

Village of Port Clements  
BYLAW # 397, 2012  
FIRE INSPECTION POLICY

WHEREAS under section 26(1) of the BC Fire Services Act a municipal council must provide for a regular schedule of inspection of hotels and other public buildings in the municipality that is realistic and reasonable considering the resources of the PC-VFD and,

WHEREAS under section 522(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Act a council may, by bylaw, authorize the Fire Chief to inspect premises for conditions that may cause a fire or increase the danger of fire or increase the danger to persons,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the Village of Port Clements in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- Hotel includes an apartment house, a boarding house or any other building, except a private dwelling, where lodging is provided
- Public building includes a factory, warehouse, store, school, town hall, office building, theatre and any other building other than a private dwelling
- Local Assistant in a municipality that maintains a fire department includes the fire chief and persons authorized in writing by the fire chief to exercise the powers of a local assistant

2. AUTHORITY

- The policy for inspection of all hotels and public buildings by the Fire Chief and Fire Department personnel is made in principle by the Village of Port Clements and carried out by order of the Fire Chief
- The owner of a premise within the Village of Port Clements is required by law to submit to the regular fire inspection of such a premise. Authority to enter premises is specifically granted to the Local Assistant under provisions of the BC Fire Services Act.

3. FREQUENCY

- Hotels shall be inspected once every eighteen (18) months or more if deemed necessary by the Fire Chief
- All other public buildings shall be inspected once every two (2) years or more if deemed necessary by the Fire Chief

4. ORDERS

- If the Fire Chief finds conditions that exist in or upon a building or property which, in his or her opinion, constitutes a hazard to life and or property, he or she may make such

order to ensure proper compliance with the BC Fire Services Act and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, he or she may:

- Make the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or property such recommendations as he or she deems necessary to correct the contravention or to ensure compliance with the BC Fire Services Act
- Make such orders as deemed necessary with respect to any of the matters referred to in this Bylaw, the Building Code or the BC Fire Services Act
- An order made under this Bylaw shall be in writing and shall be directed to either the owner, occupier or lessee of the building or property.
- An order made under this Bylaw shall be served by:
  - Delivering or causing to be delivered to the person to whom it is directed
  - Sending by registered mail to the last known address of the property owner

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

- This Bylaw shall be deemed in effect upon adoption.

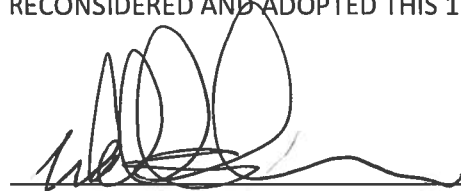
The Village of Port Clements Fire Inspection Bylaw #319, 2001 is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012



Mayor Wally Cheer



CAO Kim Mushynsky

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Certified a true copy of Bylaw #397, 2012