



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: March 11, 2025
Originated By: Luis Gandolfi, Director of Protective Services
Title: Appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2025 Fire Permit Season

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

As per the Forest and Prairie Protection Act RSA 2000 (FPPA) 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 2025 Fire Permit Season the following individuals require appointments by the Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 for 2025, as Fire Guardians:

Alicia Krawchuk – Regional Chief of Emergency Services; Joe Bruyere – Regional Fire Prevention and Training Officer; 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 La Corey; Cordell Ackert – Station Chief Fort Kent; Ed Watrich; Vic Kolody; Baz Churko; and Diane Jenkinson.

Per the FPPA, the Reeve, each Councilor, and the Chief Administrative Officer are by virtue of their offices fire guardians in and for the Municipal District, except that part of the rural municipality that is within a forest protection area. 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) and Section 4(3) - RSA 2000 cF-19 s4;2003 c20 s6;2016 c22 s3;2024 c9 s

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 2025 fire permit season:

- Alicia Krawchuk – Regional Chief of Emergency Services;
- Joe Bruyere – Regional Fire Prevention and Training Officer;
- 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 La Corey;
- Cordell Ackert – Station Chief Fort Kent;
- Ed Watrich;
- Vic Kolody;
- Baz Churko;
- Diane Jenkinson;

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, remove, and amend fire bans in the Municipal District of Bonnyville, outside of the Forest Protection Area, for the 2025 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 2025 fire permit season...
2. THAT Council refers the appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2025 fire permit season back to Administration for additional information regarding _____ and to bring it back to a future meeting of Council.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Appointment of Fire Guardians for the 2025 Fire Permit Season .docx
Attachments:	
Final Approval Date:	Mar 10, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Matt Janz

Stephanie Severin