

The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington

By-law 44-24

By-law to amend By-law 86-23 being a By-law
to regulate and permit Special Events

Whereas section 10(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws for the economic and social well-being of the municipality, the health, safety and well-being of persons, and the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection.

And Whereas section 126 of the Municipal Act, 2001 further authorizes a municipality to regulate cultural, recreational and educational events including public fairs, to issue permits for such events, and to impose conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold and renewing such permits including requiring the submission of plans.

And whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington did enact By-law 86-23 for the purpose of regulating and permitting special events:

And whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington now deems it expedient to amend By-law 86-23;

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality enacts as follows:

1. That the following be deleted:

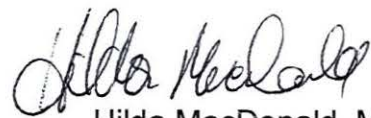
- “10. When the Director is satisfied that the Application is complete and has satisfied the requirements of the Guide and this by-law, the Director shall issue a Special Event Permit.
11. The Director may attach to the Special Event Permit any conditions that the Director deems necessary for the safety of the general public or to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Guide and this by-law.
12. If the Director is not satisfied that an Application is in conformity with all provisions of the Guide, this by-law or other applicable law, the Director may refuse to issue a Special Event Permit.”

2. That the following be inserted:

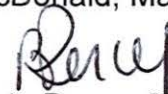
- “10. A Special Event Permit may be issued if the Director is satisfied that the Application is complete, the Applicant has satisfied the requirements of the Guide and this by-law and the Event meets at least one of the following criteria:

- a) **Cultural and historical significance:** the event celebrates, preserves, or educates about the local culture, history, or traditions, contributing to the community's identity.
 - b) **Community Impact:** the event demonstrates a positive effect on the community, enhancing community spirit, engagement, and pride.
 - c) **Economic Contribution:** the event significantly benefits the local economy, attracting visitors, generating revenue, and supporting local businesses.
 - d) **Public Participation and Accessibility:** the event attracts significant public participation, including people of all ages and abilities, and promotes inclusivity.
 - e) **Environmental Sustainability:** the event organizers demonstrate a commitment to sustainability, minimizing the environmental impact and promoting green practices.
 - f) **Innovation and Uniqueness:** the event offers unique, innovative experiences that distinguish it from regular community programming.
11. The Director may deny the issuance of a Special Event Permit if:
- a) the Director is not satisfied that an Application is in conformity with all provisions of the Guide, this by-law or other applicable law
 - b) the event endorses views and ideas that are likely to promote discrimination, contempt or hatred for any person or group on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability; and /or
 - c) the event conflicts with the Municipality of Leamington's Strategic Plan or adversely impacts the Municipality's identity
12. The Director may attach to the Special Event Permit any conditions that the Director deems necessary for the safety of the general public or to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Guide and this by-law."

Read a first, second and third time and finally enacted this 25th day of June, 2024



Hilda MacDonald, Mayor



Brenda Percy, Clerk