



The Corporation of the
Town of Milton
COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED AGENDA

October 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

150 Mary Street, Milton, ON L9T 6Z5

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Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Tuesday October 17th 2023 11:00 PM with reference number 2023-10-17-135.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/a5bf68cf-77d6-464f-8480-b09fb677049f>

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- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Speaking on the proposed fireworks ban - various issues
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
Stop the ban - maintain the status quo
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
I intend to speak against the staff recommendation on the grounds of religious and cultural traditions and public safety
- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**
Yes I give my permission



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Wednesday October 18th 2023 10:53 AM with reference number 2023-10-18-033.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/1b2302fb-6727-4689-bb2c-b09f5373d215>

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- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
Both audio and video
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Perspective on why the proposed ban on firework retail sales is poorly planned policy.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
Council should consider implementing policy that will facilitate the safe use and sale of fireworks during designated holidays.
- **Staff Report Number (if known)**
COMS-010-23
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Banning the sale of fireworks in Milton will promote the illegal sale of fireworks, increasing the danger to consumers and the general public. Banning sales inside Milton will not address consumers driving across the municipal boundary or buying online.

Currently, if only 2 people were issued permits and 1% of property lots meet the criteria to use consumer fireworks, there is clearly a huge amount of illegal usage of fireworks taking place in the Town of Milton. Doubling down on the current policy by banning the sale of consumer fireworks will only increase contravention to the bylaw making

enforcement nearly impossible and negating the intended impact of the policy - which is to ensure safety and considerate use of consumer fireworks.

Milton should develop policy that considers how people use fireworks and encourage the safe use through sales by responsible and established retailers whom are held to a strict standard of safety and quality.

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Yes I give my permission



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Wednesday October 18th 2023 12:43 PM with reference number 2023-10-18-049.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/2d2f709b-d90c-457b-ad2a-b09f99b502d7>

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Milton
- **Are you representing a group?**
Yes
- **Group Name**
Hindu Legacy
- **Town**
Milton

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
Both audio and video
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
I would like to speak against a ban on backyard fireworks.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
Stop the ban on backyard fireworks and let Hindus enjoy this tradition that is over 800 years old!
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Please see attached report submitted to the City of London.
- **Optional: Upload the written submission that you wish to share with Council (single document, maximum 15 MB)**
 1. [HL-Report to City.pdf \[151.8 KB\]](#)

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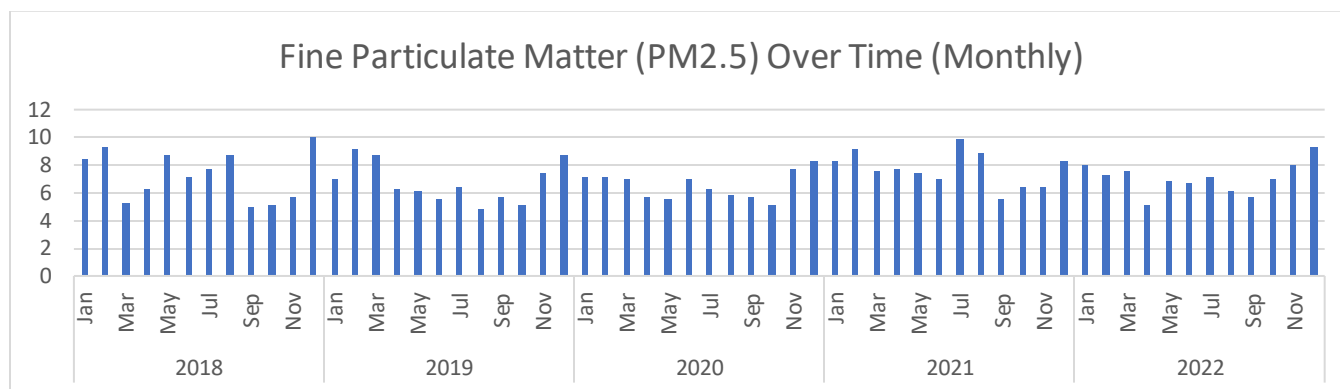
Report to support our plea to keep backyard fireworks – Aug 22, 2023

