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TOWNSHIP ISSUES TEMPORARY **OPEN BURN BAN**

Dry Weather Causes Fire Hazards Heading Into Weekend

WELLESLEY – In an effort to reduce the increased fire risk caused by continuing dry and hot weather, an Open Burn Ban has been issued in the Township of Wellesley.

The ban will begin Friday, June 24, 2016 at 8:00 am and will remain in effect until further notice. An Open Burn refers to the burning of materials such as wood, cardboard, tree limbs, brush and or garden waste, where the flame is not wholly contained. Fines are in place for those found to be in violation and the ban also applies to Open Burn Permit holders.

Barbecues are still permitted, as well as campfires which do not exceed 60 x 60 cm (24 inch). If dry and hot weather persists, further restrictions could be issued with respect to campfires.

“We ask for everyone to cease Open Burns, and if using campfires or barbecues, please be cautious, attentive, and have extinguishing agents available at all times. There has been a recent increase in dry grass fires and with a lack of rain in the forecast; this temporary ban will help keep Wellesley safe”.

- *Steve Martin, Acting Fire Chief*

Remember to always call 9-1-1 to report a fire.

Wellesley Fire Department continues to watch weather forecasts and conditions. Please stay tuned to the Township website www.wellesley.ca

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