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Municipality of Pontiac

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What you should know :

- The SOPFEU, (Société de protection des forêts contre le feu) the organization responsible for the prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires in Quebec, tells us that the flammability index is **extreme**.
- **Consequently, all fires** within the Municipality are now **BANNED**, in accordance with section 10.9 of the standardized bylaw 18-RM-05:

[...] No burning is allowed when the winds exceed fifteen (15) km/h or when the flammability index is «extreme», according to « SFPFEU ». [...] It is the responsibility of the organization responsible to verify such conditions. The SOPFEU is considered, for the purposes of this bylaw, to be the organization of reference and may be contacted by dialing 1-800-567-1206 or at www.sopfeu.qc.ca

- Please consult the Municipality's Website home page for updates of the SOPFEU flammability rating.



- Furthermore, this ban aims to preserve the operational capacity of the SOPFEU and that of municipal fire departments during the pandemic, by limiting the spread of the virus when firefighters respond to emergencies.

Where to inquire :

- If you are worried about the COVID-19: 1 877 644-4545;
- For any **help service** (food, seniors, volunteer work, domestic violence, etc.) consult www.mrcdescollinesdeloutaouais.qc.ca;

- To report any **non-urgent** situation to the Police department (denunciations, information, questions): 819-459-2422, ext. 3277 email: infocovid19@mrcdescollines.com;
- To report any **serious** situation to the Police department that requires an intervention: 819-459-9911 or 1-888-459-9911;
- Governmental guidelines :
 - Quebec government: www.quebec.ca;
 - Government of Canada: www.canada.ca;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Website: www.municipalitepontiac.com;
- Municipality of Pontiac's Facebook account: www.facebook.com/pontiacmun.