

# **The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes**

## **Additional Agenda**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

**CC2020-09**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**Open Session Commencing at 1:00 p.m. - Electronic Public Participation**

**Council Chambers**

**City Hall**

**26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8**

#### **Members:**

**Mayor Andy Letham**

**Deputy Mayor Patrick O'Reilly**

**Councillor Ron Ashmore**

**Councillor Pat Dunn**

**Councillor Doug Elmslie**

**Councillor Tracy Richardson**

**Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan**

**Councillor Andrew Veale**

**Councillor Emmett Yeo**

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<b>9.</b>	<b>Committee of the Whole</b>	
9.1	Correspondence Regarding Committee of the Whole Recommendations	
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	<b>Correspondence Regarding Fireworks Ban (Item 9.3.23 on the Agenda)</b> Matthew Hutchinson, Owner and Lead Fireworks Specialist, Supernova Fireworks	
	<b>That</b> the September 23, 2020 correspondence from Matthew Hutchinson of Supernova Fireworks, <b>regarding a fireworks ban</b> , be received.	
*9.1.5	CC2020-09.9.1.5	9 - 9
	<b>Correspondence Regarding New Road Names for Portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road (Item 9.3.13 on the Agenda)</b> Jeff Armitage	
	<b>That</b> the September 3, 2020 correspondence from Jeff Armitage, <b>regarding new road names for portions of old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road</b> , be received.	
*9.1.6	CC2020-09.9.1.6	10 - 10
	<b>Correspondence Regarding New Road Names for Portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road (Item 9.3.13 on the Agenda)</b> Aaron Black	
	<b>That</b> the September 11, 2020 correspondence from Aaron Black, <b>regarding new road names for portions of old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road</b> , be received.	
*9.1.7	CC2020-09.9.1.7	11 - 11
	<b>Correspondence Regarding New Road Names for Portions of Old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road (Item 9.3.13 on the Agenda)</b> Sherry and Humberto Lazcano	

**That** the September 2, 2020 correspondence from Sherry and Humberto Lazcano, **regarding new road names for portions of old Highway 7 at Meadowview Road**, be received.



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Date: September 3, 2020

### **Addressing the bylaw imposing on fireworks sales and use**

Dear Honorable Mayor Andy Lethem, our City of Kawartha Lakes Councilors and Fire Chief Pankhurst of City of Kawartha lakes

Firstly, thank you for listening to our concerns and recommendations in regards to the bylaw suggested for the Kawartha Lakes, regarding the regulation of consumer fireworks both at the reseller and the consumer level.

Concerning the excessive use of and regarding the noise complaints surrounding fireworks usage please let it be known to all interested parties that we are not against putting regulations into place. Being professionals within the Fireworks Entertainment Industry and familiar with its operations, we have some recommendations to consider that we believe may help opposing parties to be able to meet in the middle. Our goal is to help prevent these economic resources from leaving our already financially strapped local businesses, along with promoting safe and respectful use of fireworks. We are committed to inform our resellers, our consumers and licensed professionals to respect these bylaws.

I would like to begin with, addressing the end users of fireworks and what changed this year in particular?

Over the course of 2020, as you are well aware, we have all been touched by the burden of this pandemic. The measures taken to control the virus, has left many families cooped up at home, unable to travel or use their funds towards extracurricular activities. In addition, due to the cancelation of many local community Firework Shows and Displays, the obtaining of consumer level fireworks is as at an all-time high. As a result, the Fireworks Entertainment Industry has been far from normal. Please be aware that we monitor very closely who purchases fireworks and the average customer is simply a family member looking to be the backyard hero, hoping to make this year a little bit brighter for their family and kids.

### **First Concern: The Limiting of Fireworks Usage to 6 Days a Year**

Something to strongly reconsider when considering this option is that when you take into account the number of fireworks users per year and congest their show times into only 6 days per year, it will likely look like what California regularly sees; a scene which greatly resembles and sounds like a war zone for 30 minutes to an hour during their allowable times. YouTube has many videos of this new issue that politicians now face. This same issued has been magnified even more for Vancouver which now limits fireworks to one day of the year on Halloween.



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My recommendation is we do not penalize the respectful users by putting into place a regulation only allowing fireworks to be fired 6 days of the year. It is our belief and concern that this kind of scenario would cause further social tension between those who enjoy fireworks and those who do not. With this being said, we are in absolute agreeance with all members of council, that there is no logical or good reason why fireworks should be fired during a weekday or after 11pm. This behavior is not coming from the respectable families and citizens, who obey current noise bylaws, but from the abusers who ruin it for everyone. These are the users that should be penalized.

In response, we suggest the following to include all groups of people who use fireworks responsibly and respectfully.

