

SALT SPRING ISLAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BY-LAW NO. 15

Repealed by
By Law 59 & 60

A by-law for setting out the fire protection regulations of the District and prescribing penalties for non-compliance of the regulations.

The Trustees of Salt Spring Island Improvement District ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The appointment and duties of the Chief of the Fire Department shall be by the Board of Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Improvement District and shall serve until his resignation or termination of appointment as decided by the Trustees.
2. The Chief shall be responsible to the Trustees for the organization, discipline, and efficiency of the Fire Department, for the care and use of all Fire Department equipment, lands and buildings. The Chief shall appoint, through the Firemen's Association, all Officers and Firemen, who will act on his instructions. The Chief is authorized to suspend any Volunteer Fireman for incompetence or breach of discipline. Such suspension shall be brought to the attention of the Firemen's Association as soon as possible. Every Fireman so suspended has the right of appeal to the Firemen's Association. Such appeal shall be presented in writing within fourteen days of notice of suspension. If agreement cannot be reached between the Firemen's Association and the Chief, the Trustees will act as arbitrators and their decision will be final.
3. The Fire Chief, when appointed Local Assistant to the Fire Marshal, as per Sec. 6(1) (c), of the Fire Marshal Act (R.S.B.C. 1960, Chap. 148) shall have the power and authority as set out in such Act in respect to investigation, prevention, control of fires and inspection of fire hazards within the District.
4. The Chief of the Fire Department, or any duly appointed Inspector thereof, may enter any building or premises within the Salt Spring Island Improvement District at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of making any inspection or investigation deemed necessary for the preservation of life or property from fire hazard; to ascertain and cause to be corrected conditions liable to cause fire; and to ensure compliance with the Act, Regulations and Orders dealing with overcrowding, use of decorative materials, maintenance of exits, fire detecting systems and fire extinguishing systems and appliances.
5. The Chief of the Fire Department or any duly appointed Inspector shall, upon finding in any building or in any premises dangerous or hazardous conditions, order such conditions to be removed as required.
6. Service of the Order in Clause 5 above, may be made by delivering to, or leaving with the owner or occupier, a copy of the aforesaid order, by affixing a copy thereof on the door or at the premises; or by mailing such copy to the owner's last known Post Office address.
7. Fire hazards shall be deemed to include:
 - (a) Dangerous or unlawful amounts of combustible or explosive matter.
 - (b) Dangerous accumulations of rubbish, waste paper, boxes, shavings, sawdust, old tires and tubes, or other flammable material, or flammable liquids.

- (c) Accumulations of dust, dirt, soot, grease, or waste material in heating systems and/or kitchen exhaust ducts, or systems.
 - (d) Defective or improperly installed equipment for handling combustible or explosive matter.
 - (e) Obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows likely to cause interference with the operations of the Fire Department or the egress of occupants in case of fire.
 - (f) Lack of repairs, lack of exit facilities, lack of fire alarm apparatus or fire extinguishing equipment, dilapidated conditions by reason of age or other cause.
 - (g) Chimneys and/or smoke pipes unswept or uncleaned within a one year period.
8. In addition to any penalty provided in this by-law, the owner or occupant of any building or premises relating to which an order has been made to remove or remedy a dangerous or hazardous condition as provided in Clause 5 and 6 hereof, who fails or neglects to remove or remedy such condition and, as a result of such failure or neglect the personnel and equipment of the Salt Spring Island Fire Department are required to be called out, shall be charged with all costs incurred in providing the said personnel and equipment.
9. Any person setting out, starting or kindling any fire within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Improvement District without first obtaining a permit, shall be liable for all costs involved should the personnel and equipment of the Salt Spring Fire Department be required to extinguish such fire or conflagration arising therefrom. For the purpose of this section, a permit issued under the Forest Act shall be deemed to be a permit issued under this by-law.
10. The Fire Chief or his designate may issue upon application, a permit to kindle and maintain an incinerator fire, a bonfire, a rubbish fire, or any other type of fire on private land. The period of the day or days for which the permit is valid, the location and any special provisions for control may be set out as part of the permit. The permit holder shall be liable for any or all costs involved should the fire not be controlled in a manner approved. The Fire Chief, appointed as a Fire Prevention Officer under the Forest Act, may also prohibit any or all incinerator fires, bonfires, or any outdoor fires, when in his opinion local circumstances or atmospheric conditions make such fires hazardous.
11. The purpose of this by-law is to secure public safety. No omission herein shall limit the powers of the Fire Chief upon instruction from the Trustees, to make due provision for public safety and ensure that substantial justice be done by the observance of the spirit of this by-law and regulations made pursuant to the "Fire Marshal Act" and/or the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.
12. Every person committing a breach of any provision of this by-law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not to exceed three months.

13. This by-law may be cited as "Fire Protection Regulation By-law, 1971".

INTRODUCED and given first reading by the Trustees
on the 17th day of December, 1970

RECONSIDERED and finally passed by the Trustees
on the 14th day of April, 1971.

R. E. Lawson
Chairman of the Trustees

E. Moore
Secretary of the Trustees

I hereby certify under the seal of Salt Spring Island Improvement District that this is a true copy of By-law No. 13 of Salt Spring Island Improvement District passed by the Trustees on the 14th day of April, 1971.

E. Moore
Secretary of the Trustees

REGISTERED the 16th day of September, 1971.

[Signature]
Comptroller of Water Rights