



FIRE SERVICES BYLAW 2023-17

PURPOSE OF REVIEW

Three Main Goals

- Establish Fire Services purpose and scope of activities within a bylaw
- Consolidate False Alarm Bylaw and Fire Permit and simplify list of penalties
- Update Fire Permit Bylaw to meet current needs

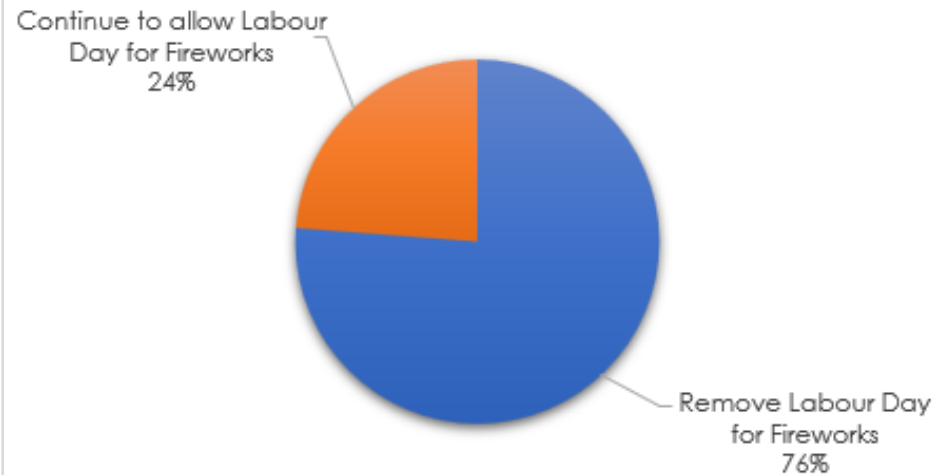
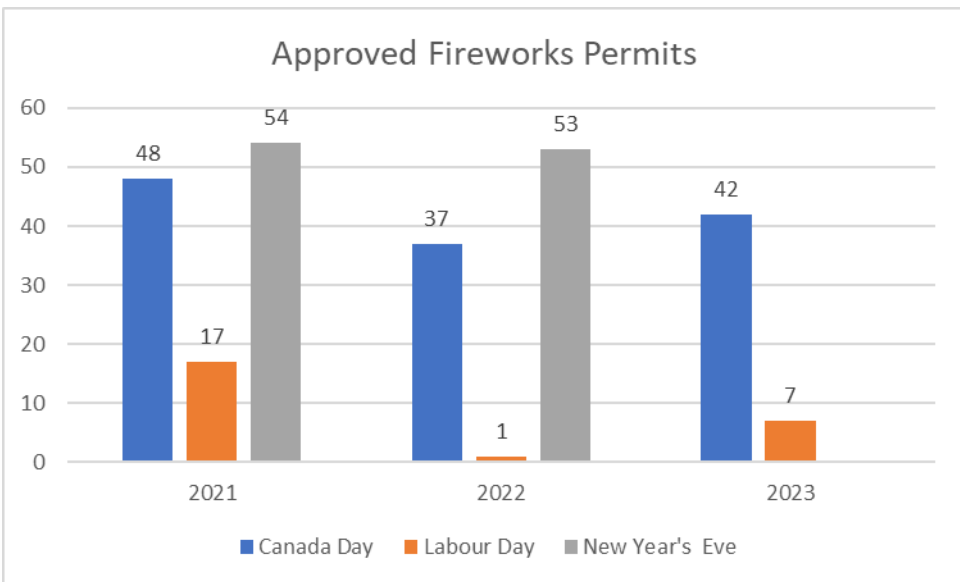
FIRE PERMITTING UPDATES

1. Remove permit requirement for recreational fire pits
2. Enhance safe use of Consumer Fireworks
 - i. Remove Labour Day as third day
 - ii. Limit use of Fireworks to Lots greater than 4ha.
 - iii. Introduce Vendor Permit for selling fireworks 14 days prior to Canada Day and Labour Day
3. Limit burning in Industrial Land Use Districts to provincially regulated incinerators
4. Enhance language to support cost recovery of incident response
5. Reinforce provincial lock box requirements for commercial properties
6. Delegate Council power to appoint Fire Guardians to the Fire Chief

