



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration and Operations

Date: April 14, 2025

Department: Fire

Topic: Fireworks Bylaw

Purpose: To provide education and guidance on the safe distribution and use of consumer and display fireworks.

Background: Legacy bylaws from the Village of Cardinal and Township of Edwardsburgh are over 50 years old. An updated fireworks bylaw is essential to promote fire safety and establish a framework for the sale and use of fireworks.

Highlights of the new fireworks bylaw include:

- Consumer fireworks limited to Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic Holiday and Labour Day, otherwise with council approval. This aligns with the legacy bylaws and the exemption for fireworks on holidays contained within the noise bylaw.
- Fireworks are not permitted during a fire ban.
- Sale of consumer fireworks limited to 7 days prior to the above holidays with permission of the fire chief.
- Display fireworks and special effects require submission of application 14 days in advance, \$5,000,000 insurance coverage and documentation to ensure appropriate safety precautions are implemented.
- Flying lanterns are prohibited.

Policy Implications: The Municipal Act permits a municipality to pass by-laws prohibiting and regulating the sale and the discharge of fireworks. This enables municipalities to choose the holidays that residents may discharge consumer fireworks and conditions for retail sales.

Strategic Plan Implications: Supports maintaining and growing a safe and healthy community.

Financial Considerations: None anticipated at this time.

Recommendation: That Committee recommends that Council approve the Fireworks Bylaw attached to this report.



Fire Chief