

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss



BY-LAW

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Being a By-law to Amend Fire Department Victory Rides, Parades and
Community Events Policy for the Township of Huron-Kinloss

WHEREAS The Council for The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss deems it expedient to establish policies;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c 25, Section 5(3), as amended provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by By-Law;

AND WHEREAS the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss passed By-Law No. 2013-120 to adopt a Victory Rides/Parade Use Policy for the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and it is now deemed desirable to amend the policy;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss enacts as follows:

- 1.0 That the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby adopts the amended Fire Department Victory Rides, Parades and Community Events Policy as contained in the attached Schedule "A" to this By-Law.
- 2.0 That By-Law No. 2013-120 is hereby repealed.
- 2.0 This By-Law shall come into full force and effect upon final passage.
- 3.0 This By-Law may be cited as the "Fire Department Victory Rides, Parades and Community Events Policy By-Law"

READ a FIRST and SECOND TIME this 21st day of December, 2020

READ a THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 21st day of December, 2020



Don Murray, Deputy Mayor



Emily Dance, Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Policy

Section: 7.0 Fire and Emergency Services

Policy: Fire Department Victory Rides, Parades and Community Events Participation

By-Law: 2013-120, 2020-140

Date: 16 December 2013

Revision: 21 December 2020

Coverage:

This policy applies to all Fire Department Apparatus and Vehicles Owned, Operated and Managed by the Township of Huron-Kinloss, Fire and Emergency Services. The Township of Huron-Kinloss Fire and Emergency Services is comprised of the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and Lucknow and District Fire Department.

Policy Statement:

Community Groups, Sports Teams and Event Organizers on occasion will request the Fire Departments to attend and/or participate in various types of community based events and parades.

The primary function of the Township of Huron-Kinloss Fire and Emergency Services is to provide fire protection services to the community which includes firefighting, rescue, medical and other emergency responses.

It is further recognized that providing Public Education in relation to Fire Safety and Fire Prevention is also a legislated function of the Fire Departments. Participation in community events and parades may afford the fire department an opportunity to provide public fire education to members of the public and as such these activities are supported by the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

This policy details the requirements and safety considerations that need to be met in order for the Fire Departments to participate in community based events and parades.

Legislative Authority:

Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O 1990

Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O 1997

The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O 2001

Contents:

1. Definitions:

- a) "Apparatus" – shall mean any Fire Department vehicle owned and operated for the purpose of Emergency Response and Firefighting and also includes the Antique Fire Truck.
- b) "Antique Fire Truck" – shall mean the 1947 Pumper stored and operated by the Ripley-Huron Fire Department
- c) "Fire Department" – shall mean the Ripley-Huron Fire Department or the Lucknow & District Fire Department
- d) "Fire Department Personnel" – shall mean any employee of the Township of Huron-Kinloss duly appointed as a member of the Fire Department by Council or the Fire Chief.
- e) "Parade" – shall mean a public procession that celebrates a public event, special community circumstance or community based accomplishment and may include walking, marching or the operation of a vehicle moving at a reduced rate of speed.
- f) "Vehicle" – shall mean a Motor Vehicle as defined in the Highway Traffic Act.
- g) "Victory Ride" – shall mean the act of any person riding on the tailboard or the outside of a vehicle for the purpose of celebrating a win by a sports team or any other accomplishment by a community based group.

2. Safety Considerations :

- a) The primary responsibility of the Fire Department participating in any parade or event shall be the safety of all fire department staff and the public.
- b) In circumstances where it may be required (Special Events, Large Gatherings etc..) The Fire Chief may require a Fire Department Operational Safety Plan be drafted and submitted to the Fire Chief and District Fire Chief for approval prior to any fire department apparatus or personnel participating in the event or parade.

3. The following policies shall apply in all circumstances:

- a) Fire Department Personnel shall at all times adhere to the laws and regulations contained within the Highway Traffic Act as it pertains to the operation of a Motor Vehicle, Including but not limited to; Class of Licence, Seatbelts, Speed, Distracted Driving and all other regulations as they apply.

- b) At no time shall any person ride on the outside of any fire department apparatus or vehicle as per the Fire and Emergency Services Standard Operating Guideline 6-1 and the Ministry of Labour Section 21 Guidance Note 6-1 both of which prohibit the Riding on Tailboards and/or on the outside of a Fire Apparatus.
- c) At no time shall any candy, treats, toys, prizes or objects be thrown from a vehicle or delivered in a manner that will cause another person to have to enter onto the roadway. These items may be handed out by Fire Department personnel who are walking alongside the vehicles so long as the fire department personnel are approaching the spectators and handing over the items in a safe and controlled manner.
- d) All fire department personnel who are walking in a parade alongside a moving vehicle will be required to wear a CSA approved Traffic Safety Vest.
- e) All Fire Department Personnel who are walking in a parade alongside moving Fire Apparatus shall be positioned such that the operator of the vehicle will be able to observe the personnel in the vehicle mirrors.
- f) Where applicable, the use of vehicle horns and sirens shall be permitted but this activity shall only be done intermittently and quickly in a manner so as not to create any excessive or startling noise.
- g) Only Fire Department Personnel may ride inside apparatus during a parade.

4. Victory Rides:

- a) Victory Rides are prohibited and shall not occur at any time.

5. Parades and Community Events:

- a) When participating in a parade or community event the apparatus shall be taken out of service. The apparatus operator shall inform FIRE COMM that the apparatus is out of service.
- b) When an apparatus is deemed out of service, the District Fire Chief shall ensure proper notifications have been made for Mutual Aid coverage.
- c) Fire Department personnel who are participating in the parade or community event shall adhere to all of the rules and regulations governing the parade or event as established by the organizers in addition to being familiar with and adhering to this policy.
- d) In order for apparatus to be authorized by this policy to participate in any parade or community event the apparatus must be positioned or operated

in a manner that will allow the apparatus to be able to disengage from the parade or event in a safe and undisruptive manner.

6. Public Education:

- a) It is a requirement within the Fire Protection and Prevention Act that a municipality distribute public education materials in relation to fire safety within the community.
- b) Whenever fire department personnel participate in a parade or community event they shall endeavour, if possible, to distribute or display public fire safety information.
- c) Public Fire Safety information should be targeted towards smoke alarms, CO alarms, Home Escape Planning or any other relevant fire and life safety messaging.