CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2002
File No.: BL8789/8816

To: City Manager

From: Fire Chief

Subject: City of Kelowna Fireworks Bylaw No. 8789

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City of Kelowna Fireworks Bylaw No. 8789 and Bylaw No. 8816, being Amendment No. 59 to City of Kelowna Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 6550-89, attached to the report from the Fire Chief dated July 8, 2002 be advanced for reading consideration by Council.

BACKGROUND

The current bylaw was put in place in 1979 and repealed the previous bylaw that was instituted in 1974 and changed in 1977. The proposed Bylaw No. 8789 has been updated to more accurately reflect the regulations and licensing requirements of the "Explosives Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985".

Outdoor fireworks events, indoor pyrotechnics events and the fireworks needs of the movie industry are becoming more numerous within the City. As a result, the need to update the existing bylaw became a necessity in order to proactively control the growing demand for fireworks and minimize the risk for the City.

The Kelowna Fire Department and Risk Management conducted an extensive review of the existing bylaw and made numerous amendments and updates to the new bylaw. Major changes included a more accurate definition of the classes of fireworks, as well as the levels of certification required to set off fireworks. The Application for a Fireworks Permit was revised to include tighter controls to ensure the overall safety aspects of the fireworks display and the competence of the individual setting off the fireworks. Major changes also included improved indemnification/hold harmless clauses as well as increased insurance limits of $5,000,000.00

A concurrent amendment to the Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw to update the references to the new Fireworks Bylaw has also been prepared.

The Kelowna City Fire Department and Risk Management recommend that the Fireworks Bylaw No 8789 be adopted.

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GERRY ZIMMERMAN, Fire Chief

Attach.

c.c.   Director of Finance & Corporate Services