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## Hello,

This is in response to the article posted by London CTV News regarding the reviewing of the bi-laws concerning fireworks in London.

I used to be all for fireworks. Who wouldn't be? They are lovely and bring communities together. However, my views have changed since I've become a homeowner and a pet parent.

I live in an area where my home has a trail and a protected forest behind it, as well as a school at one end of the forest. I've lived here for 6 years. Every year without fail fireworks are set off outside the bi-law hours and days. Additionally these fireworks are set off behind my house, right next to the woods, or in the school yard. I've had the leftovers on my property. We've also had them set off on our street putting cars and homes at risk. There was even a street near our home blocked off with pylons by a home owner. This person took it upon themselves to reroute traffic or he could set them off on his street!

This past Victoria Day weekend the fireworks went from Wednesday-Monday and well beyond the allotted hours and days. I did call the police one night because they were being set off behind my home at 4am. The police did nothing, they didn't even come. They didn't care.

I also have a dog who is petrified. It is impossible to be prepared for days on end when there is no telling when a completely selfish person will decide to ignite them. I can't even walk my dog during the day because ppl set them off even in the daylight.

The impact on wildlife is too great to discuss here, but I hope council considers and does their due diligence.

One individual in the article who sells fireworks (a little biased) suggested that ppl are complying and complaints are down. I don't know where this person lives but they don't live in Hyde Park. Complaints may be down because I've learned that complaints do nothing. Police don't come or don't get here in time and to be honest it's a waste of their resources. They have better things to do.

I do not feel option A is adequate enough, we are basically living option A now. Increased fines? Where are the ppl handing out the fines?? Are you going to assign police for every neighbourhood? I fully support option B.

Additionally backyards are super small now. Is it even safe to suggest that??

I really do hope you move forward with a public meeting. It's too bad this wasn't higher on the agenda because the suggested day in August is almost at the end of summer, allowing two more holidays to go by.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Brandy 