**Hour stipulation:** Dusk until 11pm **Agreed**

**Dates and Holidays to be included:** Day prior to, including and the day after for Canada day(July 1<sup>st</sup>) and Victoria Day (May) **Agreed**

**but** in addition we recommend that Family Day (Feb), Aboriginal Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>), Labour Day (Sept – Traditonal for the end of summer), and New Year's Eve (Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>) most importantly be included.

**Permits:** Suggestion that permits can be acquired (such as a fire permit, but possibly for a small fee) for other special events such as birthday parties, family reunions, social events, special occasions, weddings, and public events that are held on Fridays and Saturdays without restriction to dates, while still adhering to the noise bylaws, the safety guidelines recommended for safe use of family fireworks and display fireworks fired by licensed professionals as set out by the Explosive Regulatory Division of Canada (ERD).

The goal of the new bylaw should be to be put in place an end to the irrational use of fireworks at inappropriate times of the day or night without penalizing the law respecting citizens who are trying to make awesome summer memories. Let us ensure that those who are doing things right be allowed to continue enjoying this tradition with friends and family.

### **Second Concern: Suggested Reselling Restriction on Retailers**

As a local fireworks distributor I have had the pleasure to meet many of the community fundraising committees, owners of variety stores, gas stations, hardware stores, along with other local businesses who use fireworks as a large sale item to help them fundraise or keep groceries on the table for their families. Knowing many of them personally, I can say this is an especially important



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source of income for many of these committees and small businesses. Much of this welcomed revenue opportunity comes from the plethora of cottagers spending their money in our municipality to celebrate at cottages and in rural areas along with our local citizens who enjoy putting on a good show. This year the extra volume of income was greatly welcomed by our local businesses that are caught up in a pandemic-stricken tourism industry that is at the heart of the economy of the city of Kawartha Lakes.

Putting a bylaw in place to restrict the ability to sell fireworks would result in the cities loss of permit fees, along with \$1000.00's of dollars being taken out of many hard-working business owners' pockets. For some of these businesses, I know this is the difference of making 30k and 25k a year income.

Many these businesses have suffered from the already rising costs of living in addition to the economic crisis incurred by the ongoing pandemic. These local business owners are encouraged to have that extra income resulting from this retail boom especially when we are constantly reminded that a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave is a possibility for the current pandemic that could further limit their resources. Many can't and won't survive another economic shut down.

We will not be getting rid of the problem at hand by limiting the resellers to certain dates of the year. Fireworks are readily available through many alternate nearby sources including local native reserves, other neighboring jurisdictions, not to forget online sales. Limiting our local business will result in money flowing to different areas of the province, and out of the Kawartha Lakes. Realistically these sales will still occur however outside of the Kawartha Lakes. It will be our small businesses that will be losing out on these much needed opportunities.

I would like to emphasize once again that we are here to continue to work with Kawartha Lakes Council, it's bylaw officers and administration to ensure both the resellers, professionals and the public are well educated when it comes to reselling or buying of fireworks with strong focus on safe and respectful use. We also want to ensure that all residents enjoy the great quality of life that is found here in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Fireworks can be a positive source of family entertainment for many if they are used in a safe and respectful manner, during times that simply make sense.

### **Summarizing the following proposed bylaw:**

#### **Resellers:**

Continuation of what we already have in place. Education on the permit process and keeping all fees the same on this process.



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**End users:**

Time frame: Dusk until 11pm  
Dates and Holidays to be included:  
Canada day (June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Victoria Day (Friday-Sunday of that weekend),  
Family Day (in February for Ontario)  
Aboriginal Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Labor Day Weekend  
New Years Eve

**Restriction as always:** If a burn ban is in place there will be **no** fireworks allowed.

**Public Fireworks Displays and Gatherings:**

No restrictions on dates but must continue to go through same permitting process as before using the online portal.

**Implementation of a Separate Permit Process for special occasions:**

(Consumer/family fireworks shows)

Occasions included: Birthdays, weddings, baby/gender reveals, anniversaries, family or neighborhood get-togethers, resorts, and possibly even the occasional celebration of life.

The idea behind this strategy is that these shows can obtain a permit for a non-traditional date similar to obtaining a bon fire permit. This will ensure they are aware of the safe and respectful use of fireworks, to preserve the tradition, without allowing a continued "free for all" that will further harm this industry.

In conclusion, this is my passion and as a local business owner, in which I have worked very hard to grow and as a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation resident in Omeme, I am proud to call CoKL my home and want to ensure we have a very positive relationship with the communities as one of the leading fireworks providers on every level of use.

Thank you in advance for your considerations regarding our thoughts and suggestions.