Honourable Mayor Morgan and Members of City Council:

Namaste! This report has been prepared to provide objective data and support for our position as a community to preserve backyard fireworks. The Hindu Legacy group is an umbrella organization representing over 10 local Hindu Groups. Together these organizations represent over 10,000 London Hindus. This issue affects the community deeply and **we are completely in support of Option A.**

During the Public Participation Meeting (PPM), we heard several claims to support the ban on backyard fireworks (i.e., Option B). We would like to address each one of them below:

Air Pollution: We used the data from Ontario's Ministry of Environment (<https://www.airqualityontario.com/history/>). The range of data is from 1/1/18 to 12/31/22 (5 years). We used the Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) as the variable of choice to measure pollution and AQI degradation. The chart below shows the monthly average over the entire period varies but never exceeds 10. According to the California Air Resources Board (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/>), any value **below 12** is considered very good quality air. Therefore, based on these findings, there is **no statistical proof** that backyard fireworks, or for that matter, commercial fireworks contribute to AQI degradation. We would also like to bring to your attention to the months of October and November (typical months for Diwali), the PM2.5 indicator is near its lowest level!



Noise Pollution: There is no published objective data available for our city regarding this. Whatever was found on the internet was for areas that are outside our city or even country. Therefore, other than anecdotal data, there is no evidence to support a statement that backyard fireworks are a significant contributor to noise pollution in the city! In fact, we found various articles about how **leaf blowers** that are widely used in the Fall and Summer contribute to noise pollution and worsen anxiety in people and animals. Please refer to the CBC article - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/leaf-blowers-london-ontario-1.6020949>. We are also working with the London Police Service to gather noise complaint data which will submit at a later date.

PTSD: We are very empathetic to the stress and trauma that PTSD patients experience and in no way are we minimizing their plight. However, we would like to refer to the letter submitted by a group of psychiatrists regarding PTSD and the impact of fireworks (Dr. Varapran et al). As is shared, it is their professional opinion that choosing Option B will not solve the problem and there seems to be no conclusive evidence that backyard fireworks worsen PTSD.

Report to support our plea to keep backyard fireworks – Aug 22, 2023

Effect on Pets and Other Animals: As Hindus, we consider ALL life sacred, not just human life. Many Hindu families have dogs, cats, and other animals as pets. We have attached a letter from Dr. Hanif who is a well-established Veterinarian that shows that in his many decades of experience, he has not dealt with a problem of traumatized pets after days where fireworks are discharged. We also have a written affidavit from Hindu families that attest to having no issues with their pets during Diwali, Canada Day, or Victoria Day. However, we also recognize that startling and confusing blasts can be frightening for some animals. We are making every effort to educate our community (peta.org) on preparing their home and animal companions for such events by using distraction, soothing techniques, ensuring they are wearing identification tags, etc.

Proactive Efforts for Safe Usage: We are actively working with the Fire Department, the Canadian National Fireworks Association (<https://www.nationalfireworks.ca/>), and local fireworks vendors to ensure safe discharge of backyard fireworks. We will be sending out several “Safe Fireworks” campaigns before Diwali to ensure that our community continues to practice safe fireworks.

The Hindu, Sikh, and Jain Communities: Our communities in London have been here since the ‘60s. We have lived peacefully and have integrated into every part of London society. The Hindu, Sikh, and Jain community has added much to the economic and multicultural landscape of our beautiful city. As a community we feel welcome and respected in London. This community in London is over 10,000 strong (and growing).

