



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

BY-LAW

Number _____ - 2023

To Amend By-law 91-94, Open Air Fires By-law

WHEREAS Council for The Corporation of the City of Brampton passed Resolution Number _____-2023;

AND WHEREAS the City recognizes the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples to hold Ceremonial/Sacred Fires;

AND WHEREAS the City wishes to designate an area for the Indigenous community to hold Ceremonial/Sacred Fires;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to amend By-law 91-94 to permit Indigenous groups to hold Ceremonial/Sacred Fires;

NOW THEREFORE the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brampton ENACTS as follows:

1. By-law 91-94 is amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:

“Ceremonial/Sacred Fire” means an Open Air Fire carried out by Indigenous peoples as part of or in observance of a ceremonial or sacred service.”
2. By-law 91-94 is amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“4. No person shall set or maintain a fire in the open air unless:
 - (1) the fire is to be used for the purpose of cooking and providing that:
 - (a) a distance of not less than five (5) metres is maintained between the fire and any building structure, fence, hedge, vehicular roadway or overhead wire or obstruction of any kind or nature whatsoever;
 - (b) the requirements of clauses (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (2) of Section 3 are complied with;
 - (c) the fire is not more than 0.5 square metres in area and is not more than 0.5 metres in height; AND

(d) the fire is set and confined in a metal or masonry container with a metal screen on top having a mesh of not larger than one-half inch;

or

(2) The fire is a Ceremonial/Sacred Fire.”

3. By-law 91-94 is amended by adding the following provisions immediately after Section 6:

“7. No permit is required to set or maintain a Ceremonial/Sacred Fire at an approved City location.

8. The Fire Chief is hereby delegated the authority to approve locations and requirements for setting and maintaining of Ceremonial/Sacred Fires.”

ENACTED and PASSED this 6th day of December, 2023.

Approved as to
form.
2023/11/30
Colleen Grant

Patrick Brown, Mayor

Approved as to
content.
2023/11/30
Andrew von Holt

Peter Fay, City Clerk