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The Corporation of the City of London

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Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

C/O: J. Bunn, Committee Secretary, City Clerk's Office

Dear Committee members

Re: "Fireworks and Impacts on Wildlife and Pets"

We are K&H Fireworks, headquartered in Windsor, Ontario. We are the company that does the majority of professional displays in London and are hired by the City for July 1<sup>st</sup> and New Year's Eve to entertain the citizens of London.

There are also people in London who have been in the fireworks business for decades. Responsibly, legally, conducting business and bringing safe, sane, Federally authorized products to the general public, people who make a living through the sale of this product.

When a neighbourhood is terrorized by a vicious dog, Bylaws, the Police and The Humane Society become involved and deal with that one dog. When a dog left outside all day, in the heat, without food or water, again the responsible authorities become involved. When this same dog barks for hours at a time, disturbing entire the neighbourhood, again it is dealt with through Bylaws and enforcement. There is not an immediate call to ban dogs within the City limits or to review the impacts of dogs on the residents of cities, attendees of events or users of public parks.

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Our point in all of this is that consumer fireworks are a legal product. Cities have rules and regulations surrounding fireworks and the responsible fireworks vendors and users follow the regulations. The problem this year is everything and everyone have been impacted by Covid. 16 months of lockdowns, gathering limits, lack of public displays has led to an increased use of backyard fireworks on the legal holidays. People who've never used fireworks before were looking for a way to entertain their families and celebrate the holidays safely and within the Provincial health guidelines. For those who do not follow the City regulations regarding fireworks, Bylaw enforcement and fines too would be a reasonable solution.

Fireworks can now be purchased through the internet and shipped all over the country. London is also surrounded by First Nation Lands and stores that legally, sell fireworks year round. Fireworks are accessible.

These extraordinary times have created a myriad of issues new to all of us. The overwhelming solution to many of the new issues is the ending of the major upheaval in our lives. Fireworks use, on the legal holidays, as per bylaws has really not been a major issue prior to this upheaval.

In the meanwhile we respectfully suggest and request that when reviewing this issue in your Committee and recommendations made to Council, you consider the points we have raised. Should you wish, we can be available to discuss anything or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Yours truly,



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