

Walden January 21st, 2008 (46 Signed In)

**Chief Donaldson
Councillor Dutrisac
Jody Lahti**

Keep as is: 14

Keep Open Air Burning, but with suggested changes: 8

Total Ban: 3

Amanda Lariviere – Keep as is.

Doug Kaattari – Keep as is.

Garth Wunsch: Keep as is.

Timothy Kiley: Keep as is.

Laura Lea Barbeau: Keep as is.

Colin Flett: Keep as is.

Paul Laplante: Total Ban. Concerns regarding smoke, hard to breathe, sore throat. Concerns with kids having fires in bush. Called FD – no response.

Robert Steinke: Keep as is, but better enforcement. Respect neighbours.

Gerry Perfetto: Keep as is.

Kris Perfetto: Keep as is, but better enforcement. Suggested changes to start times (2 hours before sunset).

Doug Maki: Keep open air burning, but suggested changes: urban and rural; setting out a fire season from April 1st to October 31st; perhaps use property zoning to define rural, agricultural, etc. Would like a change to fire size and time frames, would like day-time burning.

Ralph Mushumanski: Keep open air burning, but suggests change to start times especially during summer months. Current times are too late for young children. Expressed concerns regarding cost recovery.

Marc Laplante: Total Ban. Concerns regarding air quality, smoke issues, ability to open windows, and having fires and alcohol use at the same time. This should be dealt with

the same as impaired driving. Suggested educating 9-1-1 dispatchers as he called – no response.

Tapio Paajanen – Keep as is, but enforce. Suggested review of other Municipality By-laws, along with a fee for burning permit. Perhaps call to Dispatch prior to burning.

Kathleen Ryan: Keep open air burning, but with changes. Suggestions, change the by-law to suite the geographical area of the CGS, ie., urban vs. rural. It is an element of country-life in the north and enjoys the pleasure of having a bonfire. Consider overall good of City- fires are good. We need a compromise.

Susan Scheunemanr: Keep open air burning, but with changes. It is a Northern Ontario tradition. Should be able to cook during the day, ie., maple syrup. Need a compromise between urban and rural issues. Lot size should be considered.

Jack Blackwell: Keep as is, but enforce. Enforce for a period of time, then bring concerns back to the public. If changes are required, need to consider urban vs. rural issues.

Bill Droog: Changes to current by-law, as it is to restrictive. Ability to burn large piles on rural land (5 acres). By-law requires agricultural definition and creation of zones within the city based on population. One rule does not apply to all.

Arthur Schmitt: Keep open air burning, but with changes. Concerned about time frames to start and end fires. Should be able to start 2 hours before sunset. Urban vs. rural issues. Concerned about trucks coming to put fire out while in possession of a permit.

Charles de la Riva: Total Ban. Nuisance, health issues, unable to open windows. Lives on lake, still a problem. Climate, environment and pollution issues as fires are slowly destroying the planet. We need to take action with our environment.

Ean Moxam: Keep as is. Has no issues with current by-law.

Larry Bieronski: Keep as is, but enforce. Concerned about types of materials being burned. Scout Leader – kids do a survival fire in bush, cooking over fires.

Ron Bowes: Keep as is. Already too many By-laws that are restrictive. Respect neighbours.

Steve Caari: Keep open air burning. However, lives on 160 acres of property and has concerns about FD coming on a complaint.

Jim Chenier: Keep as is. *In favour of controlled back yard burning as long as rules are followed.*

City Core – Council Chambers – January 14th, 2008 (39 Signed In)

Chief Donaldson
Councillor Dutrisac
Councillor Callaghan
Councillor Gasparini
Councillor Caldarelli
Jody Lahti

Keep as Is:

Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes:

Total Ban:

Larry Baronette: Keep as is:

Peter Wideman: Keep as is, but enforce.

Brian Martin: Keep as is, but educate and enforce.

Frank Pelletier: Keep as is, but enforce and educate. Concerned about nuisance calls and frequent complainers, ie., costs, wasting resources. Add teeth to current by-law.

