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**Andrew Peat**

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*Re. Open burning bylaw*

**From:**  
**Sent:** August-08-15 3:53 PM  
**To:** trusteeschlenker@saltspringfire.com  
**Cc:** corpadmin@saltspringfire.com  
**Subject:** PROPOSED CHANGE TO DRAFT 125  
**Attachments:** LETTER TO FIRE TRUSTEES RE BURN BYLAW CHANGES.docx

I am pleased with all the progress your committee has made on this, but do want one more time to get the Camp/Beach fire category of burning more in line with the other Categories.

The large "we" want more assurance that the Fire District is setting standards and placing regulations on what, when, where, and how we burn with open fires. The Permit requirements seem to be facilitate education of those who burn, and are being accepted as necessary to obtain. Our current bylaw does not allow one segment of burners to have a Burn Permit. We need to have a different permit available probably for a one time fire on a designated location of public property. It would define the day and time as well as the person responsible for the fire.

I know the objection (enforcement), but the same objection applies in most other regulations. Let's let the people who want a fire be properly "educated through the obtaining of a permit process". The complaints should go down, better fire control and smoke management will start occurring, and more responsible burning will become the norm.

My attachment suggests changes that can make this happen.

Thanks  
Ron

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**From:** Andrew Peat  
**Sent:** August-13-15 8:04 AM  
**To:** corpadmin@saltspringfire.com  
**Subject:** FW: fire regs

Re Open burning

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Paul Binding  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:42 PM  
**To:** [corpadmin@saltspringfire.com](#)  
**Subject:** fire regs

Dear Andrew,

If you agree, I'd be grateful if you could forward this to the Fire Board, as per your suggestion to me, since the corpadmin address did not seem to be recognised by my ipad.

I'm concerned about some of the By-Law definitions as applied to the current extreme risk scenario, since many of us live in densely wooded areas. I understand that the By-Law wording is currently being revisited, and I suggest that part of the BC Coastal Fire Centre website is worth looking at in this regard. I went to [bcwildfire.ca/hprscripts/wildfirenews/bans.asp](http://bcwildfire.ca/hprscripts/wildfirenews/bans.asp) which has a display with separate columns for the various Fire Centres. If you visit the Open Fires entry in the Coastal column you will find a few paragraphs under the links to the definitions of both Open Fires and Campfires. Both sets of paragraphs refer to a maximum flame length of 15 cm, which is just under 6 inches. I would ask the By-Law Committee to consider incorporating this restriction into the relevant definitions of what Open Fires and Campfires are allowed, particularly during extreme fire risk periods. I also wonder if fuels under pressure like propane should be restricted more, not less, by whatever wording is adopted.

At a local resort, we have seen fires with flames well over 30 cm high, apparently from propane-fired campfire rings. I suspect that some resort visitors may come from less drought stricken areas, and may assume that open flames pose no threat particularly after a bit of rain. They may not realise that we had little or no rain for the previous few months, and that the branches seemingly far above are tinder dry.

Sincerely,  
Paul Binding=

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