

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 26, 2012
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	AMENDMENTS TO FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW A-42 DISPLAY FIREWORKS PERMIT/INSPECTION FEES AND PARKING FEES

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, on the advice of the Fire Chief and of the Division Manager – Traffic and Parking Signals, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix “A”) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on April 10, 2012 to amend By-law No. A-42 entitled “A by-law to provide for Various Fees and Charges” in order to exclude certain permit fees for display fireworks conducted by the City of London and certain non-for-profit organizations and to incorporate new parking fees approved as part of the 2012 Budget process.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #1 – Finance and Administration Committee – November 30, 2011 – Consolidation of City of London Fees and Charges

BACKGROUND

On May 9, 2011, the Municipal Council resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to Victoria Day and Canada Day fireworks displays:

- (a) *the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to waive the fee for the display fireworks permit/inspection for the major fireworks celebrations held by the Fanshawe Optimist Club on Victoria Day, at the Fanshawe Conservation Area, and London Celebrates Canada on Canada Day, at the Forks of the Thames; and,*
- (b) *the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to report back on the feasibility of waiving the fee for display fireworks permit/inspection for other groups in future years.*

Further, on February 21, 2012, the Municipal Council adopted the 2012 Budget, which included an increase in parking revenues of \$75,000 through the implementation of additional parking fees, amongst other budget adjustments, in order to achieve a 0% budget increase over 2011.

With respect to the fee for display fireworks permits/inspections, Fire Services’ review of this matter led to the conclusion that it could support the waiving of those fees for a limited number of display fireworks—specifically those open to the general public and benefitting the community, which are held by the City of London and other not-for-profit groups. Those

