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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fireworks Discussion 17 November 2021

Mayor Brown and Councillors:

I have been a resident of Brampton since 1964 and have experienced Brampton's changes over the decades.

I believe the use (and sale) of fireworks now requires a complete ban within Brampton boundaries.

A number of people have shown the disregard they have for any by-laws that encourages the safe handling of fireworks plus general lack of courtesy to their neighbours in the weekends leading up to, during the long weekend or special occasion and for over a week afterwards.

I am, of course, referring to fireworks before, during and after Victoria Day, Canada Day and Diwali. Doesn't seem to be as much of a problem around New Year's Eve.

When I was young nearly every family had back yard fireworks for their entertainment on Victoria Day and Dominion Day (now Canada Day) and the fireworks didn't go very high in the sky. Sparklers and the Burning Schoolhouse were some of the favourites.

For the past decade the fireworks being used in residential neighbourhoods are commercial and shoot much higher than the presently permitted 10 feet or 3m. The fireworks are directed over homes and directed between/over trees.

This year and previous years people were finding the used cardboard cartridges in their front and back yards, which worries some people. How long until a misdirected firework ignites a tree which then causes a house or houses to burn? Or directly causes a fire on the roof of a house?

A ban on fireworks will not eliminate the careless use of commercial fireworks.

I think it's a shame that so many residents want to see all fireworks banned, because, like many, I like watching fireworks too, when done safely.

The City of Brampton has changed the fireworks by-law several times since a firework ban was suggested in November 2015 after one house was destroyed and two others were damaged due to inadequate disposal of fireworks.

The city has tried, and too many people continue to do whatever they please. They've had their second and third chances to follow the rules and still disregard the by-law.

The only feasible step is a complete ban on all fireworks (the sale and use of them) within Brampton boundaries.

Public displays can be held, or perhaps a "bring your own" fireworks to 3 or 4 large enough parks where the fireworks can be enjoyed by those who enjoy them and others don't have to watch them or have the fireworks explode over their homes.

Patience for many Brampton residents has run out.

Please ban all fireworks before a tragedy occurs.

I give permission to use this email in the discussion if it deemed worthy enough.

Yours sincerely,
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