



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK**

### **FIRE PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 4153, 2012**

#### **CONSOLIDATED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY**

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Amendment Bylaw 4172, 2013

Amendment Bylaw 4293, 2016

Amendment Bylaw 4457, 2020

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK**

**BYLAW NO. 4153**

A Bylaw of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek (hereinafter called "The City") to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to fire protection and fire services within the City of Dawson Creek.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, Council may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to municipal services, firecrackers, fireworks and explosives and the health, safety or protection of persons or property.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek enacts as follows:

**SECTION 1 – TITLE**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the "**Fire Protection Bylaw No. 4153, 2012**".

**SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS**

2.1 In this Bylaw the following words and terms have the following meanings assigned to them:

**"Alarm"** means the giving, signaling or transmission to any public fire hall or fire dispatch or company or to any officer or employee thereof, whether by telephone, spoken word or otherwise, of information to the effect that a fire or emergency situation exists at or near the place indicated by the person giving, signaling, or transmitting such information;

**"Alarm system"** means a fire alarm system, security alarm system or a system which combines fire and security alarms, which emits an audible alarm signal or alerts a monitoring facility;

**"Apparatus"** means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment, or materials for fire suppression and assistance response as well as vehicles used to transport fire fighters or supplies;

**"Assistance response"** means rescue operations, mutual aid to other fire departments or public authorities under agreement, initial response to hazardous material emergencies and other public service in response to an emergency;

**"Building"** means any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy;

**"City"** means the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek;

**"Combustible Liquid"** means any liquid having a flash point at or above 37.8 degrees Celsius and below 93.3 degrees Celsius;

**"Construction Waste"** means any waste or refuse created through construction, repair, or demolition of a building or structure;

**"Contact Person"** means a contact person for a building under the City's directory of contact persons for *Fire Services Act* inspections;

**“Council”** means the Municipal Council of the City of Dawson Creek;

**“Dangerous Goods”** means any element or combination of elements including an organism, which, because of toxic or other inherent characteristics, may constitute a hazard to life, safety, health or the natural environment including a fire hazard, and, without limitation include:

- a. liquid chlorine, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, or other flammable or combustible liquids;
- b. explosives;
- c. gases, including compressed gases or dissolved gases under pressure;
- d. flammable solids, including substances liable to spontaneous combustion or substances that on contact with water emit flammable gases;
- e. oxidizing substances, including organic peroxides, chlorides, chlorates or nitrates;
- f. poisonous or infectious substances;
- g. radioactive materials;
- h. corrosives; and
- i. other dangerous goods.

**“Chief Administrative Officer”** means a person appointed in accordance with the City of Dawson Creek Appointment of Officers Bylaw, as amended from time to time, and includes any other person authorized to act on behalf of the Chief Administrative Officer;

**“Equipment”** means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by Dawson Creek Fire Rescue to combat an incident or other emergency;

**“False Alarm”** in respect of a fire alarm means the activation of an alarm system resulting in the direct or indirect notification of the Dawson Creek Fire Department to attend the address of the alarm system, where there is in fact no emergency situation at that address. This includes the activation of a fire alarm system:

- a. during its installation, maintenance, testing or removal;
- b. due to mechanical failure, malfunction or equipment fault;
- c. due to user error; or
- d. due to misuse, negligence or carelessness.

**“Fire Alarm System”** means all equipment forming part of or used in connection with a fire alarm system or fire detection system, including without limitation, batteries, alarm gongs, horns, buzzers, switches, wiring, relay apparatus, sensors, and other accessories.

