

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Noise and Fireworks By-laws Sub-Committee Meeting January 28, 2014

There was a Meeting of the Sub-Committee reviewing the draft Fireworks By-law held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Present was Chair Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Jamey Larone, and David Brown. Staff present was Jim McBain, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk and Rose Curley, Administrative Assistant. Absent: Jim Ferguson.

Also present was Dwayne Johnston, Bob Cassidy and Keith Arbuthnot, owner of Stereo Automotive, that retails fireworks in Horton Township.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by staff or committee members.

3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2014 COMMITTEE MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of January 22, 2014 Fireworks Sub-Committee meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Revised application form – Special Occasions Permit (SOP) date, 3<sup>rd</sup> party rights note on back & 30 kg stored at any one time**

Committee members reviewed the updated draft fireworks application with the above revisions.

Bob Cassidy suggested that there should be a checkbox for the applicant to indicate that they have read the relevant bylaw and is aware of the rules and regulations set out for fireworks. Committee members agreed that this would be beneficial.

- **Horton's jurisdiction limits on Ottawa River**

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk said that there was nothing new to report.

- **Education pamphlet**

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reported that this has not been drafted yet.

5. **Presentation by Lane Cleroux on using our website for fireworks notification**

Lane Cleroux, a Horton Township resident was present before the Committee to discuss the use of our website for fireworks notification. He asked if we had the capability to complete these types of applications online. Rose Curley, Administrative Assistant replied that we can definitely do this. It would be similar to our process for fire permits now.

The Committee discussed the option for residents to sign up for advance notification of fireworks in their zones. These zones would have to be determined by population density with staff and fire department input. Notification information would include: civic address where the fireworks are detonated; date and time for setting off of fireworks. This information would be also be placed on our website for all residents to view. If there are multiple applications for one zone it would be up to the CAO/Clerk to determine if all applications will be approved.

The notification system would solve the element of surprise for setting off of fireworks and allow neighbours to take preventative measures for noise control, such as closing the windows, putting their pets in the house so they are not startled, etc.

Dave Brown asked how we would notify residents that don't have computers. It was suggested that residents could put their name on a list and staff could inform them of fireworks permits in their zone. Chair Kingsbury noted that there will be a public meeting regarding the fireworks bylaw and we could create a list of people who want to be notified, by e-mail or phone.

6. TAKE OPTIONS TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair Kingsbury thanked everyone for their input and reported that the final draft of this by-law will be going to the Planning Committee in the Spring once all committee members have returned from their vacations. Once the draft is finalized the Planning Committee will recommend to Council that a public meeting be held before the bylaw is enacted.

Dwayne Johnston noted that most people have a computer or a family member that has a computer. The family member could monitor the website for them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Brown, Seconded by Jamey Larone

That the meeting of the Fireworks Sub-committee be adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY