

Please read and respond in the affirmative by supporting the Fanshawe proposal cited in the letter below.

The reasons stated are well thought out. Fireworks are not ecologically sound, and create many problems to the environment and to many residents and creatures.

In 2023, we have many inhabitants in shift work or gig work who are interrupted during these displays .

We have residents with issues with various health problems , we recognize physical and mental disorders which demand for peace and quiet and calm, issues of health caused by war and displacement that can be disrupted by the unexpected violent noise.

We all recognize this as antiquated display that brought people together and demonstrated joyful entertainment (and patriotism) today we have many other peaceful means of enjoyment and celebration and patriotism, that include groups that are not harming the environment and/ or the neighbours.

The money spent on public displays could be better spent in other less disruptive and positive ways.

Reach out to your public for ideas in that we in.

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## Phasing Out Traditional Fireworks Proposal

Dear Neighbour,

On Tuesday, the Community and Protective Services Committee will consider banning fireworks in the city. They can choose to ban private fireworks only and keep city firework displays or ban all fireworks and move to laser or drone light shows.

Recently, cities such as Woodstock and Brampton have banned private fireworks displays because they are dangerous - the explosive material is essential gun powder or black powder, traumatize pets and children and are extremely polluting.

City firework displays are also dangerous, potentially kill wildlife, traumatize pets and children and the echoing of 'booms' across the city can be frightening as the sounds are reminiscent war time bombings.

Cities and countries everywhere are banning fireworks displays for environmental reasons.

The City of London has been slow to adopt a more environmental and people friendly approach to light displays. Now is your chance to voice your views.

Please send your letters to [CPSC@london.ca](mailto:CPSC@london.ca) by Monday 9am and please copy [councilagenda@london.ca](mailto:councilagenda@london.ca) - just in case you miss the deadline for letter submission.

Attached is a recent study by Fanshawe students summarizing their research demonstrating the evidence based facts behind how harmful fireworks are and some alternatives that the city could consider turning to for comparable costs. A brief summary of some of those fact are listed below:

- Many wild animals suffer and die during even small fireworks shows
  - Mothering birds abandon their young
  - Deer fling themselves into busy roads
  - Horses have heart attacks and keel over
  - Domestic pets develop heart problems
- Burning fireworks outputs unnecessary pollution that isn't cleaned
  - Generates highly toxic gases and pollutants (the concentrations are 42% higher during shows)
  - All of these pollutants are toxic chemicals that are permanent and compounding when introduced (they do NOT dissipate over time)
  - If the show is large enough these gases and pollutants stay in the air for days, slowly raining down on children, animals, elderly and everyone else

We have shared this information with the city council multiple times to no avail. We are now reaching out to mindful individuals such as yourself, to ask for support and assistance. We want to show the Council that Londoners expect them to do better, once they know better.

This Tuesday August 15th at 4pm at City Hall there will be a Public Participation meeting to address any concerns Londoner's may have regarding the city's current fireworks bylaw. We would be incredibly grateful if you would be willing to speak at City Hall, in person or via Zoom/telephone during this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a written letter or email submitted to the agenda would also be of great assistance.

Every participant (and letter) will have a huge impact in showing the Council that they need to act now to stamp out the harmful effects of fireworks on our environment, pets/wildlife and residents so please do review our attached research document and consider participating.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

