



Staff Report CL2024-013

Title of Report: CL2024-013- Approval of Fireworks By-law 2024-040
Department: Clerks
Branch: Legislative and Council Services
Council Date: April 30, 2024

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CL2024-013 for information; and
That Council consider approval of By-law 2024-040 being a by-law to regulate the sale and use of fireworks within the Township of Southgate

Background:

The Township currently has By-law 2020-099 – Fireworks By-law in place, that was approved at the September 16, 202 regular Council meeting. The current by-law can be reviewed [here](#).

Staff Comments:

Over the past month, staff have undertaken a thorough review of the Fireworks By-law and have made significant changes in an effort to simplify the by-law for members of the public, so the provisions are clear and concise, and to streamline the permitting process for the sale and display of fireworks both internally and externally. By-law 2024-040 is included for review following this agenda item.

The new by-law permits the use of both consumer fireworks and display fireworks between dusk and 11:00 p.m. on Victoria Day and Canada Day and the one (1) day immediately preceding and the one (1) day immediately following both, **only**.

Staff have built in an exemption process, that would require Council approval, for any person or group that would like to use either consumer fireworks or display fireworks outside of the authorized days and times in the case of special events, etc.

The draft by-law has been submitted and received by the Ministry of the Attorney General, who are supportive of Set Fines Schedule C, as provided. Formal application for approval of the Set Fines will be submitted following approval of the By-law by Council.

Staff are planning to push the new by-law information on our website, social media accounts and local newspapers, so the public is aware of the new by-law prior to the Victoria Day long weekend. Staff will also attend local businesses who have sold fireworks previously in the Township to ensure they are aware of the new process and to get their sale permits approved and in place, prior to the upcoming holiday.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to the Township as a result of this report.

Communications & Strategic Plan Impact:

Priority: Happy, Healthy Communities

Goal: Goal 8: Enhance community safety

Concluding Comments:

That Council consider approval of By-law 2024-040 – Fireworks By-law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lindsey Green, Clerk

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Derek Malynyk, Chief Fire Official

CAO Approval: *Original Signed By*
Dina Lundy, CAO

Attachments: None