

City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2025-007

Date: January 16, 2025

Originator: Jason Whiteley

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Fire Department

Subject: Request for the use of fireworks- Carnaval des Compagnons

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Council authorize the Le Carnaval des Compagnons event to have a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display to celebrate their opening night on February 2, 2025, at Queen St. at Amelia Park.

Background

Council enacted By-Law 2010-146, being a By-Law to Regulate the Sale of Fireworks and for Prohibiting the Sale of Fireworks on certain days during the year. In By-Law 2010-146 the use of fireworks is only permitted 3 times a year, any other fireworks display must be authorized by a resolution of Council.

Fire and Emergency Services has received a request to permit a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display on a day not authorized in the by-law.

The request is to permit a pyrotechnic display on February 2, 2025, from the north side of Queen St. at the centre of the Amelia Park soccer field. This display is being managed by a professional fireworks company contracted by The North Bay Carnaval organizing group. This fireworks display is part of Le Carnaval des Compagnons event that is running from February 2 to February 8. This is the 62nd anniversary of the event which is the second longest running Carnaval celebration in Canada.

Organizers have worked with Fire and Emergency staff and other city staff to find a suitable and safe location. Fire and Emergency Services has reviewed the request for safety and compliance with the by-law. The organizer has also submitted for appropriate road closures during the fireworks display.

Financial/Legal Implications

There are no financial or legal implications.

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

Options Analysis

Option 1: That Council authorize the Le Carnaval des Compagnons event to have a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display to celebrate their opening night on February 2, 2025, at Queen St. at Amelia Park.

This is the recommended option.

Option 2: That Council does not permit the requests for the fireworks display. T

This is not recommended option..

Recommended Option

That Council authorize the Le Carnaval des Compagnons event to have a pyrotechnic (fireworks) display to celebrate their opening night on February 2, 2025, at Queen St. at Amelia Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Name: Jason Whiteley

Title: Fire Chief

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name: John Severino, P.Eng., MBA

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Name: Jason Whiteley

Title: Fire Chief