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To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Fireworks

To Whom It May Concern,

The facts are the facts and both the excuse of “we have the right to have fun” or “celebrate our religious holiday” do not negate them. City Council has been alerted to the FACTS: pets and wildlife are terrorized by fireworks, as are many people, especially those coming from war zones. This results in traumatized pets, some dying or running away from home; wildlife running into traffic, flying into buildings and deserting their young resulting in their offspring's death, etc.

There is zero reason to allow this to continue. Fireworks that cause this distress MUST be banned! So, how do you appease your constituents? The answer: by limiting the sale of fireworks to quiet fireworks only. Although this solution doesn't address the environmental concerns of 'Londoners For "Quiet" Fireworks' it does provide a compromise. Below are fireworks that will provide entertainment without terrorizing pets, wildlife and people. Allow the sale of these ones and ban the rest. The low noise also allows fireworks to be used later in the night without disturbing neighbours. And when people disobey the by-law by setting off fireworks on disallowed days, which they will, at least we won't lose sleep over it, literally.

From: www.nationalfireworks.ca

“Fact: There are quieter firework options

Although not silent, there are a variety of fireworks available to the public which are less audible. They include:

- Fountain fireworks
- Cakes, barrages, and repeater fireworks
- Crosettes
- Whistles and Spinners
- Fish, Horsetail, or Falling Leaves
- Roman Candles
- Rockets
- Wheels
- Mines

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You have an obligation to stop the negative impact of explosive fireworks on pets, animals and people who find the noise distressing, for whatever reason. Please do your job and ban them. No excuses.

Sincerely,

Susan Ross