



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**TOWN OF COBALT**



**The Cobalt Fire Department has issued a fire ban for the Town of Cobalt effective May 16, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. until further notice**

**For Immediate Release:**

**Friday May 15, 2020**

While the Province of Ontario has eased the Restricted Fire Zone, the Town of Cobalt will keep their Fire Ban in place to keep our volunteer firefighters safe.

While firefighters are essential and are ready to respond to a fire if needed, it is a good practice to limit their exposure to COVID-19 related risks and to ensure they are available for any fire-related emergency. This includes limiting interactions with the public during fire inspections.

The Town of Cobalt wants to remind residents that open-air burning without an approved 2020 Open Air Burning permit is prohibited at any time. Due to the closure of the Town Municipal Office for COVID-19 regulations we ask for your patience and understanding as 2020 permits are currently not being issued at this time.

*What is prohibited during a fire ban?*

All burning permits are suspended. No outside open fires. No grass or brush fires. The use of **Fireworks** is also prohibited.

*What is permitted, during a fire ban?*

**Cooking outdoors** using a charcoal or propane barbeque, gas stove, propane fire pits, are allowed. However, burning or smoldering charcoal briquettes must not be placed on the ground. After cooking, briquettes must be completely extinguished, and ashes disposed of in an acceptable storage device.

As for propane/gas devices/firepits, they must be easily extinguished by closing a regulator and at least 1 metre away from any flammable material.

**The Cobalt Fire Department and the Town of Cobalt appreciates your co-operation and wish you a safe and wonderful May long weekend.**