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To: Williams, Charmaine - Councillor <Charmaine.Williams@brampton.ca>; Brown, Patrick - Mayor <Patrick.Brown@brampton.ca>; Hara, Eva <Eva.Hara@brampton.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Addressing Your Fireworks Concerns at Council

Hello Eva

Thank you for your prompt reply.. The link you sent did not work but I am happy to look it up myself. I would like to bring your attention to the fact that my home and property were LITERALLY under fire. A motion to investigate whether other municipalities have banned personal use fireworks is a whole other issue.

The reality is my neighbourhood was under siege from Thursday to Sunday with professional grade fireworks. As a resident I had zero protection on Thursday from an inebriated homeowner blowing up gun powder on their front lawn. With all due respect, living in fear of property damage/personal injury, while knowing the police would not assist with even a warning until damage occurs is inexcusable. A motion to investigate whether other communities also don't protect their residents won't help me on the next purge night in Brampton.

In a perfect world, neighbours look out for neighbours, respect their neighbours and want that respect returned. That is no longer the reality. I pay a large amount of money in taxes on a home the City of Brampton protects 361 days a year and the one time I need assistance, none is available. By-law officers should be available on these nights, clearly. A simple man on a rooftop could easily tag areas of illegal firework use to dispatch officers. They were soaring over the treetops, filling the air with smoke (I could not see across the street due to smoke). Once in the area you would not even need to roll down a window, the noise will direct you easily to the reckless homes. Children and animals were terrified by the constant barrage of noise for hours. Even with headphones in, Windows sealed shut, I could not hear my tv, iPhone or sleep for 2 hours straight followed by hours of intermittent barrages.

Again a motion to investigate will not prevent this from happening again, Mayor Brown and council need to actually pass an action, not investigate. I think the City should host a Diwali firework celebration in lieu of personal use, it's certainly has helped on Canada Day/May 24/New Years eve, perhaps asking the community for financial support/sponsorship. It would encourage those not aware of the meaning behind Diwali to learn and celebrate as well. Another point, the other purge nights are on non-work days. After a long day at work, most people will have ZERO cares about a celebration of another culture that is interfering in their culture's work/school night celebration (feet up, TV on, kids in bed)

My personal concern is that as a result of not providing enforcement in the moment, My neighbourhood will again be inundated with these illegal fireworks on the next 3 Brampton Purge nights.

I do thank Councillor Williams, for at least, looking into the issue and for your lovely prompt reply, I do appreciate it and your service to the residents of ward 7.

Gail Gwozdz

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From: [Hara, Eva](#)

Sent: November 8, 2021 10:08 AM

To:

Cc: [Williams, Charmaine - Councillor](#); [Hara, Eva](#)

Subject: Addressing Your Fireworks Concerns at Council

Good morning Gail,

On behalf of Councillor Williams, thank you for your email regarding your concerns with fireworks in your community. We understand your concerns and are working to address them.

Further to your communication please be advised that at the July 7th Council Meeting, Councillor Williams initiated a discussion on the matter of improper use of personal fireworks that resulted in a motion that was carried as follows:

Staff be requested to report back on other municipal examples of banning personal use fireworks and only permitting City-led or City-sponsored fireworks displays and other special occasion permitted events.

Motion moved by Councillor Dhillon and seconded by Councillor Williams

Please feel free to watch the discussion at Council using the link below. You may want to forward the meeting to New Business 16.4 Fireworks Safety at time stamp 5:23:30 where this item begins.

[City Council - July 07, 2021 \(escribemeetings.com\)](https://www.escribemeetings.com)

We will continue to update you unless you indicate otherwise, when this item is brought back to Council.

Kind regards,

Eva

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From: Gail Gwozdz

Sent: 2021/11/06 1:47 PM

To: Brown, Patrick - Mayor <Patrick.Brown@brampton.ca>; Williams, Charmaine - Councillor <Charmaine.Williams@brampton.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Professional fireworks in residential neighbourhoods

Dear Ms. Williams, Mr Brown

Thank you for your time.

This years Diwali celebrations were the worst ever in my neighbourhood. Many residents showed reckless disregard for their own safety as well as the safety of their neighbours. Our street was a smoked filled rock concert sound level celebration for 2 hours with random explosions after 11 until the early hours of Nov 5th. IF proper and safe fireworks had been used, this would have been a minor annoyance with well wishes to all celebrating a fun celebratory day. Instead it was an anxiety ridden night with concerns that these fireworks (multiple large multi coloured explosions over roofs and trees) would ignite our roof, trees or damage our vehicles.

Given that the residents who were breaking the law regarding fireworks were clearly inebriated and unable to set these powerful explosions off in a safe manner, approaching them was not a safe option. The police advised that this was a city matter (the potential destruction of my home or that of a neighbour was immaterial by design to those assigned to serve and protect). I have issued a complaint with 311 however feel this is (and has been) a true safety issue to home owners. With the police unable to protect my home and property a "complaint" is hardly the response needed at the time.

As my city counsellor I would appreciate your assistance in mitigating this issue. These are new neighbours and if this is an example of their neighbourliness a visit from the city sometime after the events is unlikely to prevent future misbehaviour. Clearly a load of illegal fireworks were set off in multiple Brampton locations on the night of November 4th and November 5th. This has been an ongoing issue for many in Brampton but this is the first year our ward 7 has been inundated with professional grade fireworks being set off in a front yard and around other areas within earshot.

My obvious concern is how we prevent property damage while facilitating a fun celebration. My quality of life (ability to watch tv., sleep, not worry about fire etc in my own home) should not be sacrificed in order for my neighbours to celebrate. This is not a problem of a single neighbour but the neighbourhood Torbram Road-Dixie Road and north to Queen street as a whole was disturbed and put in danger from a variety of individuals with reckless disregard to themselves and those around them.

How is it that the city will provide for the safety of its citizens and their properties on every night except that of the 4 "purge" firework nights allowed by the City of Brampton. The City of Brampton needs to stop pretending this is a case of a few bad apples spoiling a fun night and help those of us at risk due to people's unwillingness to be responsible neighbours.

Thank you,

Gail Gwozdz

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