

Yarmouth puts restrictions on fireworks

Use of commercial fireworks by the public banned, with exceptions

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It was the fog that prevented the Town of Yarmouth from setting off fireworks over the Canada Day weekend, but it is new amendments to a town bylaw that restrict the setting off of consumer fireworks by the public moving forward.

Yarmouth town council has approved an amendment to its noise bylaw that bans the use of consumer fireworks within the town, except on recognized religious holidays, Canada Day, New Year's Eve, Natal Day and the Seafest Parade of Lights. The amendment does extend the authority to the town's CAO to provide a written exemption for other similar events.

A second approved amendment requires that signage be displayed at retail displays of fireworks informing consumers of the town's ban.

The amendments were approved at council's June 9 monthly meeting. The issue had been discussed and debated for months leading up

to that meeting.

At issue is the increasing frequency of fireworks being set off within the town limits. In many cases this was happening on random days of the week – not just on weekends – and at any given hour, sometimes well beyond midnight.

The issue was seen as problematic for many reasons, including the close proximity of residences in the town, people's pets being scared by fireworks and in some cases running off and getting lost, the PTSD triggers the noise can cause for veterans, the upset caused to seniors from the unexpected loud noise, the interruption of people's sleep, etc.

"I received calls from somebody that lives on Argyle Street this past week that people were firing off fireworks, but they were just going over the roofs of people's houses and landing in their backyards, so it was a very hazardous situation," Coun. Gil Dares said during the discussion at the June 9 meeting.

Coun. Derek Lesser added he had been seeing increased concern and complaints from the public online. Given this, he said he felt it was time that the town did address the issue.

According to the bylaw amendments, violations could result in fines.

"Consumer fireworks are



Fireworks are set off over Yarmouth's harbour during a previous Canada Day. **TINA COMEAU** ■ SALTWIRE NETWORK

one of four classes of fireworks available for sale in Canada. Consumer fireworks are federally regulated under the Explosives Regulations, Part 16," reads a report that came before council. "The federal regulations do not provide limits on the use of the consumer fireworks that are sufficient to address the concerns of town council."

That same report noted the province regulates the use of display fireworks, and special effects and pyrotechnic fire-

works through the Fire Code Act.

"These fireworks are the type used for community celebrations and special effects for events and movies," stated the report. "The Province of Nova Scotia has no regulations in place limiting the use of consumer fireworks beyond what is in place, federally, except that they may not be used on days where domestic outdoor burning is prohibited."

It was noted there are other

towns and cities that have implemented restrictions on fireworks.

The Town of Yarmouth opted not to go with an outright ban.

"With specific dates exempted from a ban, the sound of fireworks could be anticipated and some planning go into caring for animals and persons negatively affected by the noise," reads information provided to town council.

For its part, the neighbouring Municipality of Yarmouth does not have a fireworks ban in place. Unlike the town, residences are more spread out in the municipality.

Still, in the days leading up to Canada Day, the municipality did make several posts on its Facebook page about the safe use of fireworks and also the impacts fireworks can have on others.

It said the noise from fireworks can have a lasting negative impact on those who suffer from PTSD and also those with autism, as some examples. The noise, the municipality noted, can cause pets to have anxiety and be afraid of loud noises and cause them, and also wildlife, to flee.

"Whenever you are planning to light recreational fireworks it's important and courteous to notify your neighbours," a posting on the municipality's Facebook page read.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR BEDFORD

HRM Planning Staff will be holding a virtual public information meeting using Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following application:

Case 24308 - Application by Stephen Adams Consulting Services to rezone the property at 378 Shore Dr, Bedford from the existing RMU Multi-unit zone to the RTU two-dwelling unit zone.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information and receive feedback regarding the above-noted application. Anyone is welcome to attend and participate in this meeting. **If you wish to attend and/or participate you need to contact the HRM Planner no later than 3:00pm Tuesday July 19, 2022.**

Planning staff and the applicant will be present to discuss the proposal and respond to questions from the public. Feedback on the proposal will be collected up until August 3, 2022.

For more information about the proposal, how to connect to the virtual meeting, and to view a recording of the meeting after, please visit: <https://www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications/case-24308-378-shore-drive-bedford>

Public questions and comments will be collected at the meeting by phoning into the meeting or participating by computer via virtual meeting software. Individuals that wish to phone into the meeting or participate via computer to ask questions or provide feedback **must contact the HRM Planner no later than 3:00pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.**

We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list. Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may contact the HRM Planner, Dean MacDougall, at macdoude@halifax.ca or 902.240.7085;

In your message to the planner, please include the planning Case number (24308) in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of the application itself or the process of the virtual public information meeting, please contact Dean MacDougall directly at 902.240.7085 or macdoude@halifax.ca.

Further details regarding the application can be found at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications/case-24308-378-shore-drive-bedford>

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

North West Community Council intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, approve the following application:

Case 21826 - Application by UPLAND Planning + Design requesting substantive amendments to an existing development on lands at 771-819 Bedford Highway and 12-32 Esquire Lane, Bedford to allow additional commercial uses, accessory buildings, and new buildings and parking for a motel use, as well as a reduction to the non-disturbance area and additional building signage.

A virtual public hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. This meeting will occur in a virtual setting and attending in person is not possible. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions are welcomed and encouraged in advanced of the hearing itself. These submissions are distributed to all Councillors and considered at the time of their decision. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by e-mail, clerks@halifax.ca; by fax, 902-490-4208; or by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5. **Written submissions must be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022.** Please allow sufficient time for delivery given slower than typical mail delivery times during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The virtual public hearing will be webcasted and may be viewed online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. For individuals seeking to speak at the hearing, **members of the public may contact the Municipal Clerk's office no later than 4:30pm on Friday, July 15, 2022 to be added to the speakers list to speak by telephone.** We encourage all residents who have any desire to speak at the meeting to ask to have their name added to the list. Individuals who do not want to speak at a later time may ask to have their name removed from the speakers list. To be placed on the speakers list, individuals may:

- Send an email to clerks@halifax.ca; or
- Call and leave a voicemail at 902.490.4210; or
- Send a fax to the clerk at 902.490.4208.

In your message, please include the meeting body, the planning Case number (21826) or civic address, in addition to your name, community of residence, email address, and telephone number. Should you have questions about the nature of application itself, please contact the planner directly: Meaghan Maund at 902-233-0726 or maundm@halifax.ca.

Should you have questions about the process of the virtual public hearing, please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca or 902.490.4210.

The staff report is available on-line at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk <mailto:clerks@halifax.ca> or 902.490.4210. To arrange for a paper copy of application materials to be sent to you by mail if the internet is unavailable to you, contact the Planner.

Further details regarding the application can be found at the following location: www.halifax.ca/planning (Scroll down to Case 21826).

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Portion of Banook Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Take notice that Halifax Regional Council at a meeting to be held on July 12, 2022, will consider HRM Administrative Order SC-100 concerning the closure of a portion of Banook Avenue, Dartmouth, pursuant to Section 325 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter. Further information pertaining to this matter may be obtained from staff of Corporate Real Estate, Property, Fleet and Environment, via email cwperpm@halifax.ca

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