Yours truly

Matthew Hutchinson

Owner and Lead Fireworks Specialist

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**Local Affiliates who have voiced concerns over changes to bylaws who are in agreeance with this proposal:**

Mark Hallet and Casey Wardlaw – local Licensed Display Supervisors  
Kawartha Pyro Fest 2021 Team  
L and L Fireworks (Shawn and Peter)  
Local Resorts  
Local Fundraising Comittees  
Local variety stores, businesses and gas stations  
Many End consumers  
Some CoKL Councilors, respectfully



## Joel Watts

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**To:** Tracy Richardson  
**Subject:** RE: Service Roads on Highway 7

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**From:** [jeff armitage](#)  
**Sent:** September 3, 2020 8:57 PM  
**To:** [Tracy Richardson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Service Roads on Highway 7

Hello Tracy, Thank you for the quick response to my request and the filing of the name request.

As a retired City of Oshawa firefighter, I have firsthand experience with responding to situations where there are duplications of names. Almost always it is an asset to have a name similar to the connecting street in both an emergency response and in a quick recall moment when dispatched.

There is little room for error today as you have 911 numbers, a master map, a printout of the response and the assistance of the cerb center or dispatcher during the response time. The days of getting lost are virtually over and some depts are trending to satellite tracking.

My request for Emily Lane for the south portion of section south of Emily Manor Drive is not unreasonable. The fact that there is already a duplicate WORD like Emily is very normal and already exists in areas that are in Emily Township. That is the case in almost all municipalities.

Another small point is that this new street lies on a corner that has 3 townships involved and the name Emily Lane is a clear indication that it is on the Emily township side of the quadrant. This is helpful to all services . The other side of the road is not CKL.

There is another important factor to consider ; that is the long-range plan for the road in question. It becomes a throughfare under the recommended long-range plan and the cul-de -sac is removed to join up with Hayes Line. That is the twenty year and beyond plan. I have the tesr report and all the mapping on that subject.

Oddly enough the report suggests the name duplication is OK if we pick the suggested names.ie say Mc Cumber Court to the North and say McCumber Road to the south.

This naming is not a real concern in the big picture but I would be sure that my name pick would be a favorite for the residents effected.

I hope this is a consideration for those employees that put so much effort into the name selection and that they understand my view.

Regards,  
Jeff Armitage

**Joel Watts**

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**To:** Tracy Richardson  
**Subject:** RE: Renaming of New Service Road near Hwy 7 and Meadowview Rd

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**From:** Aaron  
**Sent:** September 11, 2020 1:18 AM  
**To:** Tracy Richardson  
**Subject:** Renaming of New Service Road near Hwy 7 and Meadowview Rd

Dear Tracy,

As one of only 2 addresses on the proposed "McCumber Court" I am curious to know the significance of the name McCumber. Being somewhat of a pragmatist, I would much prefer a generic name that I don't have to spell out every time I tell someone our new address. Something like "Hilltop Court" or if it is to honour the memory of someone who contributed to the community, how about "Thomas Court"? Thomas Fallaise was the first to drive the Caremobile in and around Peterborough and the Kawarthas. He passed suddenly some years ago leaving behind a wife and 3 young daughters. There is also the added significance that his 7-year-old grandson, Thomas, is a resident on this proposed road :)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Black

## Joel Watts

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**To:** Tracy Richardson  
**Subject:** RE: Recommendation for a Name for our new Municipal Road

**From:** Adventure Divers  
**Sent:** September 2, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Tracy Richardson  
**Subject:** Recommendation for a Name for our new Municipal Road

Dear Tracey Richardson,

My name is Sherry Lazcano, my husband Humberto and I and our family live and work from our home - our business is Adventure Divers - Scuba School and Retail Store located at 7716 Highway 7, Omemee, ON K0L2W0. I am contacting you with regards to the naming of the road in front of our house / business.

We live on Highway 7 south of Fowlers Corners between Lily Lake Road and Hayes Line / Parkhill Road West. As you are aware this section of highway has been under construction for the past four summers. Just recently the new section of highway opened and what used to be the highway in front of our house is now a new municipal road.

I can not emphasize enough the frustration we have felt with this on going construction this past four years. We have dealt with noise, dust, earth shaking equipment, trucks you name it we have had it in our front yard. Our business has suffered from the constant traffic delays and inconveniences all this construction has caused. We can not wait for this construction to be finally over.

The reason I am contacting you is I would like to request the name of the new municipal road be named Adventure Drive. We have been bringing business to the CKL for the past 10 years. We pay commercial tax on our property and continue to support our local community. People know this section of highway 7 by our inclosed pool / building - it is a land mark. Unfortunately the new highway is built lower than the original highway - people can no longer see our business from the road. If we can name the new municipal road Adventure Drive this will help support our local business. And with all the issue we have dealt with from Covid-19 a help from the city would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you will fight for us in supporting our request to name our road Adventure Drive.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
Sherry & Humberto Lazcano

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