

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

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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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.

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

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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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

include the Victoria Day fireworks display by the Fanshawe Optimists; the Canada Day fireworks displays by the East London and River East London Optimist Clubs, Byron Optimists, City of London – Celebrate London Committee, and the Community Council of White Oaks; the Lambeth Harvestfest fireworks display by the Lambeth Harvestfest Committee and the New Year’s Eve fireworks display held by the City of London in Victoria Park. Restricting the waiving of fees for these major events would still enable Fire Services to ensure public safety and at the same time remain manageable, noting that if the fees were waived in all instances, the number of requests for displays at birthday parties, picnics, grand openings and other non-community based events would likely experience a dramatic increase in numbers and public safety may become an issue. It should also be noted that pyrotechnic displays are generally associated with “for profit” concerts and sporting events and therefore it is not recommended that the fees associated with pyrotechnics be waived at this time. Based upon 2010 and 2011 data, the above-noted recommendation would decrease revenues by \$1,967, which will be absorbed from within the Fire Services’ approved budget.

With respect to Parking Fees, the above-noted recommendation incorporates Council’s direction to increase parking revenues by \$75,000 through the implementation of new fees, as part of various measures recommended by the Services Review Committee and approved by the Municipal Council, in order to achieve a 0% budget increase over 2011.

The attached proposed by-law (Appendix “A”), implements the fees and charges changes as noted above.

<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>
<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>

Appendix “A”