



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: February 27, 2024
Originated By: Luis Gandolfi, Director of Protective Services
Title: Appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2024 Fire Permit Season

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

As per the Forest and Prairie Protection Act RSA 2000 Chapter F-19 Section 4 (2) the Council of a Municipal District shall appoint for a term not exceeding one year, with effect from the beginning of the Fire Season, a sufficient number of Fire Guardians to enforce this Act within the boundaries of the Municipal District except that part of the Municipal District that is within a Forest Protection Area.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

In preparation for the 2024 Fire Permit Season the following individuals require appointment by the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 as Fire Guardians: Dan Heney, Alicia Krawchuk, Dwayne Ethier, Ed Watrich, Vic Kolody, Baz Churko, Diane Jenkinson. The following Station Chiefs require appointments as Fire Guardians as well. They will not be issuing permits but need the appointment to be able to cancel permits in the event of an incident: Walter Smyl, Dan Amalia, Gordon Graves, Craig Wenzel, Robert Norton, Cordell Akert, and Derek Neumann.

The appointment is for 2024. In addition, Council should also make their annual motion allowing the Reeve or the Deputy Reeve in his absence to declare a fire ban in consultation with the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority (BRFA). This allows for fast reaction to changing fire conditions without the need to call a special council meeting to implement a fire ban.

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 2: Enhance Safety in the Community

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Forest and Prairie Protection Act RSA 2000 Chapter F-19 Section 4 (2)

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

Funded through the BRFA.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Communication will be through the Rural Review, newspaper advertising and the MD & BRFA websites.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council approves the appointment of the following individuals as Fire Guardians under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act for the 2024 fire permit season:

- Dan Heney – Regional Fire Chief;
- Alicia Krawchuk – Deputy Fire Chief;
- Walter Smyl – Station Chief Goodridge;
- Dan Amalia – Station Chief Glendon;
- Gordon Graves – Station Chief Iron River;
- Craig Wenzel – Station Chief Bonnyville;
- Robert Norton – Station Chief Lacorey;
- Cordell Ackert – Station Chief Fort Kent;
- Derek Neumann – Station Chief Ardmore;
- Ed Watrich;
- Vic Kolody;
- Baz Churko;
- Diane Jenkinson; and
- Dwayne Ethier;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT Council authorizes the Reeve, or the Deputy Reeve in the Reeve's absence, in consultation with the Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority, to place and remove fire bans in the Municipal District of Bonnyville for the 2024 fire permit season.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves the appointment of the following individuals as Fire Guardians under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act for the 2024 fire permit season...
2. THAT Council directs Administration to bring back additional information regarding the appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2024 fire permit season to a future meeting of Council, as discussed.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2024 Fire Permit Season .docx
Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin