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Bylaw Amendments to Address the Sale of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

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What is OC Spray?

- Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, commonly known as bear spray, is a defensive product housed in an aerosol spray canister.
- Bear Spray contains capsaicin, the active component in chili peppers. It can cause intense burning and irritation of the eyes, nose, throat, and skin. It can result in pain, difficulty breathing and temporary blindness.
- The amendments presented today focus only on one type of OC Spray, bear spray.

Introduction of New Business Licence Category

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray Sales

- This new category will regulate businesses which choose to sell bear spray products by applying a set of deemed conditions (i.e. operating requirements) for businesses to comply with.

Amendments

- 1) Restrict the sale of bear spray to not allow minors (under 18) to purchase it.
- 2) Requirement for bear spray products to be secure and not directly accessible to the public.
- 3) Requirement to record transactions for sale of bear spray.
- 4) Requirement to supply a bear spray purchaser guide with City-approved messaging.

Enforcement

- Allow for the sale of OC spray to a minor, or allow a minor to sell bear spray: \$2,000 first time offence.
- Violation of any other deemed conditions: \$1,000 first time offence.
- Fines are doubled for subsequent offences.

Questions and Thank You