

**For Immediate Release**

**May 25, 2011**

**11:00 AM MDT**

Contact: Fire Chief Lorne Thompson – (403) 507-4850

**Subject: Fire Ban Lifted – Town of Olds**

As of May 25, 2011 the fire ban has been lifted for the Town of Olds.

Fire permits may be required for open fires within the Town of Olds. Open fires are defined as;

any Fire which is not contained within a fire pit, an outdoor fireplace, a stationary barbeque, or an incinerator approved by Alberta Environment, and includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Fire for the burning of weeds, grass, leaves, brush or any other plant matter;
- ii. Fire related to recreational uses in an area that has not been designated for recreational Fire by the Municipality;
- iii. any Fire set for the purpose of thawing frozen ground.

No person shall permit, suffer, or allow an Open Fire upon land owned, occupied, or under control of that person within the Town of Olds without having obtained a valid Fire Permit issued pursuant to Bylaw 2005-06 (fire bylaw) of the Town of Olds.

Should you be planning an open fire contact the fire department at 403-507-4850 to determine if a permit is required.

Every person who:

- (a) commits and act or omission in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw; or
- (b) suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw

is guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw, and upon summary conviction, is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months, or to a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

Fire Permits are not required for Fires that are entirely contained in fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, and stationary barbeques that meet the guidelines and are operated in accordance with Bylaw 2005-06 (fire bylaw).

DATED at the TOWN OF OLDS, in the Province of Alberta, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011  
For further information regarding this and other fire bans throughout the Province of Alberta visit Alberta Fire Bans at [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) .

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