

**EXPLANATORY NOTE TO ACCOMPANY DOCUMENTS
FOR THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER'S SIGNATURE**

Date: July 23, 2018

Title: Restricted Fire Zone Order 2018-05

Riding: Parry Sound-Muskoka, Nipissing & Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

Source of Legal Authority to Sign:

As described by section 37.(1) of the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*, the Minister may by order declare any fire region or any part of a fire region to be a Restricted Fire Zone. This authority has been delegated to the Assistant Deputy Ministers.

Background/Explanation of Document Development:

- Due to high to extreme fire hazard and increased forest fire activity, a Restricted Fire Zone Order is required for the Northeast Fire Region (Restricted Fire Zones 24, 25 & 26). The area impacted is; south of the French River including Parry Sound, from Georgian Bay east to the Quebec border, including Algonquin Provincial Park and from Renfrew north to Mattawa. This order is required to reduce the number of new human-caused wildfires. We are expecting the hazard to increase into the foreseeable future. Resources are adequate at present, but the potential for problematic fire exists and fire activity to date has caused disruption to residents and property.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Assistant Deputy Minister sign the attached document so that the Restricted Fire Zone Order may be implemented.

Please immediately fax or email a copy of the signed Order to the Ministry Emergency Operations Centre, attention Duty Officer.

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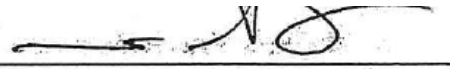
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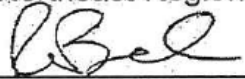
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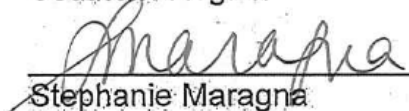
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