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**TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE
BYLAW NO. 2026-03**

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of the Town of Springside passed by resolution of Council this
17th day of AUGUST, 2026
[Signature]
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The Council of the Town of Springside in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

PART I – SHORT TITLE & INTERPRETATION

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the **Fire Bylaw**, for the Town of Springside.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bylaw is:

- a. To recognize and establish Springside Fire Rescue.
- b. To adopt a fire prevention code which establishes a satisfactory standard for fire prevention, firefighting and life safety in buildings;
- c. To provide for the prevention and suppression of fires;
- d. To provide for public safety in times of extreme fire hazard conditions.
- e. To provide for services of any kind at the site of an emergency.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

- a. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Town of Springside.
- b. "Council" means the Council of the Town of Springside.
- c. "Dangerous Goods" means dangerous goods within the meaning of *The National Fire Code*.
- d. "Fire Chief" means the Chief of Springside Fire Rescue appointed by resolution of the Council, and in the Fire Chief's absence, the Deputy Fire Chief.
- e. "Fire Department" means Springside Fire Rescue.
- f. "Fire Agreement District" means the district boundaries within which the Fire Department is contracted to provide specific protective services.
- g. "Fire Services" means fire suppression, inspections, rescue and hazardous materials spill control.
- h. "*National Fire Code*" means the code declared to be in force pursuant to Subsection 3(1) of *The Saskatchewan Fire Code Regulations*.
- i. "Public Safety Answering Point" means a telecommunication answering point that receives emergency 911 telecommunications and: directs those telecommunications to appropriate emergency service providers; or, dispatches those telecommunications for the appropriate emergency service providers.
- j. "Town" means the Town of Springside.

PART II – FIRE DEPARTMENT

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

- a) The Fire Department is established, governed by and obtains its authority from the provisions of this Bylaw, the current *National Fire Code of Canada*, *The Saskatchewan Fire Prevention Act*, *The Fire Safety Act* and the Constitution of Springside Fire Rescue, together with their appendices, amendments, supplements and revisions, as they are published from time to time which are hereby adopted and form a part of this Bylaw.
- b) The Fire Department shall consist of a Fire Chief, as well as other volunteer members of the fire department appointed by Council.
- c) The Fire Department is responsible on a volunteer basis for:
 - i. Fire protection, including:
 - i. Fire suppression,
 - ii. Fire prevention and inspections,
 - iii. Educational programs.
 - ii. Rescue Service, including but not limited to:
 - i. Vehicle extrication,
 - ii. Rapid intervention rescue,
 - iii. Dangerous goods emergency service,
 - iv. Set up and assistance at STARS landing sites as required,
 - iii. Pre-hospital emergency medical services.

5. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- a. Council is responsible for ensuring that fire safety services are provided within the Town of Springside.
- b. Council shall appoint the Fire Chief for a one-year term of service. At the end of each term, the Council may either re-appoint or call for applications from the Fire Department at the discretion of the Council.
- c. Council provides the Fire Department with the authority, resources, and support required for fire safety duties.

6. DUTIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF

- a. The Fire Chief is the Manager of the Fire Department.
- b. The Fire Chief shall appoint Deputy Fire Chief(s), at his discretion.
- c. The Fire Chief shall administer and enforce this Bylaw within the Town.
- d. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to further delegate any matter delegated under this Bylaw.
- e. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to declare a Fire Ban to prohibit any or all open fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances in his/her/their opinion, make such fires hazardous. The Fire Chief shall advise the Administrator prior to issuing a Fire Ban within the Town. The Administrator shall then advise Council and residents of the Town.

- f. The Fire Chief is responsible for maintaining discipline within the Fire Department and may institute policies and procedures necessary to carry out the daily administration and operations of the Fire Department.
- g. The Fire Chief shall ensure that all supporting documents for invoice processing are provided to the Administrator in a timely manner.
- h. The Fire Chief shall foster Fire Prevention in the Town.
- i. The Fire Chief shall keep a permanent record of all emergency calls and causes thereof and make a monthly written report thereon to the Council.
- j. The Fire Chief shall provide training to the members of the Fire Department, making them familiar with all fire/rescue apparatus and equipment thereof by holding practices at least once monthly.

7. DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

- a. The Administrator shall serve as the bridge between Council and Fire Department.
- b. The Administrator shall ensure appointments and delegations are documented.
- c. The Administrator shall support Fire Department budgeting, resourcing, invoicing, and bill collection.

8. FEES FOR SERVICE

- a. The Town is authorized to charge the applicable fees for the various services and emergency responses listed in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
- b. The fees shall be reviewed and set by the Council on the advice of the Fire Chief, as required. All revenues will be recorded and used towards the purchase of fire equipment, training and other fire department expenses as approved by Council.
- c. The cost of emergency response services to Town ratepayers shall be charged directly to the persons who receive this service in accordance with Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of this Bylaw, to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per incident.
- d. Notwithstanding Section 8(c), the maximum charge shall not apply where the Fire Chief determines that the fire originated from or was caused by the spread of a recreational fire, including but not limited to a fire pit or chiminea, and the property owner or occupant failed to obtain a valid recreational fire permit.
- e. The Council may authorize the Administrator to add to the taxes of any property owned by the person referenced in Section 8(c) and Section 8(d) any amount which remains unpaid at the end of the calendar year or 90 days after the person has been invoiced for the said services, whichever is earlier.
- f. The Town shall charge Residents and Non-Residents the current SGI rate for any/all Motor Vehicle Collisions, Traffic Incidents, Suppression Efforts or Emergencies involving Motor Vehicles both within and outside the Town Boundaries.

9. FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- a. The Town may enter into an agreement with any other municipality, municipal government, First Nation Band, person or other properly constituted authority, organization or agency for the furnishing or receiving of fire fighting or fire prevention services or emergency services on any terms that may be agreed upon, including the setting and payment of charges.
- b. The Fire Department shall respond to Motor Vehicle Emergencies outside of the Fire Agreement District as directed by the Public Safety Answering Point.

10. REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE

- a. The Town may provide and charge for any firefighting, fire prevention, false alarm or emergency service outside the Town where no agreement exists, if a request is made by any other municipality, municipal government, First Nation Band, person or other properly constituted authority, organization or agency for the furnishing or receiving of firefighting or fire prevention services or emergency services on any terms that may be agreed upon, including the setting and payment of charges.
- b. The charge for any firefighting, fire prevention, false alarm or emergency service provided the Fire Department shall be determined according to the fees and rates listed in Schedule "A", attached to and forming part of the Bylaw.

11. PREVENTION OF FIRE SPREAD

- a. The Fire Department may take down or demolish any building or structure if the Fire Chief considers it necessary to prevent the spread of fire.
- b. If any emergency arising from a fire hazard or from a risk of explosion causes the Fire Chief to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, or of a panic, the Fire Chief shall forthwith take such steps as he/she/they think advisable to remove the hazard or risk. The Fire Chief may cause the evacuation of any building or area, and he/she/they may call upon the police and fire prevention authorities to assist.
- c. It shall be the duty of all people at a fire to assist in its suppression if called upon to do so by the Fire Chief and all persons present at or assisting in the suppression of fire shall obey the commands of the Fire Chief.

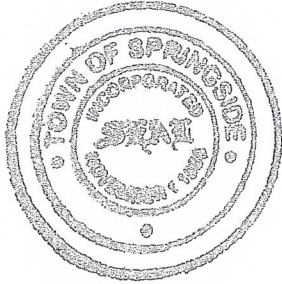
PART III – NATIONAL FIRE CODE

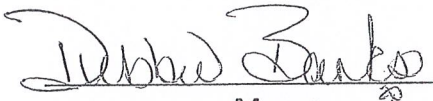
12. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL FIRE CODE

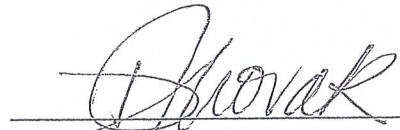
- a. Except as modified by this Bylaw, it is declared that *The National Fire Code* is in force in the Town.

13. REPEAL OF BYLAWS

- a. Bylaw No. 2025-01 is hereby repealed.
- b. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.




Mayor


Administrator

TOWN OF SPRINGSIDE

FEES FOR SERVICE

1. GENERAL SERVICES

- 1) File search.....\$30.00
- 2) Third party requests outside town limits: as above plus present km charges as established by Council for the Town of Springside.

2. STANDBY SERVICES

- 1) Standby for special events such as demolition derby, fireworks, large tent functions.....up to \$3,000.00/event/day

3. EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

- 1) Initial equipment call out fee shall be\$2,500.00
- 2) After the 1st hour.
 - a) Rescue 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
 - b) Wildland 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
 - c) Engine 1.....\$ 600.00/HR
 - d) Engine 2.....\$600.00/HR
 - e) Rescue 2\$ 200.00/HR
 - f) Tanker 1\$ 600.00/HR
- 3) Firefighter Hourly Rate \$30.00/hour per responding member - time calculated from time at hall to time all units back in service.
- 4) Any mutual aid fees from other fire departments and/or fees from other agencies will be added to the billing.
- 5) Incidental Expenses (ie; fire-fighting foam) will be added to the billing.

6) Motor Vehicle Collisions for residents and non-residents shall be charged the current SGI rate.

- a) Motor Vehicle Collisions Out of Town
 - Resident Current SGI Rate
 - Non-Resident Current SGI Rate
- b) Motor Vehicle Collisions In Town
 - Resident Current SGI Rate
 - Non-Resident Current SGI Rate

4. FIRE GRANT FEES

- 1) Fire Grant fees will be billed on an annual basis.

5. FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES/PUBLIC EDUCATION

- 1) Outside of Springside & within the Springside Fire Protection District
..... Mileage at present km. charge as established by Council for the Town of Springside.
- 2) Outside of the Springside Fire Protection District boundary
..... \$40.00/hr. plus mileage at present km. charge established by Council for the Town of Springside.