**“Fire Chief”** means a person appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Dawson Creek, as amended from time to time, to be in charge of the Fire Department, and includes any other person authorized to act on behalf of the Fire Chief;

**“Fire Code”** means the British Columbia Fire Code 2012 enacted by B.C. Regulation 263/2012 under the *Fire Services Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time;

**“Fire Department”** means the Dawson Creek Fire & Rescue Service of the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek as established and operated as the Dawson Creek Fire Department;

**“Fire Official”** means any member of the Fire Department whose duties include Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, and or emergency response, authorized to carry out fire inspections;

**“Fire Prevention”** means that part of fire protection activities exercised in advance of the outbreak of fire to help prevent loss of fire and property due to fire;

**“Fire Protection”** means all aspects of fire safety, including but not limited to fire prevention, fire fighting, or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education, and information, training or other staff development and advertising;

**“Fireworks”** includes cannon crackers, fireballs, firecrackers, mines, Roman candles, skyrockets, squibs, torpedoes and any other explosive designated as a firework by regulation under the *Fireworks Act* (British Columbia) and low hazard and high hazard fireworks under the *Explosives Act* (Canada) and Explosives Regulations;

**“Flammable liquid”** means any liquid having a flash point below 37.8 degrees Celsius and having a vapour pressure not exceeding 275.8 kPa (absolute) at 37.8 degrees Celsius;

**“Incident”** means a fire, explosion, situation where a fire or explosion is likely, a dangerous goods leak or spill or any other situation that presents a danger or possible danger to life, safety, health, the natural environment or property and to which Dawson Creek Fire Rescue has responded;

**“Incident Commander”** means the member in charge of an incident in accordance with section 4.7;

**“Inspector”** has the meaning set out in section 6.1;

**“Land Clearing”** means the clearing of waste resulting from brush clearing, tree clearing or stump removal;

**“Member”** means any person that is an employee or paid on call member of the Dawson Creek Fire Department;

**“Non Standard Events”** means any event which is beyond the normal emergency response for the Dawson Creek Fire Department, including but not limited to;

- a. Security following a fire incident, while waiting for insurance adjuster(s) to attend for purposes of investigation.
- b. Security following containment of a natural gas distribution line break, caused by a contractor or property owner, while waiting arrival of natural gas agency to repair the break.

**“Noxious Material”** includes tires, plastics, rubber products, drywall, demolition or construction waste, paint, special waste, animal organic waste, vegetable waste, food waste, biomedical waste, tar, asphalt products, battery boxes, and waste petroleum products and any other product that produces heavy black smoke, noxious odors or toxic residue when burned;

**“Occupant”** means any person residing in a building or premises and shall include the registered owner and any lessee, tenant, and licensee;

**“Outdoor Fire”** means every fire that burns in the open air and is not completely enclosed;

**“Permit”** means a permit under this Bylaw;

**“Security Alarm System”** means a device or devices installed on or in real property and designed to warn of criminal activity or unauthorized entry by activating and audible alarm signal or alerting a monitoring facility;

**“Ventilation Index”** means the Environment Canada forecast ventilation index which provides regional information on airflow venting;

**“Yard Waste Fire”** is an outdoor fire where garden refuse such as leaves, prunings and small branches indigenous to the property are deliberately burned for the purpose of clean up.

### **SECTION 3 – ADOPTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE CODE**

3.1 No person shall contravene the Fire Code.

### **SECTION 4 – FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION**

4.1 The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the the City of Dawson Creek.

4.2 The Fire Chief may appoint another officer of the Fire Department to serve as acting Fire Chief during the absence or illness of the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief.

4.3 No part of the fire apparatus shall be used beyond the limits of the City of Dawson Creek without the approval of Council or the Fire Chief or his designate except:

- a. in accordance with the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek and the Peace River Regional District Fire Protection Agreement;
- b. in accordance with any mutual aid agreement in effect with other jurisdictions;
- c. where an incident has occurred outside of the fire protection area, but threatens or potentially threatens the fire protection area;
- d. in accordance with an agreement with the Emergency Health and Services Commission;
- e. in support of, or at the request of, Wildfire Management Branch in relation to a wildfire; or
- f. in accordance with orders received in connection with the declaration of a local state of emergency or declaration of a provincial state of emergency under the *Emergency Program Act* or where services are provided pursuant to the Provincial Emergency Program under the *Emergency Program Act*.

