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## New by-law could restrict days for fireworks in North Dumfries

By Irene Schmidt-Adeney

North Dumfries Council is considering a new by-law that would limit the use of fireworks to one day before and after Victoria Day (May 24) and one day before and after Canada Day (July 1). Any other time would require the permit of a professional.

At the meeting on Monday, April 11, Councillor Derrick Ostner asked CAO Andrew McNeely about the number of complaints that were received and the CAO could not provide an exact number.

“I don’t want it to be so restricted that people are hiding in their backyard to do it,” said

Ostner.

CAO Andrew McNeely said that the proposed by-law is in response to complaints received around these holidays as well as New Year’s Eve. The complaints included ‘fear experienced by household pets’ and the ‘disruptive influence’ of the sound of the fireworks on households.

The new by-law would also apply to firecrackers.

If the by-law is approved, fines can be approved by council and issued by by-law enforcement officers.

The by-law is scheduled to be presented for approval at the May 16th council meeting.



**WALKIN’ ON SUNSHINE** – Ethan Shantz of Ayr performs a high-flying jump at the MacNeil & Dodd Skatepark. Scores of youth took advantage of the beautiful sunny skies on Tuesday, April 12 to enjoy the facility.

## Committee recommends plowing of the Victoria Park ring road

By Irene Schmidt-Adeney

The North Dumfries Committee of the Whole is recommending approval of funding to maintain the Victoria Park ring road during the winter months. Previously, the ring road was closed during the winter. The maintenance cost is estimated at \$4,615.

The committee is also rec-

ommending the funding for outdoor rinks at the the Roseville Community Centre, at Victoria Park and at Schmidt Park, both in Ayr. There will be an expense estimated at \$780 per park for water. Equipment, supplies and materials will be provided by the township and maintenance will be provided by volunteers.

## Security cameras installed at Skatepark

By Irene Schmidt-Adeney

The installation of security cameras at the MacNeil & Dodd Skatepark is almost complete, says Director of Leisure and Community Services Karen Winter. Last year, council approved using surplus funds from the completion of the skatepark to fund the project.

The township also plans to install shade structures at the skatepark, but this project has been delayed.

“As with many of our equipment purchases

we are running in to high costs and significant delays,” said Winter. The township hopes to get a better price if this project is incorporated with improvements that are being made at Schmidt Park this summer.

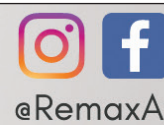
As of December 31, 2021, the balance in the Skatepark reserve was \$14,415.53. However some of these funds will be used on the cameras and shade structures.

Treasurer Christina Brox said that the entire Skatepark reserve will be spent in 2022.

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