

NOTICE OF MOTION: REGULATING THE USE OF WOOD BURNING STOVES

Whereas the practice of using wood in either a fireplace or wood stove for home heating can contribute to poor local air quality, potential safety risk from embers and nuisance debris in the form of black particulate on neighbouring properties;

Whereas the City does not currently have a by-law in place which specifically regulates the use or operation of indoor wood-burning appliances, such as wood stoves;

Whereas there are a number of existing standards in place at the provincial level that apply to wood-burning appliances are limited and currently do not address the issue of excessive and constant burning;

Whereas this is not likely a widespread problem however the issue does exist and needs to be addressed because there are residents experiencing these negative effects from constant burning;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to draft a bylaw with respect to regulating the use of residential indoor wood-burning stoves (e.g. by limiting the operation of or time-limiting when burning activities are allowed), pursuant to the general municipal powers respecting the social and environmental well-being of the municipality, and the health, safety and well-being of persons under subsection 11(2)5 and 6, respectively, of the Municipal Act, 2001.

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