

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RITCHOT

BY-LAW NO. 6-2003

A By-law relative to the prevention and  
Suppression of fires in urban areas of the municipality

WHEREAS Sections 232(1) ( a ) and ( i ) of the Municipal Act, S.M. 1996 c. 58 (the "Act") state that: "A council may pass by-laws for municipal purposes respecting the following matters: (a) the safety, health, protection and well-being of people, and the safety and protection of property..., (i) preventing and fighting fires";

AND WHEREAS Section 250(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, S.M. 1996 c. 58 (the "Act") states that: "...A municipality may for municipal purposes do the following: (e) use municipal equipment, materials and labour to carry out private works on private property";

AND WHEREAS Section 252 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.M. 1996 c. 58 (the "Act") states that: "A municipality exercising powers in the nature of those referred to in clauses 250(2)(b),(c) and (e) may set terms and conditions in respect of users, including: (a) setting the rates or amounts of deposits, fees and other charges, and charging and collecting them" and Section 252(2) states: "A charge referred to in clause (1)(a) may be collected by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under this Act."

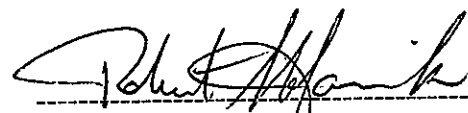
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Ritchot deems it advisable to pass a By-law regulating the setting of fires within the urban areas of the municipality and setting a policy regarding fires set by individuals in a careless and negligent manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

1. "Urban areas of the municipality" is hereby defined as the residential areas of Ile des Chenes, St. Adolphe and Ste. Agathe.
2. The lighting of a fire for a bonfire or roast or in a barbecue or fire-pit is permitted in urban areas of the municipality, provided the fire is contained in a suitable container and adequately supervised at all times.
3. Prohibited materials which may not be burned outdoors within urban areas of the municipality include but are not limited to: garbage, grass, leaves, branches or other plant material.
4. The municipality may claim costs where the Fire Department is called to deal with a fire which has been set by an individual in a careless and negligent manner and/or allowed to get out of control.
5. The costs of fighting a fire resulting from negligence or carelessness on an individual's part may be charged to the individual or the property owner at a rate of \$500 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Fire Chief is appointed as a Designated Officer to enforce this by-law.

DONE AND PASSED in Council duly assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2003.



Mayor R. Stefaniuk

  
Chief Administrative Officer Y. Sabourin

Read a first time this 21st day of May , 2003.

Read a second time this 3rd day of June , 2003.

Read a third time this 18th day of June , 2003.