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City	Population	Population Density (km ²)	Allow Open Air burning?	Bylaw Specifics
Cornwall	46,589	756.8		
Brockville	21,854	1167.8	Yes	Bylaw allows for the issuance of permits following inspection of installation. Complaints lead to extinguishments and Fire Department investigation.
Belleville	50,720	818	Rural areas of their municipality only, due to setbacks	Bylaw allows for the issuance of permits with setbacks of 75ft from any structure or property line. Contraventions are subject to the Provincial Offences Act.
Brantford	97,496	1345.9	No	No Open air burning of any type, reverts to the Ontario Fire Code.
Burlington	183,314	987.3	Rural areas of their municipality only.	Open Air burning is allowed under permit North of Dundas (rural sector).
Kingston	136,685	77	Rural areas of their municipality only.	Bylaw allows for the issuance of permits in North zone only (Collins creek, North of 401) no Burning allowed in all areas south of the 401 in the City of Kingston.
Ottawa	994,837	317	Rural areas of their municipality only.	Bylaw allows for the issuance of permits in Scheduled areas only. There is no burning allowed in the following areas: Portion of Carp, Stitsville, Any of the urban part of the city, starting at March rd, to Barnsdale to Ramseyville, north of Mitch Owens Drive to Cumberland. Essentially from Stitsville to Cumberland and south to Manotick. Although areas like Vars, and Galetta allows for permit based burning, it is misleading to say that the City of Ottawa does.
Owen Sound	21,341	879.2	Rural areas of their municipality only.	Fires of any type are not permitted in the City of Owen Sound, as described in Schedule B of the Bylaw.
Georgina	45,000	151.2	Yes	Bylaw allows for the issuance of permits with setbacks of 23ft from any structure or property line.
Woodstock	40,902	835.3	Yes	Does allow for permits to burn. Has a medical form process for those who may be impacted by smoke.
London	366,200	178.1	Rural areas of their municipality only, due to setbacks	Does have a permit system to burn, but with setbacks of 50Meters (164 feet) to any building, property line, trees or combustible materials.
Sudbury	160,274	49.7	Yes	Allow for un-permitted burning.
Waterloo	98,780	1542.9	No, unless special activity	Prohibits solid fuel fires, unless approved by the Chief Fire Prevention officer on a case by case (event) basis. They state that some of the considerations to allow a

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				fire is dependent on “The Health and Safety of the Citizens of the City”
Peterborough	84,230	1262	No	Peterborough has suspended the issuance of Open Air burn permits due to a high number of complaints.
St-Thomas	41,813	1067.3	Rural areas of their municipality only, due to setbacks	Burning must be 30M of any building.
Hawkesbury	10,263	1067.3	Rural areas of their municipality only.	Permits not required for approved exterior fireplace
South Glengarry	13,162	21.7	Yes.	Recreational fires must be 7M from structures, burning in barrels is allowed without
North Glengarry	10,109	15.7	Yes.	Recreational fires require permit, 5M from structures and must not create a nuisance to other property owners.
South Stormont	13,110	29.3	Yes, with permit	Recreational fires in non-combustible container, 30M away from any structures
North Stormont	6,775	13.1	Yes, with/without permit	Must burn 50M from nearest dwelling, wind <15kms No permit required for burn barrel or recreational fires, at 5M from structures.

A short questionnaire was sent to other Fire Departments in Ontario. The following comments were provided from municipal administrators from some of the above communities who have permit based Bylaws for Open Air burning:

What challenges do you have with regards to your Open Air Burning Bylaw?

- Uneducated, unwilling, large homeless population;
- Fire Fighter safety. (parties that include an open fire) Usually residence are very obliging and do what we ask;
- Spatial separations, attendance at the fire and smoke migration;
- Neighbour issues, burning without proper setbacks, burning prohibited material;
- Rarely do resident follow the Bylaw with regards to wind speed, types of items to burn;
- Most complaints are for smoke or smell of smoke. Sometimes hard to determine if an issue. Our guidelines say if complaint is received fire must go and deal with it;
- Belligerent residents, takes time away from staff doing more important work;
- Neighbour disputes, Misunderstanding of the By-Law.

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What changes would you like to see included in your Bylaw?

- No burning within city limits, higher density housing = unsafe distances and higher complaints;
- Spatial separation limit on recreational fires reduced to 7m;
- Limit burning in urban area;
- Revert to Provincial Act, do not allow burning in the urban areas;
- Keep Fire Department rules in policies and guidelines which allows you to easily make changes to your program;
- Addition of online application process, strengthen wording so Chief of signing authority can have stronger say to revoke if a resident is not complying.