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6. Any inquiries or complaints concerning burning operations shall be forwarded to the Fire Marshall or Fire Guardians. The query or complaint shall be addressed as soon as possible to determine the location and to ascertain if a "Valid Permit" is in place for the property as identified. If it is determined to be an illegal burn as outlined under Bylaw #1173, an investigation shall be done to determine the status of the fire and whether the fire department should be dispatched to extinguish the fire. Under these circumstances the fire department would be called in only if the fire was found to be unsupervised and or determined to be a threat to the surrounding properties. Any fire fighting costs or fines shall be levied upon those responsible for the fire and or the property owner of those lands, which the illegal burn occurred.
7. Violations of the Fire Protection Services Bylaw #1173 or any other policy adopted by council shall be rendered as defined therein. For the purpose of this policy any person or persons found to have contravened Bylaw #1173 in the filing or obtaining a permit as required shall be issued a warning letter by the Fire Marshall. This notification shall outline the date, legal description, the particular sections of the Bylaw as found to have been contravened and what actions the county under a repeat offense may take. The Fire Marshall shall register the notification with the registered landowner and / or those occupying those lands if identified. Council shall reserve the right to wave the initial warning notice if in the discretion of council malice or vandalism has occurred.
8. It is the obligation of all Fire Guardians and or fire personnel to report any fires that are suspicious in its validity or are found in contravention to the regulations as defined under Bylaw #1173.

Policy Amendments:

July 20, 2022 – (C22-189) – Updated Bylaw to new Bylaw #1173; Addition of obtaining a fire permit online.