Robert Villeneuve: Keep as is, but enforce and educate. Concerned about nuisance calls and frequent complainers, ie., costs, wasting resources. Add teeth to current by-law.

Bev Marsh: Keep as is, but enforce. Concerns of burning garbage and wrong materials.

Laurie Rioux: Total Ban. Smoke issues, environmental issues. Current By-law not enforced. Open windows not possible because of toxic smoke. Health issues.

Janeen Childs: Keep as is, but enforce.

Don Piotto: Keep as is, but enforce. Respect neighbours.

Linda Maki: Keep as is.

Arthur Maki: Keep as is, but enforce. Concerns of burning garbage. Respect neighbours.

Wayne Poitras: Keep as is, but suggestions to enforcement.

Pierre Beaumier: Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes. Allow backyard fires where at least 131 feet or 40 metres from neighbours exists, fines for offences and repeat offenders, and advising neighbours in advance of burning to avoid complaints.

Nancy Baron: Keep open air burning, but not to be allowed in Co-Op Housing complexes.

Larose-Trottier Family: Keep as is.

Belinda H.: Keep as is, especially in campgrounds.

Shelley Deeth: Keep as is, but enforce. Education required. Respect neighbours.

John and Celena Leonard: Keep as is.

Flemming Jensen: Keep as is, but enforce.

Gaetanne Evans: Total Ban. Concerns on pollution, black soot, loud music, excessive drinking, fire hazards.

Brenda Packham: Total Ban. If not possible, restrict allowing fires to Canada Day, Victoria Day and Labour Day.

Mike Guy: Keep as is, but enforce.

Don Guieppi: Keep as is, but enforce.

Karen Guiseppi: Keep as is, but enforce.

Mike Lalonde: Keep as is, especially in trailer sites.

Barry Haneberry: Total Ban. Expressed concerns of process of meeting, along with definitions of "clean burning wood" and "good neighbours".

B. Polano: Total Ban. If not possible, then restrict time frames from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. , or at the latest 11:00 p.m. Size of fires must also be limited . No burn barrels. Clearly set out burning materials. Fees should apply to all fires in order to obtain Permit. Strict enforcement of by-law, along with a progressive order of fines. Education of the public.

Lucille Quesnelle: Amend current by-law to reflect urban and rural issues. Expressed concerns of improper materials being burned, safety issues due to shared laneway access to homes, improper enforcement of current by-law, and close proximity of homes.

Don Brisebois: Total Ban. Fires are not traditional in Sudbury. Affects health and welfare of neighbours, smoke into windows, unable to cool down over summer months. Toxic smoke occurs.

John Jennings: Total Ban. If not possible, earlier time limits, define proper burning materials.

Bob Lee: Keep as is. Likes campfires while out snowmobiling. Agrees that if bothering neighbours, fire to go out. Respect neighbours.

Fred Groskley: Total Ban. Health issues – asthma.

Denise & Dave Cockburn: Total Ban. Currently uneven enforcement of by-law. Creates neighbourhood animosity. Concerns for unsafe portable devices, health affects, and the inability to cool down home over night.

Dick Cunningham: Keep open air burning with suggested changes. Amend By-law as to high density subdivisions and small lots, as houses too close.

Elizabeth McGuire: Total Ban. Health issues.

Lynn Skilling: Total Ban.

Keith Bona & Family: Keep as is, but enforce.

Roni Sue Brown: Keep as is, but enforce.

John Kanerva: Total Ban. Expressed health and allergy issues. Concerns about booze, noise, smoke. Suggested alternatives: candle in chimineas.

Peter Charbonneau: Keep as is.

Joanne Beaumier: Total Ban. Complaints of house full of smoke and unable to open windows. Children affected by smoke.

Angela Recollet: Does not support a ban. First Nation – fire is tradition/sacred. Respect the land and respect one another.

Wayne Poitras: Keep as is, but enforce. Respect neighbours. Perhaps change time-frames ending fires at 1:00 a.m. an/or only on weekends.

