

## **Enhancing the outdoor residential cooking experience in Kamloops**

### **Summary**

There is an increased consumer-driven demand on builders and retailers for outdoor kitchens. Many manufacturers are now designing and building natural wood burning appliances that meet provincial and national codes. Unfortunately, these same natural wood burning appliances cannot be used in Kamloops due to Division Five – Open Air Fires section of the City of Kamloops' Fire Prevention By-law No. 10-37.

Therefore, Kamloops retailers are unable to sell backyard burning appliances. Further, a retailer who recently sold these products had some returned due to the City of Kamloops' Fire Prevention By-law No. 10-37.

### **Background**

A product example is the Cherrywood Forno, a wood burning oven that reaches temperatures of 900 degrees Fahrenheit. The unit is completely sealed and emits virtually no smoke. The arch of this distinctive, double-lined vault is packed with a ceramic refractive layer to keep wood-fired heat consistent on the inside yet harmlessly warm on its exterior. Meanwhile the fire and cooking surface is a genuine masonry floor of refractory bricks, providing a true chef's cooking environment.

The preferred wood to burn is either cherry, apple wood or most other dried fruit hard woods that are sustainable and renewable. The current by-law only allows cooking with manufactured fuels such as propane, natural gas or charcoal. It reads:

"503. An open air fire permit is not required for:

c) Open cooking fires in non-combustible containers using only briquettes or CSA-approved propane or natural gas cooking appliances."

Addressing possible air quality and fire hazard concerns, these approved appliances require very little wood material due to their construction and emit very little smoke. The unit has been inspected by the Kamloops Fire Prevention Captain and he has no issue with the unit pertaining to any fire hazard.

It would address current demands of Kamloops residents and retailers to allow homeowners to build outdoor living spaces which would allow wood burning cooking appliances.

### **Recommendation**

That the Municipal Government of Kamloops allow residents of Kamloops to use natural wood burning appliances by amending Division Five – Open Air Fires section of the City of Kamloops's Fire Prevention By-law No. 10-37 by adding a new section d):

503. An open air fire permit is not required for:  
d) Open cooking fires in an enclosed natural wood burning appliance that meet required provincial and national codes.

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