



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Residents encouraged to stay safe during Victoria Day Weekend celebrations

BADEN, ON – Friday, May 1, 2020 - The Township of Wilmot, along with area municipalities across the Region of Waterloo, wish to remind residents to keep safety top of mind this Victoria Day.

To meet physical distancing guidelines, public firework displays will not be permitted and public events have been cancelled across the region for the May long weekend (May 16-18). Fireworks cannot be set off in municipal parks, sports fields, laneways, or on school board property

Residence are encouraged to exercise caution with private backyard firework displays. This is due to provincially-imposed limitations on gatherings of more than 5 people and who are not a part of the same household.

Residents are asked to keep celebrations small and limited to only those within their household. Consider the possibility of celebrating the holiday in different ways this year. Region of Waterloo by-law officers will be enforcing current public health restrictions during the holiday weekend.

“As a result of the ongoing pandemic and physical distancing orders from the Region of Waterloo Public Health and provincial authorities, we have had to cancel all traditional local public fireworks exhibits,” said Wilmot mayor Les Armstrong. “While we appreciate the tradition of gathering to watch fireworks, we are urging residents to stay safe and use reasonable precautions when handling fireworks. “Every year, there are firework related injuries, particularly among teens,” said Fire Chief Rod Leeson. “We do not want to put additional pressure on emergency responders and hospitals.”

For full details on Wilmot Township firework by-laws and safety, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/2VPcAX6>

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