

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Chief Administrative Office
Fire and Emergency Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Ken Labonte, Assistant Fire Chief
Date: May 14, 2021
Subject: Fireworks By-law Amendment - Fireworks Sales

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. Fireworks By-law No. 156-2016 being a by-law to regulate the sale and setting off of fireworks or any class or classes thereof be amended as follows:

Section 2.1. (d) iv) be amended to read as follows: “iv) Canada Day and the three days immediately preceding and following Canada Day;”

Background

Council passed Fireworks By-law No.156-2016 on April 18, 2016.

Comments

Section 2.1 of the Fireworks By-law states that no person shall sell any fireworks without a licence issued by the Municipality, and only on the following dates:

- i) the ten (10) days immediately preceding the day fixed by proclamation of the Governor-General for the observance of Victoria Day (hereinafter called “Victoria Day”);
- ii) Victoria Day;
- iii) the period between Victoria Day and Canada Day;
- iv) Canada Day;
- v) the ten (10) days immediately preceding New Year’s Day;
- vi) New Year’s Day; and
- vii) such other day as is proclaimed by the Council for the Municipality as suitable for celebration with Fireworks.

Section 5.1 of the Fireworks By-law deals with the discharging of Consumer Fireworks. Section 5.1 (b) permits the igniting and setting off of Consumer Fireworks 3 days immediately preceding and following Canada Day.

It is recommended that the Fireworks By-law Section 2.1 (d) iv) be amended to permit the sales of fireworks on Canada Day and the three days immediately preceding and following Canada Day.

If Council approves the recommendation to amend the Fireworks By-law the licence period for 2021 firework sales would be:

May 14, 2021 to July 4, 2021 and December 22, 2021 to January 1, 2022.

Canada Day falls on a Thursday this year. This will allow for firework sales to be conducted the entire weekend following Canada Day.

The proposed Amending By-law is attached as Appendix A.

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

- Economic Prosperity:
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- A Healthy and Safe Community:
Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- People and Culture:
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- Environmental Sustainability:
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

- Financial Sustainability:
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

- Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

Licensing Services issue the consumer fireworks business licences on behalf of Chatham-Kent Fire and Emergency Services. Licensing Services were consulted regarding this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

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Attachment: Appendix A: Proposed Amendment to the Fireworks By-law

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By-Law No. _____
of The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent

A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 156-2016, of The Corporation of The Municipality of Chatham-Kent, respecting the sale and setting off of fireworks or any class or classes thereof.

Finally passed the _____ day of May, 2021.

Whereas Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent passed By-Law Number 156-2016 at its meeting on the 18th day of April, 2016.

And Whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent now deems it expedient to amend a section of By-Law Number 156-2016 with respect to the sale of fireworks.

Now Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows:

1. Amend Section 2.1 (d) (iv) to read as follows:

“iv) Canada Day and the three days immediately preceding and following Canada Day;”

This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time this _____ day of May, 2021.

Mayor – Darrin Canniff

Clerk- Judy Smith