4.4 Responsibilities

The Dawson Creek Fire Department shall be responsible for:

- a. All aspects of fire protection including but not limited to;

- (i) the suppression of all types of fires,
  - (ii) fire prevention inspections,
  - (iii) fire cause determination,
  - (iv) fire and life safety education,
  - (v) general fire prevention activities,
  - (vi) pre-fire planning;
- b. The rescue of persons from potentially dangerous situations in which the members have been trained;
  - c. The provision of first medical responder services;
  - d. The mitigation of personal injury and vehicle damage in motor vehicle accidents;
  - e. The identification of dangerous goods and taking the appropriate actions based on the product and to a National Fire Protection Association "Awareness" Level.

#### 4.5 Management and Control

The Fire Chief shall be responsible for the management, control and supervision of the Dawson Creek Fire Department, for all Dawson Creek Fire Department personnel and the discipline thereof, and for the care custody, and control of all apparatus and equipment of the Dawson Creek Fire Department, Occupational Health & Safety ("OH & S") and the operation of an OH & S Committee in accordance with the requirements of WorkSafe BC and shall also be required to carry out all fire protection activities as Council directs.

#### 4.6 Policies and Operational Guidelines

The Dawson Creek Fire Department may, from time to time, make policies and operational guidelines for the proper and efficient administration and operation of the Fire Department, and may vary, alter, or repeal such policies and operational guidelines as deemed fit or necessary.

#### 4.7 Incident Command

The Fire Chief, or in his absence the Deputy Fire Chief or the senior ranking officer, shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department Apparatus, equipment and staffing assigned to an incident.

#### 4.8 Demolition of buildings

The Incident Commander shall have the authority to cause the demolition of any building or part of a building which, in the Incident Commander's judgment, should be demolished in order to prevent the spread of fire and further damage to property or injury to persons and possible loss of life.

#### 4.9 Right to Enter

The Incident Commander is empowered to enter any premises or property as required to gain access to an incident and to cause any member, apparatus, or equipment to enter, as deemed necessary, in order to combat, control or deal with the incident.

#### 4.10 Fire Protection File Searches

There will be a fee charged to any person seeking a file search on occupancies, outstanding Fire Code violations or infractions or other related information, in accordance with Schedule "A".

#### 4.11 Contamination and Replacement of Equipment

The Fire Chief or his designate may charge an owner or other occupant of a premises for the replacement or repair of Dawson Creek Fire Department apparatus or equipment where, as a result of an incident at or near their premises, such equipment has been damaged or contaminated by a hazardous substance or dangerous goods present on or emanating from the owner or other occupier's premises and which will require decontamination, repair or replacement. The fee is payable as specified in Schedule "A". Failure of the owner or other occupant to pay a fee charged within three (3) months will result in those costs being added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property in arrears.

#### 4.12 Prevention, Control and Enforcement

The Dawson Creek Fire Department may take all necessary measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires and for the protection of life and property. The Dawson Creek Fire Department and any member may enforce the Fire Code and any applicable municipal bylaws and regulations for the prevention and suppression of fires.

#### 4.13 Commandeering of Equipment

- a. The Incident Commander is empowered to commandeer privately or publicly owned equipment, which is necessary to deal with an incident.
- b. The owner or other occupant of the property on which the incident occurs may, in the Fire Chief's discretion, be held responsible to pay the charges associated with the commandeering of equipment.
- c. If the owner or other occupant of the property on which the incident occurs fails to pay any charges assessed under subsection b) by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the charges are assessed, the charges shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable on the property as property taxes.

### **SECTION 5 – CONDUCT OF A PERSON**

#### 5.1 Boundaries

At an incident the Incident Commander may, at his discretion, establish boundaries or limits and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter by him.

