

## *Use of Barbecues*

Permission is not required from the Fire Chief for use of barbecues to cook food, provided the following regulations are complied with:

- ❑ The barbecue shall be placed on a non-flammable material and not be located or placed on any balcony, porch or verandah of a building, inside any garage, tent, vehicle or structure, in or near dry vegetation that is conducive to development or spread of fire or explosion;
- ❑ The barbecue shall be supervised at all times and only clean dry natural wood or commercially produced fuel for the purpose of cooking such as charcoal or briquette, natural gas or propane, shall be used.



Yummy food from the barbecue!



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Being a By-Law to Regulate  
“OPEN BURNING” In the  
Town Of Fort Erie

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**BY-LAW NO. 167-03**

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## RECREATIONAL OPEN AIR BURNING RULES & REGULATIONS

Permission is not required from the Fire Chief for recreational open air burning associated with the use of **open burning devices** or **fire burn areas** specifically designed for open air burning, provided that each of the following regulations are complied with:

- ❑ Open air burning shall be confined to a burn area **not more than 2 feet by 2 feet** (60 cm. X 60 cm.)
- ❑ The open burning device shall be designed of non-combustible material.
- ❑ Steps shall be taken to ensure that neighbors and their properties are protected from any fire hazard and are not adversely affected by the smoke.
- ❑ Only Charcoal, briquettes or **clean & dry seasoned wood** shall be burned.
- ❑ There shall be absolutely **no burning** of painted or pressure treated wood, wood that has been treated with creosote or any other oils, any type of construction material, leaves, brush and/or grass.
- ❑ The wood being burnt shall be no larger than the opening of the open burning device or burn area, and shall be totally

confined within the open burning device or burn area at all times.

- ❑ No open burning will be allowed with 13 feet (4m) of any property line and shall not be any closer than 10 feet (3m) from any structure.
- ❑ Open air burnings shall be attended, controlled and supervised by an adult at all times.
- ❑ There shall be a way of extinguishing the open burn readily available at all times and all open burns shall be completely extinguished prior to being vacated.
- ❑ There shall be no open burning when the wind speed is greater than 12 miles per hour (20 kmph), during rainy or foggy weather, or when a smog (heat advisory) alert has been issued.
- ❑ No person shall conduct any open burn on any public property without the written consent of the Director of Parks and Leisure and the Fire Chief.

### RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS

- ❑ Should the Fort Erie Fire Department be dispatched to a complaint regarding public safety due to a fire hazard created by a recreational open air burning or having been notified of an open air burn not complying with the by-law, then the landowner or occupant responsible for the open air burn will be ordered to extinguish the fire immediately.

- ❑ Should the landowner or occupant fail to extinguish the fire when ordered to do so, the Fort Erie Fire Department will then take action to extinguish the fire and the person responsible for the fire will then be responsible for all cost incurred by the Fort Erie Fire Department in its efforts to extinguish the fire.

### PROHIBITED OPEN AIR BURNING – REPEATED OFFENCES

- ❑ Should the landowner or occupant repeat the offense of having a prohibited open air burn, then that person who is conducting the burn will be responsible for all cost incurred by the Fort Erie Fire Department in responding to that call.

### Fines:

- ❑ In addition to being charged for any costs incurred by the Fort Erie Fire Department, open-air burning in violation of this by-law is a chargeable offence under the Fire Protection & Prevention Act (FPPA). Charges could be laid against the property owner by the Fort Erie Fire Department.