Brian Martin: Keep as is, but enforce. Enjoys fire in yard (Ramsey Lake), burns clean fires and respects his neighbours.

Pat Rogerson: ?? Concerns with respect to high density neighbourhoods, health issues, environmental impact, smoke control, not burning proper materials, toxic fumes, cost of enforcement, not the purpose of the fire department.

Lucille Quesnelle: Concerns with burning in urban areas. Expressed concern for smoke, burning garbage, unattended fires, enforcement of current by-law. By-law should be amended to reflect the expanding City. Waste of Fire Department and Police Department resources.

Irene Larocque: Total Fire Ban. Concern of neighbours' identities being known, environmental concerns, health issues, smoke issues.

Louise Shonwise: ?? Concerns about smoke, especially when clothes are on the line. Neighbourly respect. Ability to enjoy your own property without smell of smoke.

Tom Fenske: Keep as is, but enforce.

Shailendra Sharan: Keep as is. Respect neighbours. If banned, he will move from area.

David Healey: Keep as is, but enforce. Perhaps amend time limits. Combine fire and police for enforcement. Education required for enforcement purposes.

Gord Slade: Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes. Has a camp on Windy Lake and is in favour of burning, although City core is different. Requires training/education of urban areas.

John Lindsay: Comments on behalf of Minnow Lake CAN. Both Pro and Con. Expressed concerns on environmental, health and noise issues. Urban and rural issues. Individuals need to be responsible. Require an education campaign. Enforcement of by-law.

Pierre Beaumier: Total Ban. Expressed concerns of smoke for neighbours, nuisance. Should be stronger penalties (fines) and enforcement.

Colin Firth: Keep as is, but enforce. Suggested amendment to By-law to contain consequences and deal with those causing the problem. Put fines collected into a community education fund. Suggested fines of: 1st time – fire out; 2nd time - \$1,000 fine; and 3rd time – double.

Rayside Area – Chelmsford Arena – January 16th, 2008 (36 Signed In)

Chief Donaldson
Councillor Dutrisac
Councillor Berthiaume
Jody Lahti

Keep as is:

Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes:

Total Ban:

Warren Maskell: Question/concern regarding where the by-law states that fires will be put out on receipt of a complaint?

Steven Chisholm: Keep as is.

Denis Charron: Keep as is, but enforce and educate.

Glen and Pat Wilson: Keep as is, but enforce.

Jim Mathiasen: Keep as is, but enforce.

Bev Crawford: Keep as is.

Yves, Rhonda, Joshua and Paige Perron: Keep as is.

Luc Maille: Keep as is, but enforce.

L. Weslake: Keep open air burning with changes. Suggestion to have backyard fires stop at 11:30 p.m., in R1 / R2 Zones. Issues of noise, alcohol, smoke, and open windows.

Joanne Leduc: Keep as is. Need to educate the public. Respect your neighbours.

Claude D'Aoust: By-law requires public education.

Al Sentor: Total Ban. Submission received from Al Sentor, which includes copies of correspondence between himself and the Ministry of Energy, along with a letter from himself addressed to the Fire Plan Review Committee.

This meeting was attended by approximately 40 – 50 individuals. It was more of an informal meeting, then individuals submitting verbal submissions. The issues that were raised by the public, who did not identify themselves, are as follows:

Clyde Weslake: in favour of earlier end time of fires. Keep current by-law but enforce.