#### 5.2 Prohibition of Entry

No person(s) except those duly authorized by the Incident Commander shall enter any building threatened by an incident or enter any area established under section 5.1 or designated by ropes,

guards or tape erected by or under the direction of a police officer or a member, nor shall any person refuse to move from such designated area when directed to do so by a police officer or member.

### 5.3 Hindrance

No person(s) shall impede or hinder in any way the execution of the duties of a member, or any other person under the direction of an Incident Commander and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no person shall refuse to permit any member to enter into or upon any premises upon which an alarm has been triggered or in or upon which the member has reasonable grounds to believe that an incident has occurred or may occur.

### 5.4 Traffic Control

All persons at or near any incident shall obey all traffic control directions given by a police officer or member.

### 5.5 Fire Protection Equipment

- a. No person shall drive, push or pull a vehicle of any kind over a fire hose or fire equipment.
- b. No person shall ring a fire alarm except when there is a fire or for testing purposes carried out by persons authorized by the Fire Chief or his designate.
- c. No person shall use or operate any fire extinguisher, or other fire protection equipment of any kind, except for the purpose for which that extinguisher or equipment is intended.
- d. No person shall tamper with, alter or damage in any way any fire protection equipment of any kind.
- e. No person shall use or allow to be used a standpipe or hydrant, or affix a hose to a standpipe or hydrant, without permission from the Fire Chief, the Chief Administrative Officer, or one of their designates.
- f. No person shall allow a vehicle or other thing to obstruct a fire lane or access to a hydrant or stand pipe during emergency operations.
- g. Except with permission of the Fire Chief, no person shall park a vehicle in any area at the Fire Station unless designated by the Fire Chief.
- h. Where there is a contravention of subsection (f) or (g), the Fire Chief or his designate may have the obstructing vehicle or object removed at the owner's expense.
- i. The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a violation of subsection (f) or (g) and "owner" for the purposes of this subsection shall include a person in possession of a motor vehicle.

## **SECTION 6 – INSPECTIONS**

### 6.1 Authority to Enter



Members of the Dawson Creek Fire Department and any person appointed by the Fire Chief (collectively "Inspectors") are authorized to enter at all reasonable times upon any property in order to ascertain whether the requirements of this bylaw are being complied with and, in addition to the powers vested by the *Fire Services Act*, are authorized to inspect any property for conditions which may cause fire, increase the danger of fire or the danger to persons or property from a fire.

#### 6.2 Provision of Information

Every occupant shall provide all information and shall render all assistance required by an Inspector in the connection with an inspection under this Bylaw.

#### 6.3 False Information

No person shall willfully withhold or falsify any information required by an Inspector, nor refuse to assist in the carrying out of an inspection pursuant to this Bylaw, the Fire Code or the *Fire Services Act*.

#### 6.4 Obstruction

No person shall obstruct or interfere with an Inspector while any inspection is being carried out pursuant to this bylaw, the Fire Code, or the *Fire Services Act*.

#### 6.5 Remedial Orders

Inspectors are hereby authorized and empowered to issue orders in writing requiring the correction or removal of any condition or thing in or about any building or structure, which is in contravention of this bylaw, and every occupant shall be responsible for the carrying out of every requirement of every such order. Orders shall be sufficiently delivered by mailing by registered mail to the address of the owner as it appears on the records of the Assessment Authority of British Columbia and by posting a copy of the notice on the property.

#### 6.6 Dating of Orders

Every order issued by an Inspector pursuant hereto shall state a date by which the said order shall be carried out, which date shall be fixed having regard to the degree of urgency involved in correcting or removing conditions which may tend to increase the hazard of fire or danger to life and property.

#### 6.7 Re-Inspection Fee

Where more than two inspections are required because work is not in compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw or the Fire Code or is incomplete on the date required for completion set out in an earlier fire inspection, the fee for each inspection after the second inspection shall be the amount set out in Schedule "A".

