



To: Bill Pyatt, Chief Administration Officer
From: Mia Frankl, Forest Information Officer
Re: Installation of five forest fire risk meter signs
Date: May 7th 2008

REPORT

1. For information purposes

As part of the Forest Master Plan, Northumberland County, the Alnwick-Haldimand Fire Department staff, the County Fire Coordinator, the County's Emergency Management & Health and Safety Coordinator, and Fred Bruin, a fire consultant, have collaborated in the gathering of data to form a current and comprehensive management plan for the County and the municipal fire services for the prevention, enforcement and suppression of all wild land fire and fire activities within the County. Part of this process included the commissioning of a forest fire risk meter sign which would be installed at 5 locations on County Roads surrounding the County Forest property.

2. Background

Forest fire risk meter signs typically have four ratings-low, moderate, high and extreme. They are commonly used by counties and municipalities with large forested areas to indicate the daily risk of the fire hazard during the fire season (May to October). They can also be used as a reminder to the public about the dangers of forest fires and about related burning by laws.

The Northumberland County forest fire risk meter signs will be rated by the Alnwick-Haldimand Fire Department. The road side maintenance of the signs will be completed by the County roads crew. An agreement will be drafted between the County and the Alnwick-Haldimand Fire Department to assert the responsibilities of both parties in maintaining and operating these signs.

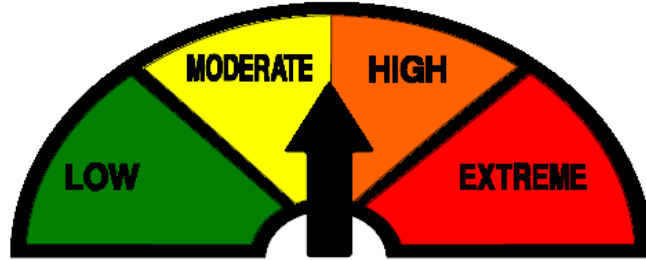
These signs will be installed within the month of May 2008. A media release will be circulated close to the date of installation and a follow up "ribbon ceremony" will be coordinated with Mayor Finley, Warden Herrington, Alnwick-Haldimand Fire Chief Dave Wright and County Fire Coordinator Allen Mann.

3. Financial implications

The cost of the fire management plan and signs is \$5393.50.



Alnwick Haldimand Township Forest Fire Danger Meter



PERMITS REQUIRED
Alnwick Haldimand By-Law No. 95-01 Open Air Burning

