

## CITY OF SARNIA

### EMERGENCY ORDER No. 3

#### **To repeal the prohibition on the conduct of open air burning within the City of Sarnia**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario adopted the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* that provides the Head of Council, during a declared emergency, with the authority to take such action or make such orders as he considers necessary and is not contrary to law; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, an emergency was declared by the Province of Ontario, by means of Order in Council 518/2020 for purposes of s.7.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, due to the health risks to Ontario residents arising from COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020 a Declaration of Emergency was issued by the Head of Council for the City of Sarnia for purposes of s.4 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, due to the health risks to the residents of the City of Sarnia arising from spread of COVID-19 within the City of Sarnia (the "Emergency"); and,

**WHEREAS** on May 1, 2020, based on the advice and recommendation of the Sarnia Primary Control Group, in consultation with the Sarnia Fire Chief and the Sarnia Chief of Police, Mayor Mike Bradley, as Head of Council issued Emergency Order No 2 *to allow for the conduct of open air burning in rural areas and to maintain a temporary general prohibition on recreational outdoor fires within the City of Sarnia to protect the safety of first responders and enforce physical distancing measures in place to stop the spread of the COVID-19 disease* that is set to expire on May 31, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS** on May 6, 2020, the Government of Ontario announced that, in application of Stage 1 of *A framework for reopening our province*, beginning on Friday, May 8, 2020 a limited number of businesses who are able to ensure that they can operate under the appropriate health guidelines will be able to reopen for in-store payment and purchases.

**WHEREAS** on May 6, 2020, the Lambton County Medical Officer of Health has confirmed that, in light of the community's collective efforts to fight the spread of the Novel Coronavirus within our community, the community is now experiencing a downward trend in the spread of COVID-19.

**WHEREAS** on May 8, 2020, on account of the positive progress made by the community in its collective fight to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Sarnia Primary Control Group, in consultation with the Sarnia Fire Chief and the Sarnia Chief of Police, recommended to the Mayor, as Head of Council, that Emergency Order No 2: *To allow for the conduct of open air burning in rural areas and to maintain a general prohibition on recreational outdoor fires within the City of Sarnia to protect the safety of first responders and enforce physical distancing measures in place to stop the spread of the COVID-19 disease* initially set to expire on May 31, 2020 be repealed with immediate effect.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike Bradley, Mayor of the City of Sarnia, enact by issuing of this Order, the following regulations with respect to the City of Sarnia:

1. Emergency Order No 2: *To allow for the conduct of open air burning in rural areas and to maintain a general prohibition on recreational outdoor fires within the City of Sarnia to protect the safety of first responders and enforce physical distancing measures in place to stop the spread of the COVID-19 disease* originally set to expire on May 31, 2020 is hereby repealed with immediate effect.



**MAYOR MIKE BRADLEY**

Date

May 8, 2020