

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Noise and Fireworks By-laws Sub Committee Meeting

December 19, 2013

There was a Meeting of the Noise and Fireworks By-law Sub-Committee to continue their review of a draft Fireworks By-law held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday December 19, 2013. Present was Chair Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Jamey Larone, Jim Ferguson and David Brown. Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

Also present was Dwayne Johnston.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the Meeting to Order at 1:10 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of the Committee or Staff.

3. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2013.

Chair Kingsbury asked the Members to review the November 21 meeting minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Larone asked if the CAO/Clerk had researched what guidelines there were for storage of fireworks. The CAO/Clerk said he will have information for the next meeting.

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT FIREWORKS BY-LAW

The CAO/Clerk presented copies of the draft by-law with the changes made at the November 21 meeting shown as "strike throughs" and red font.

Chair Kingsbury asked the Members to review the entire draft. The following changes and comments were made by the Members:

Section 7.2 (ii) the Members discussed what the term "well constructed" meant for the building that the retailer was permitted to use to store fireworks. After discussion the following words were added to the section: well constructed, *fire proofed building that meets the requirements of the Fire Chief.*

Section 8.1 Chair Kingsbury and the Members reviewed the changes that were made previously.

Section 8.3 (i) (e) the Members asked how do we make the cottage owners and tenants aware that the cottage owner's authorization is required for a permit. Chair Kingsbury suggested that staff run an ad in and around the holidays explaining the rules. Kathleen Rogers, Recreation Program Manager is to be advised of this requirement.

Section 8.3 (i) (g) the Members requested Fire Chief Randy Corbin's input into the kilograms of fireworks that can be stored at any one time. Keith Arbuthnot, who is a retailer of fireworks in Horton, is to be asked what the weight is of the family type of fireworks that he sells.

Section 9.4 the Members noted that a 30m x 30m area clear of fire hazards is required before a permit can be issued. This may prohibit a large number of cottage lots from conforming. It was suggested that two neighbours could apply together for a licence if the 30 x 30 area was not available on one property. Councillor Larone asked if the Fire Department could develop a pamphlet on fireworks safety to be handed out. Chair Kingsbury said it would depend on their budget. Councillor Larone suggested that Fire Committee Chair Whyte ask her committee to check into this.

Dwayne Johnston asked what control the Township would have if the fireworks were set off from a floating device on the water. Chair Kingsbury said the Noise By-law still controls sound heard on land. The Noise by-law would control this. Mr. Johnston suggested that the Township should find out where Horton's jurisdiction starts on the Ottawa River. He also asked if the 30m x 30m could include an area in the water. Councillor Larone suggested we ask the OPP Marine Unit to find out if fireworks could be set off in water and where Horton's jurisdiction ends.

Dwayne Johnston suggested that the Fire Chief be asked to draft safety measures that could be printed on the back of the permit form. The Committee agreed that Randy Corbin, Fire Chief and Jim McBain, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer be sent a copy of the draft for their comments following this meeting.

Section 11 Councillor Larone suggested the words "Commercial Display" be added to the heading of "Discharge of Exhibition Fireworks" so that people distinguish between these firework regulations and family fireworks.

Section 19 Penalty Clause. The CAO/Clerk suggested that Mr. McBain be requested to input a section on Short Form Wording for Fines, and to list the amount of the fines. The Members agreed to invite Jim McBain to the next meeting to review this and to recommend set fine amounts. The Members agreed.

The Members also requested that Fire Chief Corbin also be invited to the next meeting to provide his input, and to send a copy of the updated draft by-law to Keith Arbuthnot and to Bob Cassidy inviting their comments by the next Committee Meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Thursday January 16, 2014 at 2 pm.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamey Larone, Seconded by Jim Ferguson that this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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CHAIR

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CAO/Clerk