Petition, Poll, and Letters: A change.org petition supporting Option A has been signed by **over 1000** London Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains (and counting). A summary is attached with this report. The overwhelming response to your City Poll supporting Option A (53% in just four (4) days) is evidence to this council that the City’s Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains will be personally affected by the ban. You have also received **over 300 letters** from our community regarding this issue.

The city needs to respect our rights to make responsible choices (i.e., safe use of fireworks) and not act punitively. They need to review the available data objectively and not make policy changes based on subjective claims. Enacting a bylaw to ban backyard fireworks will deeply hurt the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain community and **erode an essential and inextricable part of an 800-year-old religious tradition**. We are all aware of the long-term impacts of eroding traditions and cultural practices such as we see in the indigenous population today. The erosion of these age-old customs diminishes the unique identities of our multicultural mosaic. By safeguarding these traditions, we ensure that the tapestry of human heritage remains vibrant, and that the collective wisdom of the past continues to guide us toward a harmonious and inclusive future.

We are positive that the esteemed Council will take the right decision, keeping the Charter of Rights in mind, to practice our religion in a free and peaceful manner. **We urge you to make the right choice and vote in favor of Option A so that you not only support the Hindu community’s religious traditions, but also support ALL Londoners that express their joy during Canada Day, Victoria Day, and Diwali through backyard fireworks!**

Thank you and Namaste!

p.s. Please share this report and attachments as part of the Council agenda for the Aug 29 meeting.



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Wednesday October 18th 2023 7:07 PM with reference number 2023-10-18-113.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/ee0283ff-7777-4f11-ada0-b09fe18e703d>

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No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Potential ban on fireworks
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
I would like for things to remain status quo as there is very little negative impact, and more positive created by the sale and use of fireworks in Milton.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
I would oppose the ban of fireworks in Milton and recommend continued education and fire safety measures in coordination with the Milton Fire Department.

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Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 9:26 AM with reference number 2023-10-19-013.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/57e3e4de-7240-4645-af0d-b0a0fb3b0156>

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No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Families and communities against Fireworks Ban

- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
To not Ban Fireworks
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Families against a Ban of fireworks

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Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

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<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/18559bd4-07bd-4923-8cc3-b0a0252e25eb>

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- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Ban of consumer fireworks in Milton
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
Do not ban fireworks in Milton, the use of them is both cultural and religious in many cases, and would take away this form of expression for these groups
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
The comments made by the staff are limiting and reductive, and can be handled in other ways
- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**
Yes I give my permission



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

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<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/07f86301-7cb3-47f9-97a8-b0a0238f9499>

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No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
Both audio and video
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Cultural and Tradition Preservation: Fireworks are deeply ingrained in the cultural and traditional celebrations of many societies around the

world. Banning fireworks can be seen as a threat to these cherished customs. For example, fireworks are a central part of Fourth of July celebrations in the United States, Diwali in India, and Lunar New Year in various Asian countries, Canada day & Victoria Day in our country.

Economic Impact: The fireworks industry supports numerous jobs, from manufacturers to retailers and event organizers. Banning fireworks could have a detrimental economic impact on these sectors, especially during holidays and festivals when fireworks are in high demand.

Responsible Use: Advocates argue that it's more reasonable to promote the responsible use of fireworks rather than outright bans. Implementing safety regulations, age restrictions, and public education campaigns can help reduce accidents and hazards associated with fireworks.

Personal Freedom: Many individuals value the freedom to celebrate and express themselves with fireworks. A ban can be seen as an infringement on personal freedom and the right to enjoy private and public celebrations as one sees fit, within the bounds of safety and common sense.

Tourism and Attraction: Fireworks displays are often a major draw for tourism and visitors. Tourists frequently plan trips to cities or regions known for their spectacular fireworks shows. Banning fireworks could negatively impact tourism and local economies.

Community Building: Fireworks are often used to bring communities together for celebrations and social events. These communal experiences can strengthen bonds, foster a sense of unity, and promote neighborly relationships.