AREAS OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK - FIREWORKS

- Fireworks Use on Labour Day

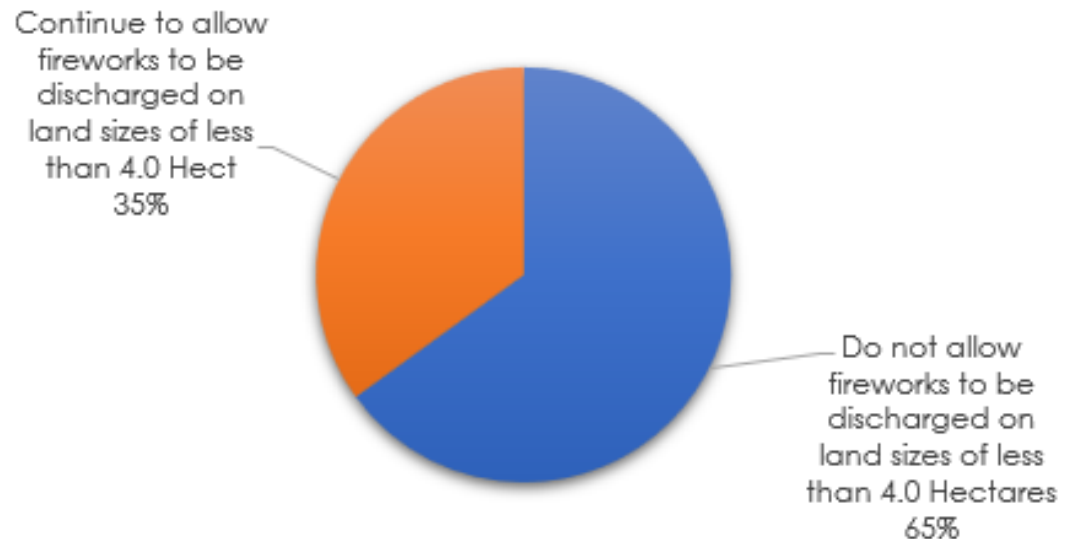
- Minimize wildfire risk related to fireworks use on Labour Day
- Administration recommends not permitting firework use on Labour Day due to public nuisance concerns, wildfire risk, and low usage
- Note: this recommendation is consistent with insights expressed during engagement



AREAS OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK - FIREWORKS

- Fireworks Use on Lots Less than 4 hectares

- Administration recommends not permitting fireworks use on lots less than 4 ha.
- Note: this recommendation is consistent with insights expressed during engagement



AREAS OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK - FIREWORKS

- Limit the sale of Consumer Fireworks except for 14 days prior to Canada Day and Labour Day
 - Since public consultations completed, additional feedback received from businesses that would like to continue to sell fireworks year round
 - There is significant activity all year long with the public discharging fireworks outside of the defined timeline creating a noise nuisance to livestock and neighbours as well as increased fire risk during certain times of the year.
 - The more accessible fireworks are outside of approved dates increases the likelihood of use without a permit.
- Administration recommends limiting the sale of Consumer Fireworks to 14 days to reduce the impulse purchase of fireworks at retailers.

AREAS OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK - INCINERATORS

- Limit burning in Industrial Land Use Districts outside of a provincially regulated incinerator
 - Experience has shown that a limited number of businesses continue to burn in self-fabricated “incinerators” that do not meet provincial regulations
 - Air quality is affected in neighbouring businesses both outside and inside buildings
 - As Acheson has evolved, so have community expectations from neighbouring businesses and commuting public. We receive complaints regarding the burning of pallets or other material on commercial properties.

FIREWORKS REGIONAL COMPARATORS

Municipality	Consumer Fireworks Rules
Leduc County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No permit required. Cannot discharge within 30m of a road, building, trailer, vehicle, stand of trees, brush, or power lines. Also not allowed on public beach, MR land, or in general unsafe manner. Recommendation is to advise neighbours with livestock or pets
Sturgeon County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit required. Lot must be greater than 1 ha.
Lac Ste Anne County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No permit required. Not allowed in residential subdivisions, campgrounds, MR/ER lands, or hamlets.
Yellowhead County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not allowed except for large group or public celebrations with permit.
Strathcona County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need a permit to sell or discharge. Not allowed in hamlets.
Rockyview County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer Fireworks allowed with permit all year long. Cannot be discharged within 10m of any building, vehicle, or property line. Need written permission and signatures from all adjacent property owners as well as site diagram.
City of Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not allowed
Spruce Grove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot buy or sell without a permit and a Fireworks Operator Certificate. No consumer fireworks allowed in town.
Stony Plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit Required to purchase, sell, and discharge fireworks all year long.

PROPOSED MOTIONS

1. That Bylaw 2023-17 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-17 receive third and final reading.