area prior to the Fire Ban will be suspended until the Fire Ban ends.

This ban applies to **ALL OPEN BURNING OF ANY OUTDOOR FIRE** that may create a public safety hazard, including, but not limited to:

- **Controlled burns**
- **Fireworks**

Campfires are allowed in enclosed fire pits with grates & fire suppression equipment on hand

This Fire Ban has been declared by:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

who is authorized to declare a Fire Ban in accordance with the Fire Ban Bylaw

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SCHEDULE "C"

SUMMARY OFFENCE TICKET INFORMATION

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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.

Section & Subsection	Offence	First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offences
4.	Burning materials without obtaining a burn authorization	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
5.	Holding a fireworks display using high hazard fireworks without a burn authorization	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
7.	Failure to contact Control Burn Centre	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
9.d)	Burning wood in camp fires or cooking receptacles, or burning garbage or discharging fireworks during a fire ban	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.a)	Stating an outdoor fire without precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.b)	Starting any outdoor fire when weather conditions are not conducive	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.c)	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
10.d)	Failing to control a fire to prevent it from spreading	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.e)	Leaving burning matter in a place where it might ignite other matter and spread	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.f)	Conducting any activity that might be expected to cause a fire to spread	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
10.g)	Leaving an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750
11.a)	Failing to remove fire hazard within a fixed period	T4 - \$200	T7 - \$400	T9 \$750

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