



GREATER SUDBURY FIRE SERVICES

OPEN AIR BURNING BY-
LAW REVIEW
COUNCIL PRESENTATION
MAY 7, 2008

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- PROCESS:
 - Council presentation March 5, 2008
 - Fire Chief asked to come back with further info on:
 - Education Strategy
 - Enforcement strategy including repeat offenders
 - Urban versus rural land designation
 - Public Health input
 - Legal opinion – do we have authority over "SMOKE"

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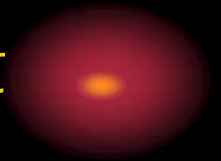
- EDUCATION

- Fire Services conducts annual Spring education via mass media and smaller group presentations on an on-going basis (e.g. Campers groups)
- No need to change this strategy
- Insufficient resources to change it anyway

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- ENFORCEMENT
 - Done through By-law with input from Fire Services as required
 - Repeat offenders – increasing fines (Part 3 of the POA) – Laying of Information - individual must attend court and fines at a maximum of \$5000



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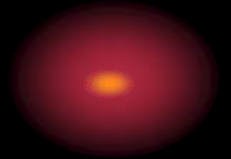


- URBAN VICE RURAL LANDS
 - No appropriate designation
 - Options
 - D18 zoning designation or above – will cover 80 % of population base – but they will not be allowed to burn – NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST (Public input)
 - Lot size restriction – greater than 6,000 Feet Square – covers approximately 50 % of population base
 - Distance from structures – suggest change to 20 feet minimum from a residence and 10 feet minimum from any structure

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- Public Health Input
 - Smoke is not good for you
 - Many studies have shown this
 - Their expertise is more with regard to smoking or smoke indoors near food areas
 - For further input they suggested we contact a higher provincial authority e.g. M.O.E.



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- Legal opinion
 - Ron Swiddle, City Solicitor



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- RECOMMENDATIONS:
 - ALLOW WINTER DAYTIME BURNING
 - ALLOWANCE FOR CEREMONIAL AND OTHER CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
 - CHANGE DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES TO 20 FEET (FROM 10 FEET)
 - CHANGE PROCEDURES SO THAT FIRE SERVICES WILL NOT RESPOND TO SMOKE COMPLAINTS

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- QUESTIONS ???????