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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fireworks By-Law Options - Council Meeting, August 29

Dear Councillors,

We were disappointed to see the recent recommendation from the Community and Protective Services Committee.

We support Option B, which would ban all consumer (backyard) fireworks, ban the sale of consumer fireworks in London, and propose an increase to current fines. Option B allows for permitted display fireworks only to be discharged, at dates such as Canada Day, Victoria Day, Diwali, and New Years Eve in London.

Experience has shown that the existing by-law is impossible to enforce. Here in Oakridge, neighbours not known to us set off fireworks whenever they feel like it – most recently, a Thursday night in August that was not any special festival.

We urge Council to follow the lead of the City of Brampton, and

- ban all backyard fireworks in London,
- ban the sale of consumer fireworks in London,
- increase current fines, and
- provide a proper mechanism of enforcement.

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