

Thetis Island Improvement District
Bylaw No. 70
Extreme Fire Hazard Bylaw

A bylaw to regulate outdoor activities in the event of extreme fire hazard.

THE TRUSTEES of the **Thetis Island Improvement District** assembled in an open meeting **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

The BC Wildfire Service is tasked with managing wildfires through a combination of wildfire prevention, mitigation and suppression strategies, on both Crown and private lands outside of organized areas such as municipalities or regional districts. Their rules and regulations help form the basis for the "EXTREME" fire hazard regulations on Thetis Island. The goal of these regulations is to ensure that sources of ignition are eliminated or mitigated during times of "Extreme" fire weather ratings.

When Thetis Island's fire status is listed as "Extreme", all forms of open burning are banned and a number of other restrictions, based upon the B C Wildfire Service guidelines, are put in place.

WHEN THE FIRE RISK IS DECLARED "EXTREME":

Activities that are permitted:

Propane barbecues are allowed.

Propane fireplaces are allowed; flames must be 6 inches or less.

Electric and battery powered Weed Eaters using nylon line, are allowed before 1 P.M. with a charged water hose or fire extinguisher at the work site.

Use of small hand tools.

In "EXTREME" fire risk conditions, fires will start very easily and spread very quickly. During these conditions it is simply too risky to take unnecessary chances.

The Fire Chief may regulate the operation of any equipment that may be hazardous during periods of "EXTREME" fire danger.

All high risk and industrial activity must cease.....except with the written permission of the Fire Chief.

In "EXTREME" conditions the following are NOT PERMITTED without the written approval of the Fire Chief:

Blasting

Bucking - power saw

Bucking - tree processor

Excavating, Trenching

Land clearing

- Log barking
- Log forwarding
- Log skidding - ground system
- Log yarding - cable logging
- Metal cutting, grinding or welding
- Rail grinding
- Right of way clearing or maintenance
- Road construction or maintenance
- Road right of way grass mowing
- Yard mowing
- Use of spark producing tools, including lawn mowers with metal blades, gas weed-eaters, and other small motors that may produce sparks near grass or forests
- Saw-milling
- Silviculture - using small engines
- Silviculture - using large engines
- Trail building - using small engines
- Tree felling
- Wood chipping
- Wood processing

The Fire Chief may temporarily modify the restrictions, via written communication, depending on any temporary change in the conditions.

This bylaw may be cited as the Extreme Fire Hazard Bylaw No. 70.

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees on the 24th day of October 2017

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees on the 30th day of January 2018

 Keith Rush
 Chair of the Trustees

 Date

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw No 70

 Signing Officer

 Date