### **SECTION 7 – TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

#### 7.1 Parking

Vehicles used for the transportation of dangerous goods shall not be parked in residential areas or within 23 metres (75 feet) of any public or institutional building which shall include, but is not limited to, any hotel, theatre, restaurant or school.

## **SECTION 8 – OUTDOOR FIRE AND OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS**

- 8.1 No person shall start any outdoor fire within the City of Dawson Creek municipal boundary, including without limitation yard waste fires, fires for purposes of land clearing or fire hazard reduction:
  - a. in contravention of the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation* (British Columbia); and
  - b. unless a Permit has been obtained under section 9 or it is contained in a fire pit or outdoor fireplace that is built in accordance with this bylaw.
- 8.2 Every person starting a fire shall ensure a competent adult person is present at all times until the fire is totally extinguished. That person shall be equipped with efficient appliances and equipment in order to prevent the fire from getting beyond the person's control or causing damage or becoming dangerous to life and property.
- 8.3 No person shall burn any noxious materials, construction waste, domestic waste or garbage, household scrap paper, or any similar material.
- 8.4 No person shall operate a domestic incinerator, whether operated indoors or outdoors.
- 8.5 No person shall start or maintain a fire in a City park or on other City property.
- 8.6 Only barbecue briquettes or clean burning dry firewood may be used as fuel in fire pits or outdoor fireplaces. Fuel may not extend beyond the perimeter of any fire pit or outdoor fireplace either vertically or horizontally.
- 8.7 No person shall start or allow an outdoor fire to be less than 3 metres (10 feet) from any buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees and any combustible materials.
- 8.8 No person shall start or allow an outdoor fire to be less than one (1) metre from a gas line.
- 8.9 Yard waste fires are only allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 8.10 Yard waste fires are not to exceed 1 metre x 1 metre x 1 metre.
- 8.11 No person shall start or maintain an outdoor fire if the wind speed is greater than 10 km per hour.
- 8.12 Before starting an outdoor fire, every person must notify the Fire Department.
- 8.13 No person shall contravene a provision of a permit issued under section 9.
- 8.14 For the purposes of this section, an outdoor fire does not include:
  - a. Fire training exercises approved by the Fire Chief or his designate;

- b. Fires necessary for public safety and approved by the Fire Chief or his designate;
- c. Fires for special circumstances and approved in advance in writing by the Fire Chief or his designate;
- d. The operation of any appliance specifically designed as an outdoor heater provided such appliance is CSA certified.

## **SECTION 9 - PERMITS**

- 9.1 Permits are not required for fires started and maintained by the City of Dawson Creek Fire Department for training exercises or for the prevention of spreading of fire.
- 9.2 Permits will not be issued for the burning of industrial, commercial or construction waste.
- 9.3 Yard waste fire Permits are only valid for a 24 hour period.
- 9.4 In order to obtain a Permit, a person must:
- a. pay the fee set out in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;
  - b. provide the Fire Department with the person's residential address, the address of the property on which the fire is intended to be lit, phone number and a reasonably detailed description of the burn to be conducted; and
  - c. provide any other information and safety assurances reasonably required by the Fire Chief.
- 9.5 Every Permit issued pursuant to this Bylaw must be signed by the Permittee and a Fire Official, and contain the location and details of burning. Anyone breaching any of the terms and conditions contained in the Permit or this Bylaw shall be liable to penalties contained in Section 14.
- 9.6 The Fire Chief, or his designate, may, at any time, suspend or cancel any permit or right to burn granted pursuant to this Bylaw. Upon receipt of notice of suspension or cancellation, every person must immediately extinguish the fire as instructed by the Fire Chief or his designate.

