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Town of Small Point – Adam’s Cove Fire Ban By-law

1. This By-Law is entitled the “**Fire Ban By-law for the Town of Small Point – Adam’s Cove**”

2. Purpose

This By-law is intended to protect public safety and property by regulating open-air fires.

3. Definitions

- a. Open-Air Fire: Any fire that is burning in the open and not fully enclosed, including fires that are freely burning or have the potential to spread.
- b. Fire Chief: Means Chief/Deputy Fire Chief of the North Shore Volunteer Fire Department.
- c. Spark Arrester: Is any device which prevents the emission of flammable debris from combustion sources.

4. Authority

This By-law is enacted under the authority of the **Towns and Local Service Districts Act** (the “Act”), specifically:

- Section 7(1)(e), which requires a town council to adopt a by-law, subject to the **Fire Protection Services Act**, for the prevention of fire within the town.
- Section 8(1)(a), which permits councils to make by-laws concerning health and safety.
- Section 8(d), which authorizes by-laws addressing nuisances and hazards.
- Section 8(f), which allows for by-laws governing the use of property.
- Section 285, which provides for enforcement through the issuance of written orders.

5. Fire Ban Conditions

A fire ban shall be automatically in effect when the Provincial Forest Fire Hazard Index: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ffa/public-education/forestry/forest-fires/fire-hazard-map/> is rated as **Very High** or **Extreme** for the region in which the Town of Small Point – Adam’s Cove is located. This by-law is not responsible for this link.

During a fire ban:

- All open-air fires are prohibited.
- The use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Charcoal barbecues and wood-burning fire pits are prohibited.

In addition, Council retains the authority to issue a fire ban during a regular or special public meeting of council, based on local conditions or written advice provided by the Fire Chief. When such a ban is issued, the Town shall publish notice in accordance with Section 292 of the Act.

6. Permitted Devices

It is recommended that open-air fires be conducted in a container or fire pit that meets the safety standards of an approved outdoor wood-burning appliance. To further reduce the risk of wildfires, the Town encourages the use of spark arresters that help prevent flammable debris and embers from escaping.

The use of CSA or ULC approved propane fire pits is permitted during a fire ban, provided they are used in accordance with manufacturer instructions and are attended at all times.

7. Reporting Violations

Suspected violations of this by-law may be reported to:

- The Town Office during regular business hours.
- The Provincial Crime Stoppers Line at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), available 24/7.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police NL line at 1-800-709-7267.

8. Enforcement

This by-law shall be enforced through written orders issued under Section 285 of the Act. Orders may require, without limitation:

- Immediate extinguishment of a fire;
- Compliance with fire ban restrictions.



Failure to comply with an order may result in further action as permitted under the Act.

9. Liability

Individuals who violate the fire ban may be held responsible for the costs associated with fighting any resulting fires, including firefighting personnel, equipment, and property damage.

- A water source or fire extinguisher must be available on-site.

10. Effective Date

This by-law shall come into force on May 12, 2026 , and shall be binding upon all persons within the jurisdiction of the Town.	
Official By-Law Information	
Date of Council Approval	May 12, 2026
Resolution Number:	Resolution 006-2026
Date of Advertisement	May 14, 2026
I certify that the By-Law was approved by Council and published as indicated above.	
Town Administrator: Mayor:	
Town Clerk:	
Date:	May 12, 2026