



STAFF REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report No: FD2021-08

June 23, 2021

From: Matthew Roy, Fire Chief

RE: Open Air Fire By-law Comments

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives report FD2021-08 for information purposes only.

Background / Analysis:

The Glengarry Federation of Agriculture (GFA), the Fire Chief and Chief Administrative Officer met the middle of May to discuss the Open Air Fire By-law. The GFA presented many points for discussion, for and against the current by-law, as well as offered suggestions for improvement. There was good dialogue and discussion, and it was decided a formal letter to Council with the points outlined would be drafted and presented at a Committee of the Whole.

The current by-law was passed in 2019 and is attached for reference. The purpose of the by-law is to institute requirements to be taken with open air fires, including establishing the times during which open air fires may be set. Requirements and restrictions are established to prevent the potential risk of spreading of fires including issuance of total fire bans. It also outlines the importance for the health, safety and wellbeing of persons and property. During the time the by-law has been in place, there have been no issues with compliance and the overall by-law has been functioning well as is. In the Fall of 2020, Council opted to extend the Agricultural burn season to October 15th from the November 1st timeline of the by-law.

Alternatives:

That the Committee of the Whole receives the report for information purposes only

Or That the Committee of the Whole makes an alternative recommendation to Staff.

Financial Implications:

None.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Letter from the GFA

By-law 48-19 Open Air Fire

Others Consulted:

Sarah Huskinson, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and Approved by:
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk