



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk
Date: 2023-02-23
Subject: Regulating Sale and Discharge of Fireworks

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk Re: Regulating the Sale and Discharge of Fireworks; and

That West Elgin Council hereby consider a by-law to Regulate the Sale and Discharge of Fireworks for the Municipality of West Elgin;

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a draft of a by-law to Regulate the Sale and Discharge of Fireworks for the Municipality of West Elgin and to receive comments on that by-law.

Background:

The Municipality of West Elgin adopted a new Noise By-law at the February 9, 2023 Council meeting and repealed the previous Noise By-law. The only regulations for the setting off of fireworks within the Municipality were contained within that repealed by-law. Staff chose to write a separate by-law for fireworks, to be able to include regulating the sale of fireworks and the storage of fireworks as a safety concern, into a by-law.

The proposed by-law permits the sale of fireworks one week prior to Victoria Day until one week after Labour Day, so from the middle of May until early September and one week prior to New Year's Eve and one-week prior Diwali.

Discharge of fireworks will be permitted on the 4 long weekends in the summer (Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Day and Labour Day), between dusk and 11 pm, along with New Year's Eve and for Diwali.

The proposed by-law introduces a number of safety provisions such as prohibition of sales to anyone under 18, provides storage and display of fireworks guidelines; the requirement to have a valid Fireworks Supervisor Card to let off a high hazard display and submit a request to the Fire Chief for such a display. Family fireworks, that are low hazard (generally all that can be purchased without a license) are permitted without a permit on the specified weekends.

The proposed by-law has been reviewed by the Fire Chief and Inspectors for comments as well as incorporated the request for the addition of Diwali into the permitted days to set off fireworks as well as permit sales of fireworks as requested.

The proposed by-law also introduces set fines for breach of aspects of this by-law.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Policies/Legislation:

Respectfully submitted by,

Jana Nethercott
Clerk