

# Bylaw No. 1066 – Fire Prevention & Regulations

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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# Purpose



To seek board direction regarding potential amendments to Consolidated Bylaw No. 1066.

# Directive



As directed by the Regional Board staff have reviewed Bylaw No. 1066 – Consolidated – Fire Prevention and Regulations and other associated documents. The review aimed to determine if the minimum ventilation index threshold for open burning should be amended to be in line with the provincial standard of fifty-five (55). Additionally, hectare size requirements for open burning were also reviewed.

# Additional Burning Day Analysis

## Venting Index => 65

Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	1		
Feb	3	7	7
Mar	15	23	12
Apr	24	23	24
Oct	9	6	9
Nov	3	3	2
Dec			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>

## Venting Index => 55

Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	1		
Feb	4	13	8
Mar	17	25	15
Apr	27	26	27
Oct	15	16	11
Nov	4	4	5
Dec			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>68</b>

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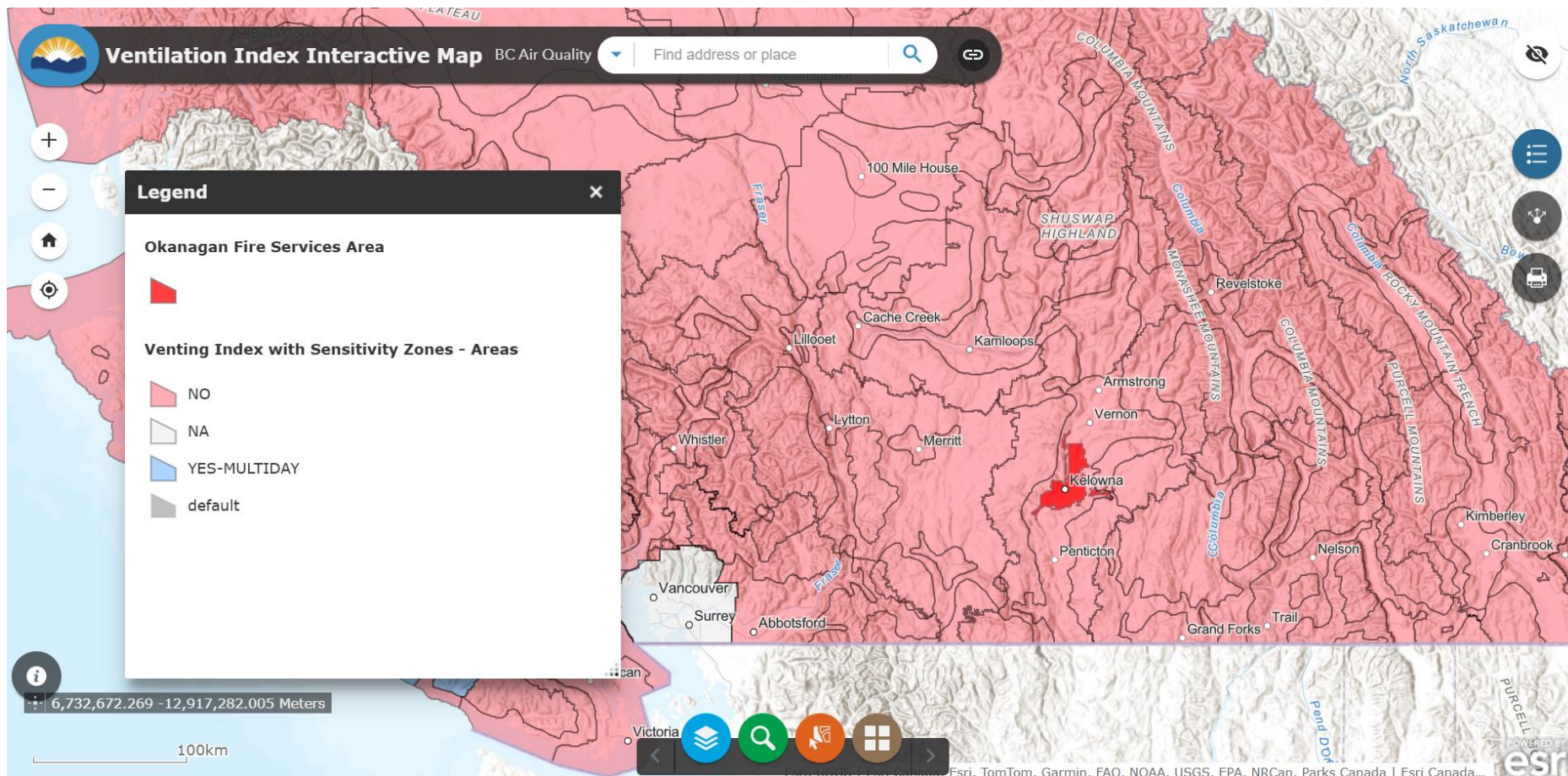
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# Province of BC – Ventilation Index Map



# Recommendation

*All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

**THAT** the Regional Board directs staff to amend Fire Prevention and Regulation Bylaw No. 1066 to change the minimum venting index to the provincial standard;

AND THAT the amending bylaw be brought forward for reading consideration.

## Alternative Recommendation

**THAT** the Regional Board receive the report Bylaw No. 1066 – Fire Prevention and Regulations from the Director of Protective Services, dated February 20, 2025, for information.





Thank you