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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fireworks By-law Staff Report - new appendix (submission #5)

### **Regarding 'Fireworks By-Law Options Report'**

In the midst of one of worst air pollution episodes in recent memory, how can the City of London possibly ignore the pollution and noise caused by fireworks?

Does the fact that 41.3% of citizens surveyed would support a complete ban on fireworks not send a strong and unequivocal message that such an option should be given every due consideration?

If you add the 8.5% who are "not sure" meaning they could go along with a complete ban, you cannot in good consciousness ignore fully half the population who undoubtedly have a stronger argument against any fireworks than the traditionalists who just are used to them, and want them.

Remember when smoking was banned for the greater public good inside public spaces, a lot of people who enjoyed smoking were very upset, but in retrospect it was an overdue and very necessary forward step for the greater good of everyone. Life went on and at a better level of quality.

Please ask yourself did the report address any of the important questions? (see below) Since the answer is no to all - will the Community Protective Service Committee properly address the questions / issues, (and more importantly perhaps) will CPSC insure that the entire Council does so prior to making a decision on fireworks?

Was the Manager of Energy & Climate Change (formerly Air Quality manager) or MLHU consulted? (not suggesting any personal confidence in either based on their previous and current laissez-faire stance to backyard wood burning, and very weak records on air pollution despite volumes of science available to them, but they should be on the record, so the public can apply needed scrutiny to whatever they proclaim).

Are fireworks consistent with the Climate Emergency Action Plan?

Did anyone do any research on the multitude of problems associated with fireworks?

(if so, why aren't they summarized in this report, if not why not?)

Did the report detail anything at all pertaining to the stress fireworks cause to infants, children, pets, wildlife (including but not limited to birds) the triggering of PTSD in veterans, refugees from war zones, emergency workers and or anyone suffering with it?

Contrary to the report's findings (section 2.3) Waterloo in 2021 (similar to both Brampton and Caledon, and many municipalities one can find online) have actually banned the possession, sale and use of consumer fireworks.

Why did the report offer only two options?

Why was a third option of a complete ban on fireworks not offered?

Why was the 41.3% plus potentially 8.5% ignored when presenting the two options?

Is the City of London perpetually stuck in neutral so as to always be a follower rather than a leader that such an option wasn't offered?

Since an Option 3 - a complete and total fireworks ban is much more congruent with

London's Climate Emergency Plan,

London's supposed environmental goals,

London's stated goals of community safety, and

London responding to the needs of the most vulnerable amongst who suffer but are not able to speak up on this matter:

I urge the CPSC and Council to enact a by-law that is an outright bans fireworks.

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