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Subject: Campfires, climate action and health

Hello,

I have a neighbour who has campfires throughout the year: On any occasion when it isn't raining or snowing there is smoke coming into our yard and house if the windows are left open. When I come back from working in the garden my clothes smell like smoke. Many times he will light the fire and just leave it to burn, unattended, for hours until it goes out.

The fire department has been contacted on many occasions in an effort to mitigate the smoke but he currently has the right to smoke us out because the city has made it legal. Despite multiple visits and warnings from the fire department to cut back on the amount of fires and leaving them unattended the campfires continue. These are, as it turns out, only suggestions because the fire department is not able to actually do anything - or simply chooses not to.

Both my wife and I have health problems exacerbated by the smoke as do some of our neighbours. The smoke, as we're now aware, contributes to global warming - and in a much bigger way than plastic bags which have been banned. To ban bags but let people release smoke into the air year round leaves us wondering where the city's priorities actually lie. Banning campfires is a real move toward reducing unnecessary carbon emissions.

I have written twice before to city hall requesting something be done about this and received no response regarding actions such as simply banning campfires in the city, as *all* other cities in the surrounding areas have done, or even attempts to regulate smoke by restricting burning to a limited number of days per year or the sizes of the property campfires are permitted.

Thanks for your consideration. We are hoping something can be done here to help secure a healthier and safer future in Salmon Arm.

Would you like a response: Yes

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