

FIREWORKS

CANADA DAY

OR

END OF SUMMER EVENT

JULY

SEPTEMBER

So now we need to decide when the community wants fireworks. With no disrespect to the Recreation Committee who plans and organizes these fantastic community events for you, there is still debate internally on when Fireworks should be displayed.

Should it be Canada Day or should it be the End of Summer event in September. In a few minutes we will ask you to vote, by raising your hand, on when you would like fireworks. Your show of hands will be the final decision on this debate. Council wants your opinion. But some information first so you make an informed decision.

The end of summer event was created because the fireworks had to move due to a fire ban. It is becoming increasingly common to have fire bans in July due to weather conditions, it is unpredictable. To make it more predicable, the decision was to keep fireworks in September.

Last year we did not have volunteers to light the fireworks, and it is very expensive to hire a company to do it. Since then, we have trained more internal volunteers so this is less likely to occur as well.

FIREWORKS CANADA DAY

WHY?

July 1st, each year, standard date
Celebrate Canada's Independence
It's the National Holiday
Summertime, hot and dusk is later
Fire Ban Season
Volunteers
Family time, no rush

IF CANADA DAY

- When in fire ban, fireworks are cancelled and not rescheduled – next year
- Cancel end of summer event
- Event moves to an evening event
 - BBQ dinner, games, music, fireworks
 - 6 pm till fireworks at dusk

Here is the information for Canada Day.

Canada Day is a national holiday and Bonfield's event is always on this date – July 1st. It's generally the kickoff to summer, some families are on away on vacation - but others are here at their cottages.

It's typically warmer out and dusk is closer to 9:45 pm, so children are up later.

The event has been condensed from a noon to dusk event as there simply isn't the volunteer base to run a 12 hour event. So with no fireworks, it is an event at noon to around 4:00 pm. If there are fireworks the event would move to a BBQ supper starting at 6:00 pm till dusk. The event remains the same, it's just the timing that would change if fireworks is on Canada Day. The end of summer celebration would be cancelled.

If there is a fire ban in place, the fireworks will not be rescheduled. The idea of the end of summer event came because general consensus was "who would attend a 15-20 minute event at 9:30 at night with nothing to see but fireworks on a random day" We live in Northern Ontario where fireworks are common.

FIREWORKS END OF SUMMER EVENT

WHY?

Long weekend before school, end summer with a "bang"

Typically, no fire bans at this time of year

More residents in the area - school

September not as hot and dusk is earlier

Volunteers

Rush over to get ready for school

IF End of Summer Event

- Canada Day stays a mid day event
- Two community gatherings
- Event stays to an evening event
 - BBQ dinner, games, music, fireworks
 - 6 pm till fireworks at dusk

Then there is the End of Summer Celebration. We have already talked about its origins.

It is the weekend before school starts. You have rushed around and are ready for school, so this celebrates what a great summer you have had.

The volunteers are the same people, so with two events, Canada Day is a day event and this is an evening event. However, this event is cancelled if there are no fireworks as that was the whole intent of the event.

Evening weather is cooler and there is less chance of fire bans to cancel the event. Dusk is around 8:30 pm so children are not out as late.

FIREWORKS - VOTE

CANADA DAY

END OF SUMMER

So now that you have the information, it's time to end the debate.

Officials are around the room to count hands.

Who is in favour of fireworks at Canada Day? ----- Steve, Dan, Andree and Alex
around room to count hands

Who is in favour of fireworks at the End of Summer ----- Steve, Dan, Andree and
Alex around room to count hands

And the winner is.....