



Date: November 28, 2022

To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Amendment to the Park Curfew by-law – Lions Park

Report No.: CADS 2022-29

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That **By-law 50-2022**, being a By-law to amend By-law 127-004, to establish a defined curfew between 6:00 pm to 8:00 am during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April; and between 9:00 pm to 6:00 am during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign same.

BACKGROUND

In 2021 in response to community concerns, Council amended By-Law 127-2004 to introduce a curfew specific for Lions Park between sunset and 5:00 am. Administration also installed additional barricades and a gate to restrict vehicles accessing the park, relocated the second, proposed multi-purpose court to Ridgeview Park and removed the proposed washroom facility planned for the park. Residents were encouraged by the OPP to report inappropriate behavior and in 2022 the OPP conducted additional patrols of Lions Park.

In further discussions with neighbouring residents and OPP, it is suggested that the curfew should begin at specific hours to make enforcement easier.

DISCUSSION

As discussed at Council in September 2022, neighbours around Lions Park are still experiencing issues with unacceptable behaviors and activities taking place in the park. Council received the concerns and in keeping with OPP guidance, encouraged residents to contact OPP to report such activities. At that meeting, it was also suggested that lights and/or cameras be installed in the park, however residents expressed concerns that lights would encourage after-hours activity (even with timed lights) and the effectiveness of cameras is questionable.

Administration has also reviewed the existing curfew applicable to Lions Park, and is recommending that rather than beginning at 'dusk' which is difficult to determine and act on, the Lions Park curfew be imposed between 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM between November 1 and April 30; and between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM between May 1 and October 31.

Additionally, administration has committed to installing signage to confirm these new curfew timelines and add rules for appropriate park use (see attached).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost of producing signage is generally budgeted for in parks operations budgets.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no anticipated environmental concerns.

CONSULTATIONS

- Members of the Lions Park Neighbourhood
- SMT
- John Norton, Chief Administrative Officer

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LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Strive to make the Town of Kingsville a more accessible community.

Promote the betterment, self-image and attitude of the community.

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

Link to Council 2021-2022 Priorities

- ☐ COVID-19 and the health and safety of the community
- ☒ Customer Service: Training, Technology, Staff, Review Standards/Level of service
- ☐ Housing: Affordability (lot sizes, developer incentives, second dwellings, density, etc.)
- ☐ Greenhouse: lights & dark sky, odours (site plan compliance, bylaws, other tools)
- ☒ Programming Increase: Youth and Seniors
- ☐ A development plan for Downtown Kingsville / Main Street
- ☐ Financial savings: Schools closings, Migration Hall
- ☐ Economic Development: strengthen tourism/hospitality
- ☐ COVID - economic recovery
- ☐ Communications: Strategy – Policy (social media), Website refresh and other tools, Public engagement
- ☐ Housing: Migrant Worker Housing – Inspections (Building/Fire), regulate, reduce, or increase
- ☐ Committees / Boards: Review and Report
- ☐ Policy Update: Procedural Bylaw
- ☐ Economic Development: diversify the economy, create local jobs, industrial, Cottam
- ☐ Infrastructure (non-Municipal): Union Water expansion & governance
- ☐ Infrastructure (Municipal): Asset Management Plan update, the infrastructure funding deficit
- ☐ No direct link to Council priorities