- Health issues, asthma. Feeling like a prisoner of their own home. Respect your neighbours. Issues of enforcing the current by-law.
- Urban/rural issues.
- BBQ's, smokers – not addressed in this by-law.
- Use the police department to enforce.
- In outlying areas, need ability for fires. Different for congested areas vs. rural areas.
- Campgrounds – same rules? Yes.
- Indoor fires – not covered by this by-law.
- Neighbours' complaints of smoke? Fire is to go out. We have no means to test for smoke. Woodstoves not covered in this by-law.
- Gravel pit – owner has 250 acres. Would like to burn/clean up branches and trees. The Ministry has ordered to clean up. The Chief explained that this would be treated as an agricultural permit. Inspector will come out and do inspection for permit. Obtain permit from Fire Prevention – call 3-1-1.
- Campfire sizes are (2 feet x 2 feet).
- Cannot use a huge brush pile for a camp fire.
- Question on the size of brush pile? 6 feet x 6 feet only.
- Where did the dimensions of the fires come from? Chief explained that these came from the original by-law.
- Require permit to burn pallets, bigger than 2 feet x 2 feet? Yes.
- Concerns regarding neighbours starting fires on 50 foot lots and going to sleep. Chief explained that this is in contravention of the By-law. Someone must be in attendance.
- Chief advised to call 9-1-1 for complaints. The neighbours would be explained the rules of the by-law.
- Concerns of lots being too small and smoke affecting neighbours.

- Appears that if the by-law is enforced, all the rules are there. Concern expressed for costs on enforcing.
- Does not like a time limit to end fires at night. Should not be a restriction for time.
- Respect for neighbours. Talk to your neighbours.
- Enforcement issues of current by-law. Concerns expressed on fires not being extinguished.
- Can a By-law incorporate lot sizes and densities?
- Requires education on present rules. Enforcement required.
- Is cooking on an open fire during the day permitted? No. Education required.
- For cooking, restrictions need to be followed.
- Educate parents through their children.
- Lot sizes?
- Cannot burn on Crown Land.
- Many problems are from neighbourly disputes and are nuisance calls.
- For complaints, call 9-1-1. This is the only way to dispatch the fire department.
- Questions on why FF's need to take a big truck? Explained that one man is never sent. If there is an emergency call, the response is quicker when the trucks are already out.
- Can burn leaves in a barrel. Rake grass to burn in barrel, which is allowed.

Meeting at Garson Arena – January 15th, 2008 (37 Signed In)

**Chief Donaldson
Jody Lahti**

Keep as is:

Keep open air burning, but suggested changes:

Total Ban:

Sylvie Tilley: Keep as is. Submitted with a Petition signed by 82 Signatures.

Pat Alexander: Keep as is.

Peter Charbonneau: Keep as is, but enforce.

Roland Lacroix: Keep as is.

Rodd Junkala: Keep as is.

Fred Schinko: Keep as is.

Paul Pacaud & Family: Keep as is.

Hank Richer: Keep as is.

Kim O'Brien: Keep as is.

Laurie Aubertin: Keep as is.

Sandra Cull: Keep as is.

Gisele Gibson: Total Ban.

Carmen Collette: Keep as is.

Debbie MacKinnon: Keep as is.

Leo Leblanc: Keep as is.

Nancy Brown & Gerry Campbell: Keep as is.

Don Caouette: Keep as is.

Howard Armstrong Rec. Centre – January 23rd, 2008 (135 People signed in)

**Chief Donaldson
Jody Lahti**

Keep as is:

Keep open air burning, but with suggestions:

Total Ban:

Morgan Nepssy: Keep as is.

Carole Bye: Concerns on public meeting and facts relayed at that time.

Valerie Bainbridge: Keep open air burning, but with suggestions. Consider lot size, consider greenbelt areas, complaints should be routed through 3-1-1, rather than 9-1-1, and then on to By-law, cost recovery from people in contravention of the by-law, look at eliminating automatic fire dousing for smoke complaints.

Linda Makela: Keep as is, but enforce.

Richard Makela: Keep as is, but enforce.

Justin Makela: Keep as is.

Audrey Morin: Keep as is, but enforce.

Sandra Marsh: Keep as is, but enforce. Public education may benefit..

Ray Servant: Keep as is.

Vicki Archambault: Keep as is.

Melissa Lapierre: Keep as is, but enforce, particularly materials being burned.

Natalie Raymond-Maroise: Keep as is, but enforce.

Linda & Jim Rorison: Keep as is, but enforce. Respect your neighbours, ie., noise.