Alternative Solutions: Instead of an outright ban, proponents argue that governments and organizations can invest in research and development to create more eco-friendly and safer fireworks. Advances in pyrotechnics technology are already reducing the environmental impact and noise associated with traditional fireworks.

Revenue Generation: Some jurisdictions levy taxes on fireworks sales, and this revenue can be directed toward public services, infrastructure, or environmental conservation efforts. Banning fireworks could lead to a loss of such revenue.

Controlled Displays: Allowing licensed professionals to handle fireworks displays, such as those at major events, can ensure a higher degree of safety and controlled use, while also minimizing the environmental impact.

Personal Responsibility: Advocates argue that individuals should be responsible for their own actions and decisions regarding fireworks. Promoting education on firework safety and enforcing consequences for misuse can be more effective than a blanket ban.

In conclusion, the debate over whether or not to ban fireworks is multifaceted, and there are valid arguments in favor of preserving the tradition and allowing responsible use. Striking a balance between cultural significance, safety, and environmental concerns is essential in addressing this issue

- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
To provide specific actions for a council, it's important to know the context and the issues at hand. However, I can offer some general examples of actions that a council might consider depending on the situation.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Due to limitation of space nowadays in residential area, council can organize specific open area space for personal displays and can monitor with all safety measures. In addition, city can charge sum of amount to personnel to use that specific space provided by city.
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Yes I give my permission



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 10:13 AM with reference number 2023-10-19-018.

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- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
How banning fireworks in Milton will have a negative impact on local small business, as well as impact people's cultural right to celebrate.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
For this motion of banning fireworks not to pass.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Below are some points I would like to go over:

"Preserving Cultural Celebrations and Traditions:"

Fireworks are an integral part of cultural celebrations, such as Canada Day and various cultural festivals, allowing communities to come together, celebrate their heritage, and strengthen social bonds. Banning fireworks would curtail these cherished traditions, denying residents the joy of celebrating their cultural events.

"Supporting Local Businesses:"

The fireworks industry contributes significantly to the local economy by providing employment opportunities and generating revenue for small businesses. A ban on fireworks would directly impact local entrepreneurs and their ability to sustain their livelihoods. Supporting small businesses is essential for the economic growth and prosperity of the community. Fireworks is one of the only industries that is 100% Canadian owned and operated. During poor economic times this ban will have a direct negative affect small business in Ontario.

"Promoting Responsible Use:"

Instead of an outright ban, efforts should focus on promoting responsible use of fireworks. Implementing educational campaigns and stringent regulations can enhance safety without stifling the enjoyment of fireworks. By educating the public about safe practices, the risks associated with fireworks can be minimized, ensuring a safer celebration for everyone involved.

"Personal Freedom and Individual Choice:"

Residents should have the freedom to choose how they celebrate their cultural events and personal milestones. Banning fireworks restricts this freedom and infringes upon individual rights. Striking a balance between public safety and personal choice is essential, ensuring that residents can enjoy their celebrations responsibly.

"Alternative Solutions:"

Rather than an outright ban, exploring alternative solutions such as designated fireworks zones or specific days/times for fireworks displays can address safety concerns while allowing residents to continue their celebrations. These compromises preserve cultural traditions and support local businesses without compromising public safety.

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Yes I give my permission

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 11:37 AM with reference number 2023-10-19-030.

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Milton
- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person

- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
I would like to speak on the Fireworks By-Law
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
I would like the council to reconsider the possible ban on consumer fireworks.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Fireworks are a seasonal product that is enjoyed by families across the town for many years. Families spend holidays such as Canada Day and Diwali celebrating with use of consumer fireworks.
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Yes I give my permission

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 12:19 PM with reference number 2023-10-19-039.

