



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Protective Services
Date: April 3, 2025

Subject: Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)
Bylaw adoption requires 2/3 majority (LGA s.228)*

Purpose: To consider first, second and third reading and adoption of Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564 to change the open burning minimum venting index to fifty-five (55).

Executive Summary:

At the March 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, the Regional Board considered a notice of motion introduced by Director Kraft to consider amending Fire Prevention and Regulations Bylaw No. 1066 to lower the minimum ventilation index threshold to the provincial standard and passed the following resolution:

***“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.”*

Staff recommend lowering the ventilation index threshold to fifty-five (55) based on thorough consideration of fire prevention needs and alignment with provincial standards. The proposed amendment is intended to enhance fire mitigation efforts and protect the residents of the RDCO from wildfire risks.

Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564 is before the Regional Board for reading consideration.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board gives first, second and third reading to Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopt Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Walroth, Director of Protective Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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Considerations:

Organizational/External:

- Enhanced ability to complete fuel mitigation work for Regional District projects
- Enhanced ability to complete fuel mitigation work for Regional District residents
- Potential for increased smoke from open burning

Legal/Statutory Authority:

- *Local Government Act and Community Charter*

Considerations not applicable:

- Financial
- Alternate Recommendation:

Attachment(s):

1. BL1066-Consolidated-Fire Prevention & Regulations-2011-08-23
 2. Fire Prevention and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1564
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