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Community and Protective Services Committee

I would like to address the proposal to ban the sale and discharge of family fireworks in London.

The committee possible looking at fireworks being ignited in back yards. In fact fireworks are a very social fabric of the City of London.

I have sold fireworks for 33 years in London. I go once a year to a street party, that includes approximately 20 homes. The neighbors very seldom see or talk to each other, but once a year, they all get together, bring out the BBQ's and enjoy fireworks. I had a gentleman at my location, he informed me that 100 London's were going to a function and everyone had to bring one item.

As well I have many customers inform me when they purchase fireworks, that they plan on inviting their neighbors over.

Fireworks should be looked at as part of the fabric which is London. Fireworks brings communities, neighbors, family and friends together, even if is just one day a year.

To ban fireworks in London, I feel would be a great loss to the committee, that can never be reversed.

I would like the committee to look at fireworks, as an article that brings people together in this great city of London, Ontario.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill McClement". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Bill McClement