



POLICY FOR BURNING PEAT MOSS

Overview:

Whereas the Zoning By-law #706/20 ("Zoning By-law") requires development permits to be issued for specific circumstances, this policy is to clarify the approval of burning peat moss, within the municipal jurisdiction

As peat moss burning permits are issued by Manitoba Sustainable Development, they are only issued with the support of council.

- a) A development permit is required for any of the following: (5.2.f) The clearing of all agricultural and non-agricultural lands in excess of 0.5 hectares (1 acre). (3.15).

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY COUNCIL APPROVAL:

- 1.1 be accompanied by a plan, drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the site to be burned;
- 1.2 include such other information required by Council, the number of residents living within 1.6 km, of burn site. Along with letters of support. Without the letters of support council may deny supporting request.

Excerpt from: THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH ZONING BYLAW 706/2020

5.6 APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR CLEARING AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND

An application for a development permit to clear agricultural and non-agricultural land:

- a) shall be made by the owner or owners of the property in question, or by a person authorized in writing by them;
- b) shall be accompanied by plans drawn to scale showing the following:
 - i) the shape and dimensions of the property to be cleared;
 - ii) location of access point;
 - iii) drainage plan;
 - iv) size and location of proposed wood/peat piles; and
 - v) plan of disposing of wood/peat piles; and
- c) shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the R.M. of Whitemouth.

3.15 CLEARING AGRICULTURAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND

In order to mitigate the negative effects of windrow burning and the impact on municipal drainage with land clearing, a development permit shall be required for the clearing and development of any land in excess of 0.5 hectares (1 acre) from its natural state for agricultural or other development purposes as a mineral extraction use, subject to the approval of a conditional use permit, as noted in the appropriate zones.