

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO**

## **BY-LAW No. 518**

A By-Law providing for the establishment and regulating of the  
Volunteer Fire Department of the Village of Salmo.

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The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Salmo, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:-

1. A Municipal Fire Department is hereby established under authority of the Local Government Act Section 517 (1) to be known as the Salmo Volunteer Fire Department.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fire Services Act, fire protection powers are hereby established under the authority of the Local Government Act Section 522.
3. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and accessories as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency.
4. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such station or stations as may be designated by the Corporation of the Village of Salmo.
5. The operations officers of the Department shall be a Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, and such other company officers as the Chief may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.
6. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Village Council annually in consultation with the Fire Department members. The appointment shall have a six month probationary period if it is the first consecutive appointment for the individual.
7. The Fire Chief shall be held accountable only to the Council of the Village of Salmo. He shall submit a written monthly report to the Council at the end of each month of the calendar year.
8. The Deputy Fire Chief and all other operational officers shall be appointed from the regular, active Fire Department roster, by the Fire Chief, accountable solely to him, and subject to removal from the office at his discretion.
9. The Deputy Fire Chief shall assume the position of "Acting Fire Chief" if the Chief position is vacated and until such time as a new Chief has been appointed. An "Acting Fire Chief" shall assume all responsibilities of the Fire Chief.

10. The membership of the Department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the Fire Chief; shall be able-bodied citizens, not less than eighteen (18) years of age; able to read and write the English language understandingly; and of good moral character.
11. The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department and shall be responsible to the Council for the personnel, morale, and general efficiency of the Department.
12. The Chief shall call the entire department together at least twice each month for the purpose of conducting suitable drills in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the Village, and all other matters generally accepted as having a bearing upon good firemanship.
13. The Fire Chief is hereby required to cause inspections to be made in accordance with Schedule "A" to this bylaw. The Fire Chief or his delegate may at any reasonable time enter any building other than those used for residential purposes, for the purpose of fire prevention inspections.
14. The annual cost of operating the Department shall be included in the annual estimates of the Municipality and the Administrator shall notify the Fire Chief at least four (4) weeks prior to the date on which the estimates are to be considered. The Fire Chief shall submit to the Administrator, within two (2) weeks thereafter, his estimates for the expenditures necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.
15. Salaries and allowances to the Officers and Firefighters shall be as may be determined from time to time by Council resolution.
16. Any citizen served with an order to abate any fire hazard or hazards, shall comply with said order and promptly notify the Chief.
17. No person shall:
  - race with, trail, or follow within six hundred (600) feet, any apparatus belonging to the Fire Department when actively responding to a fire alarm. start or continue to allow a fire to burn when wind and weather conditions are such that to do so is likely to be hazardous.
  - drive, push or pull a vehicle of any kind over a fire hose or fire equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
  - tamper with, remove, destroy, render inoperative or interfere with any fire protection equipment or part thereof which is provided for the protection of property or persons, whether public or private.
  - ring a fire alarm except when there is a fire, or for testing purposes carried out by persons authorized by the Fire Chief.

- use, or allow to be used a standpipe or hydrant, or affix a hose to the standpipe or hydrant without permission from the Fire Chief or from Public Works.
  - unless authorized to do so, park or leave a vehicle within 7.6 meters of a standpipe or hydrant, in the prohibited area at the Fire Hall, or in a fire lane.
  - sit, stand, place or leave any article, thing or matter in such a manner as to interfere with the means of egress or access within or outside any building or premises.
  - start or continue to allow a fire to burn when wind and weather conditions are such that to do so is likely to be hazardous or if smoke becomes a nuisance to the neighborhood.
  - burn rubber tires or other material which produces toxic products of combustion, examples of which include but are not restricted to: Garbage, polypropylene film, polystyrene foam, ABS, PVC, electrical wiring, plastic pipe, adhesives, other plastics, and other hydrocarbon-based and polymer-based solid wastes.
  - interfere with the prevention or suppression of a fire.
  - prevent the entry of a member of the Fire Department into, or upon any premises, for which a fire alarm has been received, or where that member has reasonable grounds to believe that there is a fire.
  - carry on, within a building or premises, activities which create a hazard and which were not provided for in the original design of the building or premises, unless provisions are made to alleviate the hazard and permission is obtained from the Fire Chief to carry out such activities in a manner that complies with the British Columbia Fire Code.
18. An owner or occupier of any building or premises shall, for any vacant or fire damaged building, at all times keep the building free from debris and flammable material, and shall keep all openings in the building securely fastened and closed so as to prevent the entry of unauthorized persons.
19. The Fire Chief, or member in charge, is empowered to:
- Allow a fire at anytime for the purpose of reducing hazardous conditions, or for the purpose of training Firefighters in accordance with ongoing educational requirements.
  - Enter premises or property where an incident occurred and to cause any member, apparatus or equipment of the Fire Department to enter, as he deems necessary, in order to combat, control or deal with the incident.
  - Enter, pass through or over buildings or property adjacent to an incident and to cause members of the Fire Department and the apparatus and equipment of the Fire Department to enter or pass through or over buildings or property, where he deems it necessary to gain access to the incident or to protect any person or property.
  - Cause a building, structure or other thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if he deems it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.

- 20. The British Columbia Building Code, as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted and in force within the Municipality.
- 21. In the event of a conflict between this bylaw and the Fire Services Act or any regulation thereunder, the provisions of that Act and its regulations shall prevail.
- 22. All regularly appointed members of the Fire Department are hereby given the necessary special powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.
- 23. This By-law may be known and cited for all purposes as the “Village of Salmo Volunteer Fire Department By-law No. 518, 2003” and shall take effect upon adoption by Salmo Village Council.
- 24. The “Village of Salmo Volunteer Fire Department By-law No. 507, 2003” is hereby repealed.

READ a first time	this	28 <sup>th</sup>	day of	October	,	2003.
READ a second time	this	9 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December	,	2003.
READ a third time	this	9 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December	,	2003.

RECONSIDERED and FINALLY ADOPTED  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December , 2003.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Village of Salmo Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw No. 518, 2003.

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Mayor  
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Chief Administrative Officer

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Chief Administrative Officer

**SCHEDULE 'A'**

<b>Occupancy Type</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>
<u>Assembly</u>	
Theatre, Community Hall	Bi-Annual
Churches, Clubs	Bi-Annual
Library, Museum	Bi-Annual
Restaurant	Bi-Annual
Arena	Bi-Annual
Schools	Bi-Annual
<u>Institutional</u>	
Police Station w/ overnight quarters	Bi-Annual
Nursing Home	Bi-Annual
<u>Residential</u>	
Boarding houses	Bi-Annual
Dormitories, Hotels, Motels	Bi-Annual
<u>Business/Retail</u>	
Banks, Offices, Laundries	Every 5 years
Hairdressing shops	Every 5 years
Stores	Every 5 years
<u>Industrial</u>	
Garages/Service Stations	Every 5 years
Plants/Warehouses/Mills	Every 5 years
Factories/Laboratories	Every 5 years