Dennis Morin: Keep as is, but enforce. Respect neighbours with smoke, noise, and rowdy nights. Penalties should be heavy enough, that hopefully these concerns would be eliminated.

Rene Lapierrere: Keep as is, but enforce with harsher penalties.

Deborah Dupuis: Total Ban. If not possible, then an increase in the amount of space required to be deemed to be safe, require all fires to be fully extinguished by midnight and implement fines for those who choose not to comply.

Corey Tryon: Keep as is.

Michael Biglow: Keep as is, but enforce.

Sue Leblanc: Keep as is.

Deborah Limogos: Total Ban. Public does not follow existing By-law. Perhaps a referendum should be held at the next election to let the majority decide.

John-David Daneno: Keep as it.

Peggy Jones: Keep as is.

Ray Vidouls: Keep as is.

Dean Crawford: Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes. Distance of fires from buildings.

Claude Bertrand: Keep open air burning, but with suggested changes. Distance of fires from buildings.

April Poitras: Keep as is. Questioning where the draft amendments were? The process was explained to her by the Chief. Would like to see continued consideration for farmers and crop burning. Too many By-laws. Should remember that the public has common sense with respect to burning. Enforce the By-law for those who are not adhering to the existing restrictions.

Jim Ferand: Question as to why permits are not available? Process explained by the Chief.

Jack Langlois: Questioning permit process. Verified by the Chief.

Norm Barriault: Questioning smoke complaint process? Chief explained process and the reasoning for calling 9-1-1 and that there are no changes at this point in enforcement of the By-law.

Richard Rageat: No questions. His questions had been previously answered.

Michel Larose: Keep as is.

Lee Graff: Question – How many complaints are permitted? Chief advised that we do not keep track at this time.

Ron Dane: Question regarding recommended changes? Chief advised that enforcement will be recommended.

Dan Maki: Keep as is. Do not make any changes. Noise is not an issue. Time is not an issue. When Fire Department shows up for a complaint, they take into consideration the wind direction, observe for a while. Further discussion with respect to cost recovery. Suggested there should be a deterrent to neighbours who constantly complain (frivolous) as this is an abuse of the system and uses taxpayers' dollars to attend calls.

Kevin Gibson: Keep as is. Perhaps a vote of the public for any changes.

Julie/Kevin Taylor: Discussed neighbour complaints. Question: Would Report to Council be published? Chief advised that Reports are public documents. Any amendments would be supplied to local media.

Joe Warena: Expressed concerns that these meetings were pre-mature. The dog wagging the tail. These should be further meetings in the public to discuss any future amendments prior to an amended By-law being passed. Complaints of change of date of meeting should not be on Council night. He suggests that the total town not in favour of fire ban.

Richard Goulard: Keep as is, but enforce. Current by-law is strict enough. Noise is another matter.

M. Johannsen: Distance from structures should not affect outside lots in communities, larger lots, etc.

Gerard Ouellette: Keep as is. Do not change times.

Michelle Cavanaugh: Keep as is, but enforce. Suggested that fire department should know where fires are. Obtain weekend permits. Enjoys summer and winter fires. Larger lots in this area.

Dan Monahan: Suggested that the Chief should have more input into any changes in the By-law.

Rick Dobratz: Urban/rural issues; neighbours/city issues.

Janet Sagle: Keep open air burning. Older couple who would like to continue burning lilac branches and berry canes in their backyard.

Fred Pelletier: Wants more discussion on proposed amendments prior to By-law being passed. This area seems to want to keep the current By-law as is for fires.

- The City should have a better by-law to clean the hydrants throughout the city.

- Agrees with no burning grass.
- Chief explained 9-1-1- process again for complaints.
- Families have young children. Gas is expensive, so families stay at home and have campfires for roasting marshmallows. Start time for fires should be earlier because of young kids.

- Enforcement is the issue. Not all the public is the same; do not treat all with the same brush. Noise issues are not an issue for the fire department. Does not want current by-law changed. If there are amendments to be proposed, they should be published for discussion.