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- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Give feedback regarding the sale of consumer fireworks year round in GTA area for 15 years . How a consumer fireworks ban would affect our area as well as Milton.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
We wanted to touch upon a ban of fireworks would work for curve illegal use as consumer since COVID will actual find other ways to buy on line and we would like the council to look in ways for better education and safety for use of consumer fireworks. We like to look at ways to help with post pandemic mis use of fireworks and educate with safety then taking a restrictive approach will only make illegal use increase
- **Staff Report Number (if known)**
COMS-010-23
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
Subject: Reconsideration of Fireworks Ban in the Town of Milton

Dear Milton Town Council,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing to express our perspective as a responsible fireworks vendor in light of the recent investigation into banning the sale, distribution, and setting off of consumer fireworks in the Town of Milton.

While we understand the concerns that led to the proposal for a ban, we believe that restricting the use of consumer fireworks may not be the most effective approach. Instead, we advocate for promoting responsible use, safety education, and community engagement, based on our experience as a vendor in the industry.

Safety and Clearance Distances: The executive summary highlights the

challenge of meeting clearance requirements in urban areas. We acknowledge the importance of safety and fully support adherence to clearance distances to prevent accidents. However, a blanket ban on consumer fireworks may not be the best solution. By promoting education and awareness of safe practices, residents can be informed about suitable locations for fireworks and minimize the risk of accidents.

Impact on Residents: The summary mentions that only two residents would have been impacted by a ban on consumer fireworks in 2023. This suggests that a ban may not be necessary and that it could infringe on the enjoyment of the majority of Milton residents who use fireworks responsibly. Instead, efforts should focus on encouraging safe practices and responsible use, ensuring that the community can continue to enjoy fireworks.

Permit Denials and Enforcement: The data provided in the summary indicates that many permit applications for discharging fireworks are denied due to distance to combustibles requirements. It is essential to address this issue by educating residents about where they can safely use fireworks. Enforcement challenges can be mitigated through proactive community engagement and effective communication with residents.

National Trends and Safety: While it is mentioned that an increasing number of municipalities in North America do not permit fireworks, it's essential to consider the reasons behind such decisions. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) advises caution with consumer fireworks due to safety concerns. However, a more balanced approach involves providing safe options and educational resources for residents.

Community Celebrations: We recommend that any proposed changes to the by-law should exclude events like Canada Day at the Fairgrounds, which are vital for community engagement. Milton can still embrace its cultural diversity and encourage cultural celebrations with fireworks while maintaining safety standards.

Mental Health and Joyful Celebrations: Fireworks have a unique ability

to bring joy and happiness to people's lives. The spectacular displays often act as a source of wonder, excitement, and awe. Fireworks displays can have a therapeutic effect, reducing stress and anxiety. The beauty of fireworks can be a source of solace and celebration for people during challenging times, fostering mental well-being.

Family Bonding: Fireworks are a family-friendly form of entertainment. Gathering around to watch a fireworks show or even lighting small fireworks together can be a memorable experience that strengthens family bonds. Restricting year-round access to fireworks could deprive families of this opportunity to create lasting memories together.

Cultural Celebrations: Milton, like Toronto, is a diverse community, and many cultures celebrate significant events with fireworks. Diwali, Lunar New Year, and various other cultural festivals incorporate fireworks as a symbol of tradition and festivity. Restricting access to fireworks may hinder the ability of communities to express their cultural heritage.

Responsible Vendor Practices: As a responsible fireworks vendor, we prioritize safety and education. We educate our customers about the proper use of fireworks and emphasize the importance of being good neighbors. We believe that responsible sales and education can coexist with year-round access to fireworks.

In conclusion, we believe that a complete ban on consumer fireworks in the Town of Milton may not be the most effective solution to address safety concerns. Instead, we should work together to educate residents about safe use, responsible discharge, and suitable locations for fireworks. As a vendor with over 15 years of experience, we are committed to playing a role in this educational process, ensuring that fireworks continue to bring joy and unity to our community.

We request the opportunity to discuss this matter further and collaborate on finding a balanced solution that benefits the Town of Milton. Thank you for considering our perspective.

