

# Open Burning

Regional District of Central Okanagan Electoral Area Services Committee

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# Objective



- To review legislation, policy and other constraints limiting open burning.

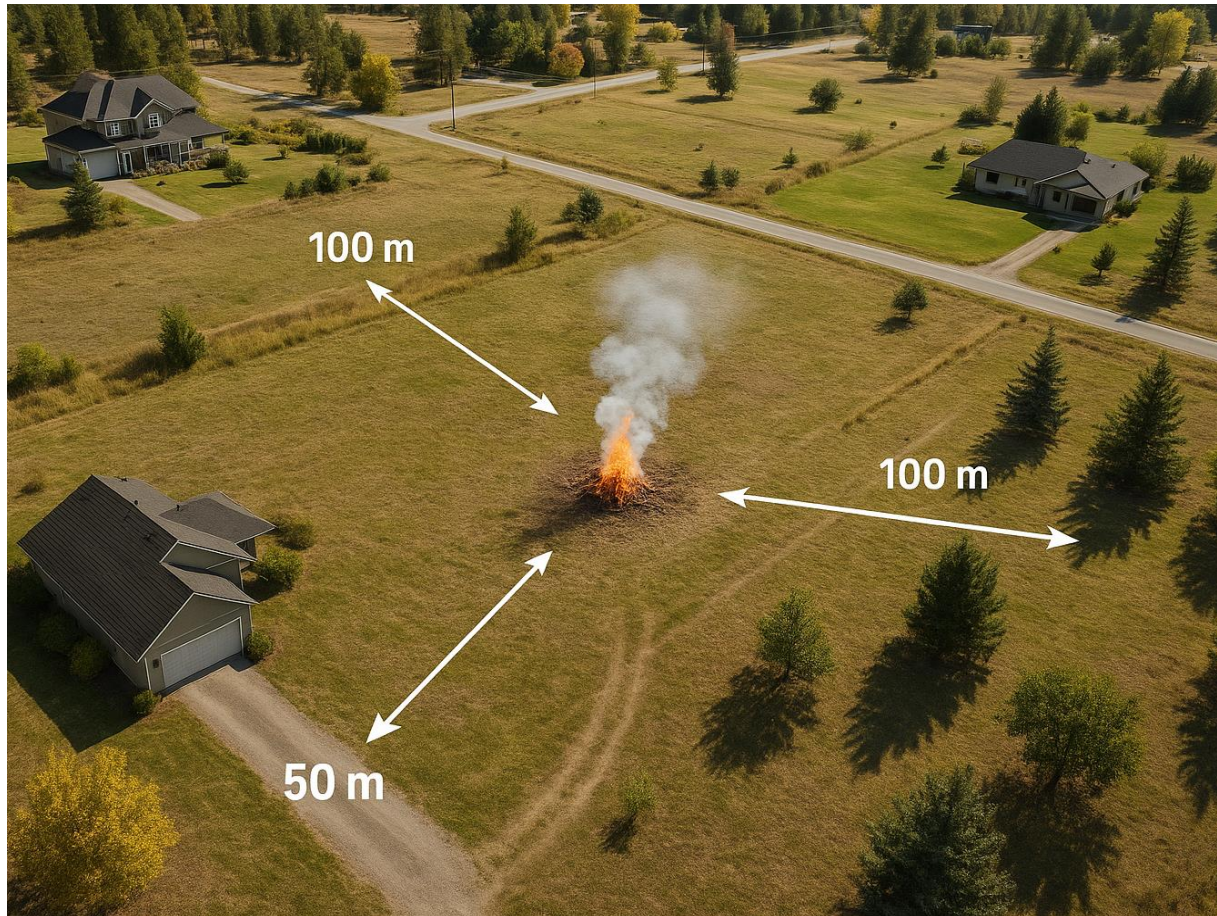
# Open Burning and Smoke Control Legislation

## Regulations within Regional District Electoral Areas:

- Province of British Columbia – Environmental Act – Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation
  - Minimum regulatory setback for burn piles: Fifty metres from neighboring residences
- RDCO Bylaw No. 1066 – Fire Prevention and Regulations
  - Open Burning Minimum lot size: One hectare
- RDCO Bylaw No. 773 – Smoke Control Regulatory Bylaw



# Health Impacts and Fire Spread Risk



- One hectare minimum lot size facilitates the placement of burn piles away from neighboring properties
  - Allowing for better dispersion of smoke and less impact on air quality
  - Reducing the risk of fire spread to neighboring properties and/or structures



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# Alternatives to Open Burning



# Recommendation

**THAT** the Electoral Area Services Committee receives the Open Burning report from the Director of Protective Services dated June 5, 2025 for information.



# Thank you