- Comments on process. Does not believe that Council will listen to the public and that they already have a pre-deceived notion on amendments. If fires are banned, kids will go out to the bush to start more problems. Then becomes an MNR issue. Requires clarify around smoke and flame. On complaint – fire goes out – wants this removed.

- Costs tax dollars for 9-1-1 calls and inspections for permits. Put the fire department's efforts into making the public safe. 9-1-1 is for emergencies.

Raymond Gaston: Keep as is. Suggested to send a smaller truck on complaints, not a big fire truck. Saves on money.

- Neighbour complaints. Proposed amendments that cost recovery from complainers should be incorporated.

- Winter burning – no change in any season.

- Proposed suggestions: winter burning allowed during the day time on weekends. Also, on complaints, if the by-law is being followed, fires should not have to be put out.

- Questions why By-law is being changed? Residents of the Valley like to burn.

- Clarified that when a smoke complaint – fire is to go out, this is in the current by-law.

- Questions on burning times? Request for winter burning during the day.

- Request for day-time burning. Urban vs. rural issues. Big lots in the Valley. No problem with smoke. Having asthma is not necessarily an excuse, but perhaps is for downtown Sudbury because has smaller lots.

- Asked to look into using 3-1-1- rather than 9-1-1 for burning complaints.

- Supper winter/daytime burning. Valley last bigger lots than downtown core.
Question – Where are the current complaints coming from?
- One by-law to fit across the entire CGS – should not be the same. The rules change with demographics. Should be an in-depth study before amending by-law, and then educate the public.
- Councillors should be in attendance at these meetings.

Written Submissions Received from Unknown Areas

Shannon Bouffard: Keep as is, but enforce.

Greg Seguin: Keep as is.

Dianne Randerson and Family: Keep as is.

James Robbie: Keep as is.

D. McDonald: Keep as is.

Joanne Menard: Keep open air burning, but with the following suggestions.
Reconsider the time setting to be 1 or 2 hours earlier; changing the distance between the fire and structures depending on lot sizes; more public education.

William Hannon: Keep as is, but enforce. More education.

Monique Gagnon & Brian Paquette: Keep as is.

Bernard Gagnon and Lilliane Gagnon: Keep as is.

A. & J. Bourque: Keep as is.

Sandy Purdy: Keep as is.

candrbrown@persona.ca: Keep as is, but enforce.

Dionne Family: Keep as is.

Norm & Debbie St. Jean: Keep as is.

Trina Tallon: Keep as is.

Ronda Loiselle: Keep as is.

Gisele Bolduc: Total ban. Health issues, environment issues.

Cory Pakkala: Keep as is, but enforce.

Paul Byers: Keep as is, but enforce.

Randy Size: Keep as is.

Pete Tessier: Keep as is.

Tracy Leroux: Keep as is, but enforce.

Julie Dubois: Keep as is, but enforce.

Shelley Brown: Keep as is.

Jody, Cory, Amber & Bella Hirschfeld: Keep as is.

Nicole Pilon: Keep as is.

Daniel Boucher: Keep as is.

Peggy Jones: Keep as is, but enforce.

Tara Dowdall: Keep as is.

Ken Jokela: Keep as is.

Trevor Tario: Keep as is.

Lois Third: Keep as is.

Mike.q4@sympatico.ca: Keep as is.

Trueman Hirschfeld: Keep as is.

Brian Kitching: Keep as is.

Rick Telenko: Keep as is.

Richard Caron: Keep as is, but enforce.

Laura Labelle: Keep as is, but enforce.

Christine Moores: Keep as is.

Fitchette Family: Keep as is, but enforce.

Michele Yaw: Keep as is.

Diane Lindsay: Keep as is.

Julie Mirka: Keep as is.

Jerry Loiselle: Keep as is, but enforce.

Mary Murray: Total Ban.

Perron Yoland: Keep as is, but enforce.

Doug Harris: Keep as is.