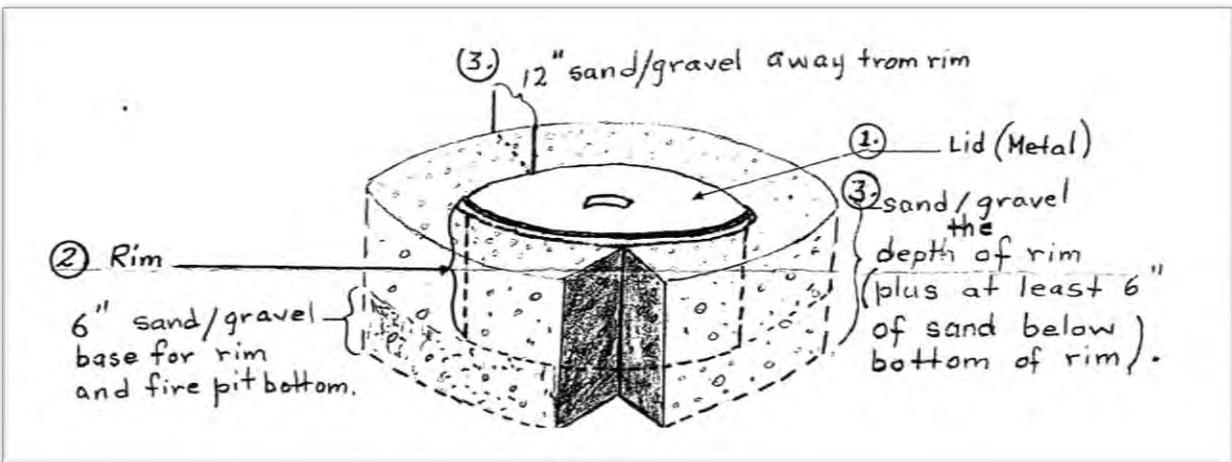


## **Guidelines for Fires in Fire Pits in the Hamlet of Evergreen Beach**

- 1) A Person may build, ignite, or allow a fire on a Premises in a Fire Pit as long as that Person ensures that the fire is contained in a Fire Pit that:
  - a) is constructed of non-combustible material;
  - b) has an open flame area that does not exceed 1 metre at its widest point;
  - c) does not have walls which exceed 0.75 metres in height measured from the floor of the Fire Pit to the top of the wall of the Fire Pit excluding any chimney;
  - d) is set upon or built into the bare ground with a gravel or crushed rock base, or is set upon or built on a base structure of a non-combustible material such as brick or stone;
  - e) is situated at least 2 metres from any house, garage or similar structure including wooden decks, porches and similar amenity space attached to a structure measured from the part of the Fire Pit which is closest to the structure or amenity space;
  - f) is situated at least 2 metres from any other combustible material measured from the part of the Fire Pit which is closest to the combustible material; and
  - g) is not located directly under any tree or overhanging branches.
- 2) Notwithstanding subsection 1(e), a Person may build, ignite or allow a fire in a Portable Fire Receptacle on a wooden deck as long as that Person ensures that:
  - a) a non-combustible material such as brick or stone is placed between the Portable Fire Receptacle and the wooden deck; and
  - b) the Portable Fire Receptacle is situated at least 2 metres from any house, garage, similar structure or other combustible material, measured from the part of the receptacle which is closest to the structure or combustible material.
- 3) Every Person who builds, ignites or allows a fire in a Fire Pit must ensure that:
  - a) a means of extinguishing the fire is kept on hand at all times while the fire is burning;
  - b) the flames from the fire do not exceed 1 metre in height at any time;
  - c) the fire is not left unsupervised at any time; and
  - d) the fire is extinguished completely, leaving only cold ashes, prior to leaving the fire, and a non-combustible cover is placed over the Fire Pit.

# EXAMPLE FIRE PIT DESIGN

The following is a good example of a fire pit design. The hamlet requires all cottage owners to ensure they have a safe fire pit. Never leave fires unattended and ensure they are extinguished before departure.



- 1. Metal Lid** – to be used to choke out hot coals and to prevent spark from flying in gusty wind. Always put lid on for the night and when leaving the premises.
- 2. Rim** – A large steel or concrete rim (eg. large tire rim) or other strong fire-proof material to contain the contents of the fire pit, installed below grade level.
- 3. Base** – All roots, leaves and combustible material must be removed down to a clay/sand base or if required, construct a sand/gravel base of at least 6" depth and fill in around rim for at least 12" away from the circumference of the rim.