

To: Administration & Finance Executive Committee
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Subject: Amendment to BY-LAW 06/14

Background

Flying Lanterns, also know as: Sky Lanterns; Celebration Lanterns; Wish Lanterns; Event Lanterns; Chinese Lanterns; Sky Candles; Fire Balloons etc. use an open flame to float through the air.

Once they are lit and launched into the air ... they pose a serious fire risk. Theses lanterns have the potential to cause significant fire injuries and losses.

Many communities throughout Ontario have banned these extremely dangerous lanterns.

Recommendation

That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee approves this report and directs Council to bring forward the resolution to amend the definition of Prohibited Fireworks in BY-LAW 06/14 to state the following:

“Prohibited Firework” includes but is not limited to sky lanterns, celebration lanterns, wish lanterns, event lanterns, Chinese, lanterns sky candles, fire balloons or any other similar device. As well as cigarette loads, plugs, exploding matches, sparking matches, ammunition for miniature tie clip, cufflink or key chain pistols, auto alarms or jokers, cherry bombs, M-80 and silver salutes and flash crackers, throw down torpedoes and cracking balls, exploding golf balls, stink bombs, tear gas pens and launchers, party poppers and table bombs, table rockets and bottle sky rockets, fake firecrackers and other trick devices or practical jokes as included on the most recent list of prohibited fireworks as published from time to time under the Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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