

DECLARATION OF OPEN-AIR FIRE BAN

WHEREAS The Neighbourhood Liveability By-law No. 1/2008 provides as follows:

73.1(2) The Chief may declare a ban on open-air fires in a geographical area within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg if he or she concludes that prevailing climatic, environmental, or other conditions constitute an emergency and a Ban is necessary to reduce the risk of fires being spread.

73.1(3) Unless otherwise specified in the declaration, a Ban applies to the entirety of the geographical area within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg at all times and to all forms of open-air burning.

73.1(4) A Ban may be partial and may, among other things, specify that it applies

- (a) Only to identified neighbourhoods or parts of the city;
- (b) Only to identified forms of open-air burning; or
- (c) Only during specific times of the day.

73.1(5) A Ban takes effect when all of the following have taken place:

- (a) The Chief has signed a declaration of the Ban;
- (b) The City Clerk has been notified in writing of the Ban;
- (c) The declaration has been posted on the City of Winnipeg's website;
- (d) The Chief has released a communique to the media that
 - (i) States that a Ban has been declared; and
 - (ii) Provides details of the Ban.

73.1(6) Unless a Ban declared under subsection (1) sets out either a specific date and time at which it will end or the length of time during which is effective, the Ban ends 48 hours after it takes effect.

73.1(7) A Ban declared under subsection (1) supersedes and suspends a permit which authorizes an open-air fire.

73.1(8) A person must not set an open-air fire, and the owner or occupant of property must not permit any open-air fire to be set or remain lit on the property in contravention of a Ban.

73.1(9) Because an open-air fire during a Ban constitutes an emergency, members of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service are hereby authorized to take immediate measures to extinguish an open-air fire burning in contravention of a Ban.

AND WHEREAS I have determined that an Open-Air Fire Ban is necessary to reduce the risk of fires being spread.

NOW THEREFORE I HEREBY DECLARE an Open-Air Fire Ban effective as of May 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., effective until May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., for the City of Winnipeg.

Declared this 5th day of May, 2025 at the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba



Fire Paramedic Chief Christian Schmidt