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The list of negative issues caused by fireworks is well documented, extensive, and can no longer be simply ignored or glossed over.

From toxic air, water, and soil pollution, to wildlife panicking, to pet and pet owners having a terrible time, to folks having sleep disturbed, to folks with PTSD, autism, anxiety, and refugees from war zones being adversely affected - do any or all of these not send up a red flag for you?

We know that many communities have already banned fireworks, and replaced their polluting community fireworks spectacles with drone shows. It is doable and public reaction is very favourable.

Waterloo, Woodstock, Winnipeg, Wakefield and Mont Tremblant are all examples of communities that you can look up to that have recently embraced moving away from fireworks eg. prohibiting consumer fireworks and or embracing moving forward with community drone shows.

Please take into account the roughly 50% who have clearly spoken up against fireworks and the 41.3% who are calling for a complete ban. Add to that the 8.5% who entertain being on board with a full ban, and you have a very good reason to act positively.

Change is possible from the old way of thinking on the issue of fireworks to a more enlightened approach, but only if Council acts wisely.

It is your time now to lead London into the future on this issue by voting to leave fireworks in the rear view mirror where they clearly belong.

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I grant permission for my submission to be added to the council agenda.