BYLAW NO. 1164 OF STARLAND COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA

A Bylaw of Starland County in the Province of Alberta, Canada to rescind Bylaw No. 925 and to establish a system of permits to control the burning of stubble on land, also known as the "Stubble Burning Bylaw".

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and advisable in the best interest of soil conservation that the Council be authorized to establish a system of permits controlling the burning of stubble on land within the Starland County; and

WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation Act, being Chapter S -15, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 Current as of November 1, 2010 and in particular Section 21(1) a(ii) thereof gives authority to a Council, by By-Law to establish a system of permits controlling the burning of stubble on land; and

WHEREAS, the previous Stubble Burning Bylaw No. 925 is now outdated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Starland County hereby enacts as follows:

- 1) That Bylaw No. 925 be rescinded in its entirety;
- 2) Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, no person shall burn stubble on any land within the jurisdiction of Starland County without first obtaining a permit issued pursuant to this Bylaw.
- 3) The Council, through its Soil Conservation Officer, or Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, may issue a permit or permits for burning of stubble on land, provided certain conditions, as outlined by Council, are complied with by the applicant.
- 4) The Council may authorize the issuance of a permit or permits for the burning of stubble for a period of time which shall be established by the Council on recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board.
- 5) Any permit may be suspended, revoked, or altered if found that false information was given by the applicant.
- 6) The granting of a permit under this Bylaw in no way relieves the applicant of his responsibility to contain any fire to the area described in the permit.
- 7) Any decision of a Soil Conservation Officer or Assistant Soil Conservation Officer may be appealed in writing through him/her to the Agricultural Service Board. If an appeal is received, the Soil Conservation Officer or Assistant Soil Conservation Officer must call a meeting of the Agricultural Service Board to consider the appeal and the meeting must be held and decision made within 5 days of receipt of the notice of appeal. A decision of the Agricultural Service Board is final and binding.

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8) Any person who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw per section 22(1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5000.

First Reading on motion of Deputy Reeve Sargent this 10th day of March, 2021.

Second Reading on motion of Councillor Watts this 10th day of March, 2021.

Third and Final Reading on motion of Councillor Watts, done and passed in the Council of Starland County, duly assembled, this 10th day of March, A.D., 2021.

Reeve: Steven Wannstrom

Chief Administrative Officer

Shirley J. Bremer