



## Council Report

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**Report Number:** MLE2021-015  
**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2021  
**Title:** **Discharge of Firearms By-Law Review and Update**  
**Description:** Supplemental amendment following CR2021-419  
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### **Recommendation(s):**

**That** Report MLE2021-015, **Discharge of Firearms By-Law Review and Update**, be received;

**That** the proposed By-Law, being a By-Law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms in the City of Kawartha Lakes be amended; and

**That** the necessary By-Law attached as **Appendix A** be forwarded to Council for consideration Q1 2022.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

At the Committee of the Whole meeting September 7, 2021, the following recommendation was made:

### **CW2021-213**

**Moved By** Councillor Dunn

**Seconded By** Councillor Yeo

**That** Report ML2021-006, **Discharge of Firearms by-law review and update**, be received;

**That** the proposed By-Law, being a By-Law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms in the City of Kawartha Lakes, attached as Appendix C to this report be approved;

**That** By-Law 2005 – 329 being a By-Law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms in the City of Kawartha Lakes be repealed; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

However, at the regular Council meeting September 21, 2021, Council adopted the following resolution:

### **CR2021-419**

**Moved By** Councillor Dunn

**Seconded By** Councillor Seymour-Fagan

**That** Report ML2021-006, **Discharge of Firearms By-Law Review and Update**, be received;

**That** the proposed By-Law, being a By-Law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms in the City of Kawartha Lakes, attached as Appendix C to Report ML2021-006 be referred to staff for review and report back to incorporate the following amendments:

- that the definition of firearm in Section 1.01(i) be amended to replace the reference to 'weapon' with 'device'
- that Section 1.01(s) be deleted
- that Section 2.05 be deleted
- that Section 2.09 be amended to reduce the distance noted to 300 metres

- that Section 2.10 be amended to add 'unless the property owner's permission has been granted'
- that Section 4.01(f) be deleted
- that Section 7.03 be amended to confirm that the By-Law will be effective January 1, 2022

This report provides Council with additional information and requests an additional amendment to the proposed draft by-law.

### **Rationale:**

Staff have reviewed **CR2021-419**, included the amendments recommended by Council and the proposed changes recommended by the Committee of the Whole in CW2021-213; the final draft of the amended by-law is attached as **Appendix A**, being a By-Law to Repeal and Replace By-Law 2005-329, being a By-Law to Regulate the Discharge of Firearms. The By-Law sections have been renumbered according to the amendments.

In addition to the amendments suggested in CR2021-419, staff is suggesting that the exemption offered in Section 4.01 (f) not be entirely deleted; instead, that it be amended by only removing "and a maximum of only ten (10) rounds being fired in a twenty four (24) hour period"

The amendment to section 4.01 (f) will read as follows:

### **Section 4.00: Exemptions**

4.01 General Exemptions: The regulations established by this by-law do not apply to the activities and matters described below:

- (f) For the Protection of Property from nuisance wildlife that may be killed or harassed in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act or a permit issued under the Canada Migratory Birds Regulations;**

Leaving this exemption in the By-Law will provide property owners with options to protect their properties from nuisance wildlife as authorized by other regulation.

For Council's reference, report MLE2021-006 and all attachments are attached as **Appendix B**.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

No other alternatives have been considered.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

The four strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan are:

1. Healthy Environment
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life
3. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
4. Good Government

The recommendations in this report align directly with the corporate mission to deliver the highest standard of municipal services while creating a healthy and safe environment for all Kawartha Lakes residents and businesses.

## **Consultations:**

Clerk

## **Attachments:**

**Appendix A: Discharge of Firearms By-Law updated draft as per CR2021-419 and report MLE2021-015.**



Discharge of  
Firearms By-law Draft

## **Appendix B: Report MLE2021-006**



ML2021-006 Report  
Discharge of Firearm



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