

# City of Mississauga

## Corporate Report



Date: June 10, 2020  To: Mayor and Members of Council	Originator's files:
From: Shari Lichterman, CPA, Commissioner of Community Services	Meeting date: June 17, 2020

### Subject

**Repeal of the fireworks by-law 0108-2020 to lift the prohibition related to the sale and use of fireworks during the COVID-19 Emergency Period.**

### Recommendation

That By-law 0108-2020 be repealed to lift the prohibition related to the sale and use of fireworks during the COVID-19 emergency period in accordance with the Corporate Report dated June 10, 2020 from the Commissioner of Community Services and that the said amendments be effective on the date of Council's approval.

### Background

On April 24, 2020 Council approved amendments to Fireworks related by-laws to prohibit the sale and use of fireworks for the period of the emergency related to COVID-19 declared by the Province of Ontario or to a date beyond the emergency period as determined by the Commissioner of Transportation and Works.

The prohibition was put in place in an effort to ensure gatherings would not exceed provincial guidelines and make physical distancing challenging. There was also concern for the staffing resources to both Compliance & Licensing and Fire and Emergency Services related to complaints received from the public.

At the June 10, 2020 Council meeting staff were directed to bring a report back to Council to lift the prohibition.

### Comments

Given the changes to the Provincial restrictions related to group gatherings and after reviewing the experience of other Greater Toronto Area (GTA) communities that permitted fireworks over the Victoria Day weekend, consideration should be given to lifting the ban on the sale, use and licensing of fireworks.

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By lifting the ban, the use, sale and licensing of fireworks would be allowed as described in the following by-laws:

1. 293-01 Fireworks Residents By-law – This regulates the use of fireworks by the public including restrictions on dates, times and permit requirements.
2. 340-01 Fireworks Vendors By-law – This regulates licensing for the ownership and operation of portable firework display units within the City.
3. 01-06 (Schedule 14) Business Licensing By-law – This regulates the licensing and sale of Fireworks from inside a building (not portable).

In addition to the provisions in the above by-laws, the use should also respect public health guidelines and provincial orders around physical distancing and group gatherings.

## Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendation in this report.

## Conclusion

As the Province continues to ease restrictions related to large gatherings it is now feasible to lift the fireworks restrictions related to the sale, use and licensing of fireworks on all permitted holidays with due consideration given to public health guidelines.




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