## **SECTION 10 - FIRE PITS AND OUTDOOR FIREPLACES**

- 10.1 All fire pits or outdoor fireplaces must meet the following requirements:
- a. Have a minimum clearance of 3 metres (10 feet) from any buildings, property lines, overhead wires, trees or any combustible materials.
  - b. Fire pits and outdoor fireplaces are not permitted within 1 metre of gas lines.
  - c. Installations must have enclosed sides at a depth of no greater than 45 centimetres (18 inches) and a width of no greater than 60 centimetres (24 inches)
  - d. The non-permeable perimeter must be surrounded by 1 metre of non-combustible material (i.e. crush gravel, rock, concrete).

- e. A spark arrestor mesh screen of expanded metal to contain sparks must be provided over the fire.

### **SECTION 11 – FALSE ALARMS**

- 11.1 The owner or occupier of a real property shall be responsible for the proper use, installation, maintenance and operation of any alarm system installed on or in the real property in order to ensure the prevention of false alarms.
- 11.2 This section does not apply to fire alarm systems that are intended to alert only the occupants of the dwelling unit in which they are installed.
- 11.3 The registered owner of any property where a false alarm occurred is responsible for the payment of the applicable fee set out in Schedule “A” regardless of whether the registered owner occupies the premises in which the false alarm was triggered. Where a property is owned jointly, the registered owners are jointly and severally liable to pay the fee. Fees are due and payable within 30 days of delivery. Fees may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes and if due and payable by December 31<sup>st</sup> and unpaid on that date they will be deemed to be taxes in arrear.
- 11.4 Where a contact person, owner or occupier fails to respond to a fire alarm and attend the premises within 30 minutes:
  - a. the Fire and Rescue Service may use whatever means are necessary to gain entry to the premises to investigate the fire alarm without payment, to the owner or occupier, of any compensation for damage caused to the premises by any forced entry, and for greater certainty a member is not limited or restricted from gaining entry to premises at any time in the event of an emergency or where a member reasonably believes an emergency may exist; and
  - b. the owner or occupier of the premises shall be liable to reimburse the City, at the fee rates specified in Schedule “A”, for the time during which Fire and Rescue Service apparatus and members remain on standby at the premises, commencing after the 30 minute time period specified in this Section, until such time as a contact person, owner or occupier arrives to attend at, provide access to, or secure the premises. A minimum of one (1) hour standby time will be charged.

### **SECTION 12 – FIREWORKS**

- 12.1 It is hereby declared that the *Fireworks Act* (British Columbia) applies to the Corporation of the City of Dawson Creek.
- 12.2 In addition to the *Fireworks Act* restriction to sell, give or set off fireworks, the City of Dawson Creek further restricts the time between October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> in any year, where a person must not sell, give or set off fireworks.
  - a. Exceptions may be made for municipally permitted events that are conducted by certified Fireworks Supervisors.
- 12.3 Fireworks may be sold to and discharged by a person or organization at a public display if the public display is held with the written permission of the Fire Chief or his designate.

- 12.4 No person shall manufacture, store, transport and sell fireworks except in compliance with the *Explosives Act* (Canada) and Explosives Regulations, as amended from time to time.
- 12.5 No person shall handle and discharge fireworks except in accordance with the “Manual of Display Fireworks”, as amended from time to time, published by Natural Resources Canada.
- 12.6 No person shall sell or discharge low hazard fireworks, as defined in the Explosives Regulations under the *Explosives Act* (Canada), without the prior written approval of the Fire Chief or his designate.
- 12.7 No person shall, directly or indirectly, sell, give or furnish low hazard fireworks, as defined in the Explosives Regulations under the *Explosives Act* (Canada) to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- 12.8 Any permissions of the Fire Chief or his designate required under this section will only be granted where
- a. the consent of the property owner where fireworks are to be discharged has been obtained;
  - b. the Fire Chief is satisfied that the requirements of this section will be complied with.
- 12.9 No person shall discharge fireworks on public highways or rights of way.

### **SECTION 13 – NON STANDARD EVENTS**

- 13.1 The Fire Chief or his designate may charge an owner or other occupant of a premise for the cost of a response by the Fire Department to non-standard events on the premise. The fee is payable as specified in Schedule “A”. The fee is due and payable within three (3) months of delivery of an invoice. Fees may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedies as property taxes and if due and payable by December 31<sup>st</sup> and unpaid on that date they will be deemed to be taxes in arrear

### **SECTION 14 – ENFORCEMENT**

- 14.1 Any person designated as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to the City of Dawson Creek’s Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw or Dawson Creek’s Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw by the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 4277, 2016 or by the Municipal Ticket Information System Bylaw No. 4278, 2016.
- 14.2 No person shall do any act or suffer or permit any act to be done in contravention of this bylaw.
- 14.3 No person shall obstruct or impede a bylaw officer in lawful performance on any property, at all reasonable times, in order to ascertain whether such regulations are being observed as per Section 16 of the *Community Charter*.
- 14.4 Each day that an offence against this bylaw continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offence.
- 14.5 A person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 and not less than \$100.00 for each offence.

14.6 Any penalty imposed pursuant to this bylaw shall be in addition to, and not in substitute for, any other penalty or remedy imposed pursuant to any other applicable statute, law, or legislation.

**SECTION 15 – ADMINISTRATIVE**

15.1 If any provision of this bylaw is declared or held to be illegal, invalid, or ultra vires, in whole or in part, then the provision shall not apply and the remainder of this bylaw shall continue in full force and effect and be construed as if it had been enacted without the illegal, invalid, or ultra vires provision.

15.2 Schedule “A” is attached to this bylaw and forms a part of this bylaw.

15.3 The following Bylaws and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed:

- a. Bylaw No. 354, 1959 cited as the *Fire Protection Agreement Bylaw*.
- b. Bylaw No. 534, 1960 cited as the *Fire Zoning Bylaw*.
- c. Bylaw No. 2479, 1985 cited as the *Fire Protection and Control Amendment Bylaw*.
- d. Bylaw No. 2686, 1988 cited as the *Fire Protection and Control Bylaw*.
- e. Bylaw No. 2921, 1992 cited as the *Fire Protection and Control Amendment Bylaw*.
- f. Bylaw No. 3149, 1996 cited as the *Fire and Security System False Alarm Fee Bylaw*; and

15.4 Schedule ‘C’ of Bylaw 3932, 2007 cited as the *Fees and Charges Bylaw* is hereby repealed.

**READ** a first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

**READ** a second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

**READ** a third time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

<p><b>CERTIFIED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY</b> of Bylaw No. 4153 cited AS “FIRE PROTECTION BYLAW NO. 4153, 2012.”</p> <p><b>ORIGINAL SIGNED BY</b>          _____          Brenda Ginter          Director of Corporate Administration</p>
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The Corporate Seal of **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK** was affixed in the presence of:

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
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 Mike Bernier - Mayor

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**  
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 Brenda Ginter - Director of Corporate Administration

**SCHEDULE "A"**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Fire Protection File Searches</b>	\$200.00
Decontamination or replacement of Equipment	Equipment replacement costs or decontamination costs including applicable taxes and a 10% administrative fee
False Alarm – First occurrence within a calendar year	No charge
False Alarm – Second occurrence within a calendar year	\$100.00
False Alarm – Third occurrence within a calendar year	\$200.00
False Alarm – Fourth occurrence within a calendar year	\$300.00
False Alarm – Fifth & subsequent occurrences within a calendar year	\$400.00
Inspection (First or Second Inspection)	No charge
Re-Inspection fee after the second inspection	\$100.00
Non-standard events	Cost of staffing and Equipment after an incident has been contained including taxes and a 10% administrative fee.
Yard Waste Fire Permit (May 1-15 or October 1-15)	No charge
Yard Waste Fire Permit – rest of the year	\$12.00