- **Optional: Upload the written submission that you wish to share with Council (single document, maximum 15 MB)**

1. Subject Reconsideration of Fireworks Ban in the Town of Milton.docx [12.5 KB]
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While we understand the concerns that led to the proposal for a ban, we believe that restricting the use of consumer fireworks may not be the most effective approach. Instead, we advocate for promoting responsible use, safety education, and community engagement, based on our experience as a vendor in the industry.

Safety and Clearance Distances: The executive summary highlights the challenge of meeting clearance requirements in urban areas. We acknowledge the importance of safety and fully support adherence to clearance distances to prevent accidents. However, a blanket ban on consumer fireworks may not be the best solution. By promoting education and awareness of safe practices, residents can be informed about suitable locations for fireworks and minimize the risk of accidents.

Impact on Residents: The summary mentions that only two residents would have been impacted by a ban on consumer fireworks in 2023. This suggests that a ban may not be necessary and that it could infringe on the enjoyment of the majority of Milton residents who use fireworks responsibly. Instead, efforts should focus on encouraging safe practices and responsible use, ensuring that the community can continue to enjoy fireworks.

Permit Denials and Enforcement: The data provided in the summary indicates that many permit applications for discharging fireworks are denied due to distance to combustibles requirements. It is essential to address this issue by educating residents about where they can safely use fireworks. Enforcement challenges can be mitigated through proactive community engagement and effective communication with residents.

National Trends and Safety: While it is mentioned that an increasing number of municipalities in North America do not permit fireworks, it's essential to consider the reasons behind such decisions. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) advises caution with consumer fireworks due to safety concerns. However, a more balanced approach involves providing safe options and educational resources for residents.

Community Celebrations: We recommend that any proposed changes to the by-law should exclude events like Canada Day at the Fairgrounds, which are vital for community engagement. Milton can still embrace its cultural diversity and encourage cultural celebrations with fireworks while maintaining safety standards.

Mental Health and Joyful Celebrations: Fireworks have a unique ability to bring joy and happiness to people's lives. The spectacular displays often act as a source of wonder, excitement, and awe.

Fireworks displays can have a therapeutic effect, reducing stress and anxiety. The beauty of fireworks can be a source of solace and celebration for people during challenging times, fostering mental well-being.

Family Bonding: Fireworks are a family-friendly form of entertainment. Gathering around to watch a fireworks show or even lighting small fireworks together can be a memorable experience that strengthens family bonds. Restricting year-round access to fireworks could deprive families of this opportunity to create lasting memories together.

Cultural Celebrations: Milton, like Toronto, is a diverse community, and many cultures celebrate significant events with fireworks. Diwali, Lunar New Year, and various other cultural festivals incorporate fireworks as a symbol of tradition and festivity. Restricting access to fireworks may hinder the ability of communities to express their cultural heritage.

Responsible Vendor Practices: As a responsible fireworks vendor, we prioritize safety and education. We educate our customers about the proper use of fireworks and emphasize the importance of being good neighbors. We believe that responsible sales and education can coexist with year-round access to fireworks.

In conclusion, we believe that a complete ban on consumer fireworks in the Town of Milton may not be the most effective solution to address safety concerns. Instead, we should work together to educate residents about safe use, responsible discharge, and suitable locations for fireworks. As a vendor with over 15 years of experience, we are committed to playing a role in this educational process, ensuring that fireworks continue to bring joy and unity to our community.

We request the opportunity to discuss this matter further and collaborate on finding a balanced solution that benefits the Town of Milton. Thank you for considering our perspective.

Regards

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Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 1:26 PM with reference number 2023-10-19-050.

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- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**
Audio
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Against the firework ban in Milton.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
I'd like the council to reconsider the proposed ban.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
I'd like the council to reconsider the proposed fireworks ban.
- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**
Yes I give my permission