



July 27, 2023

## FIRE BAN

### Effective July 27, 2023 – 0730 hrs and until further notice

Although some areas of the M.D. of Willow Creek are seeing cooler temperatures and there is a chance of much-needed rain forecast in the coming days, the MD is experiencing hot, dry conditions, and the Fire Indices which are used to predict fire behavior are extreme at this time.

Due the high risk of fire, and the reality that any precipitation will provide only short term relief, a **FIRE BAN** is now in effect for the MD of Willow Creek with respect to all open fires within its municipal boundaries.

Under the **Fire Ban**, all active fire/burn permits are cancelled, and no new permits will be issued until conditions change. Burning of any kind is prohibited, including recreational fires (campfires, backyard fire pits and outdoor fireplaces), burning in a burn barrel or incinerator, charcoal briquette BBQs, yard debris, etc. Fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited.

Propane or natural gas appliances (i.e., barbeques, stoves, heaters and portable firepits), for the purpose of heating or cooking are allowed, but must be CSA approved or UL certified.

Burning during a **Fire Ban** is illegal, and fines or cost of response could apply.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Services Department at 403-625-3351.

