

Fireworks By-law Review

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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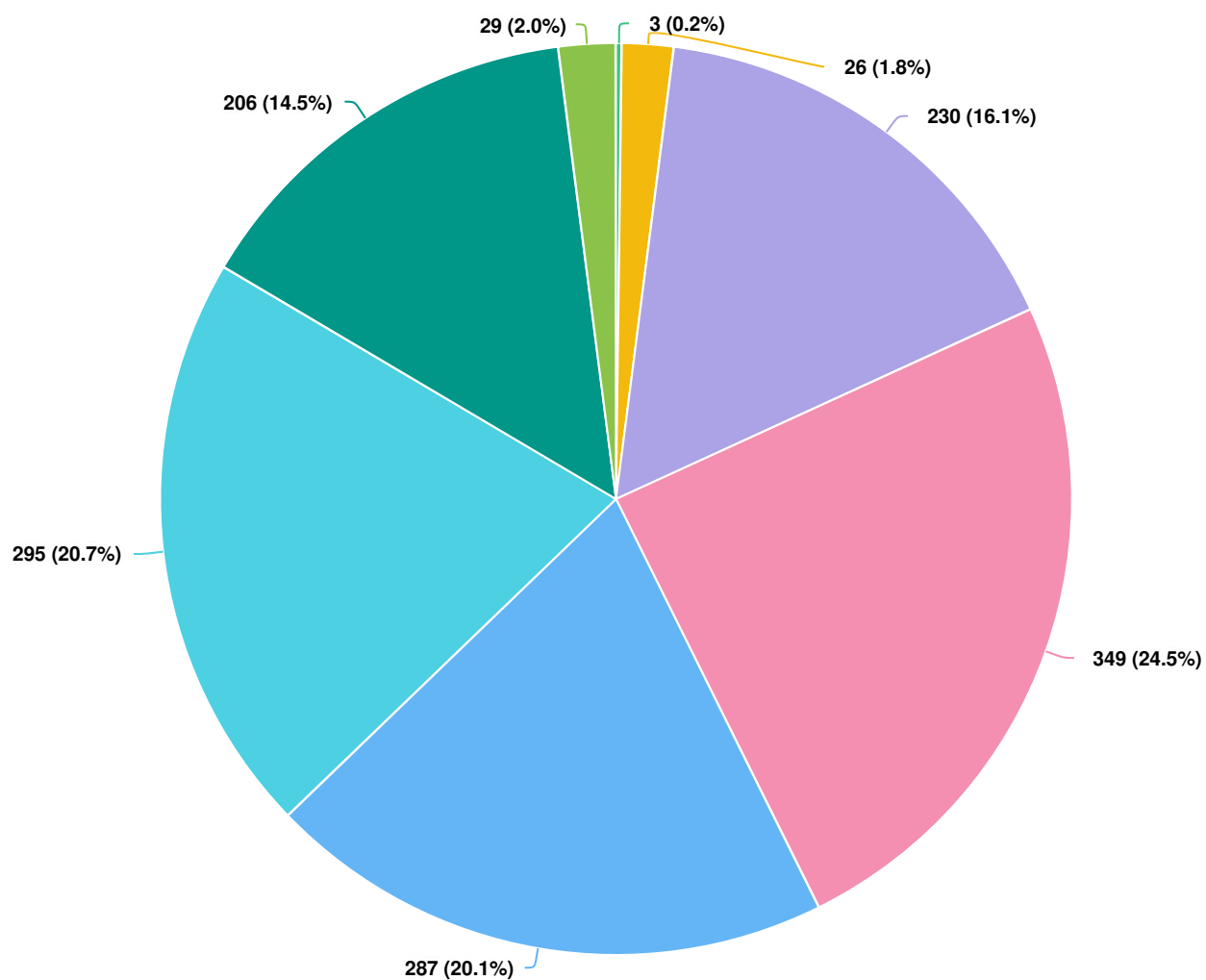
PROJECT NAME:

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 What is your age?

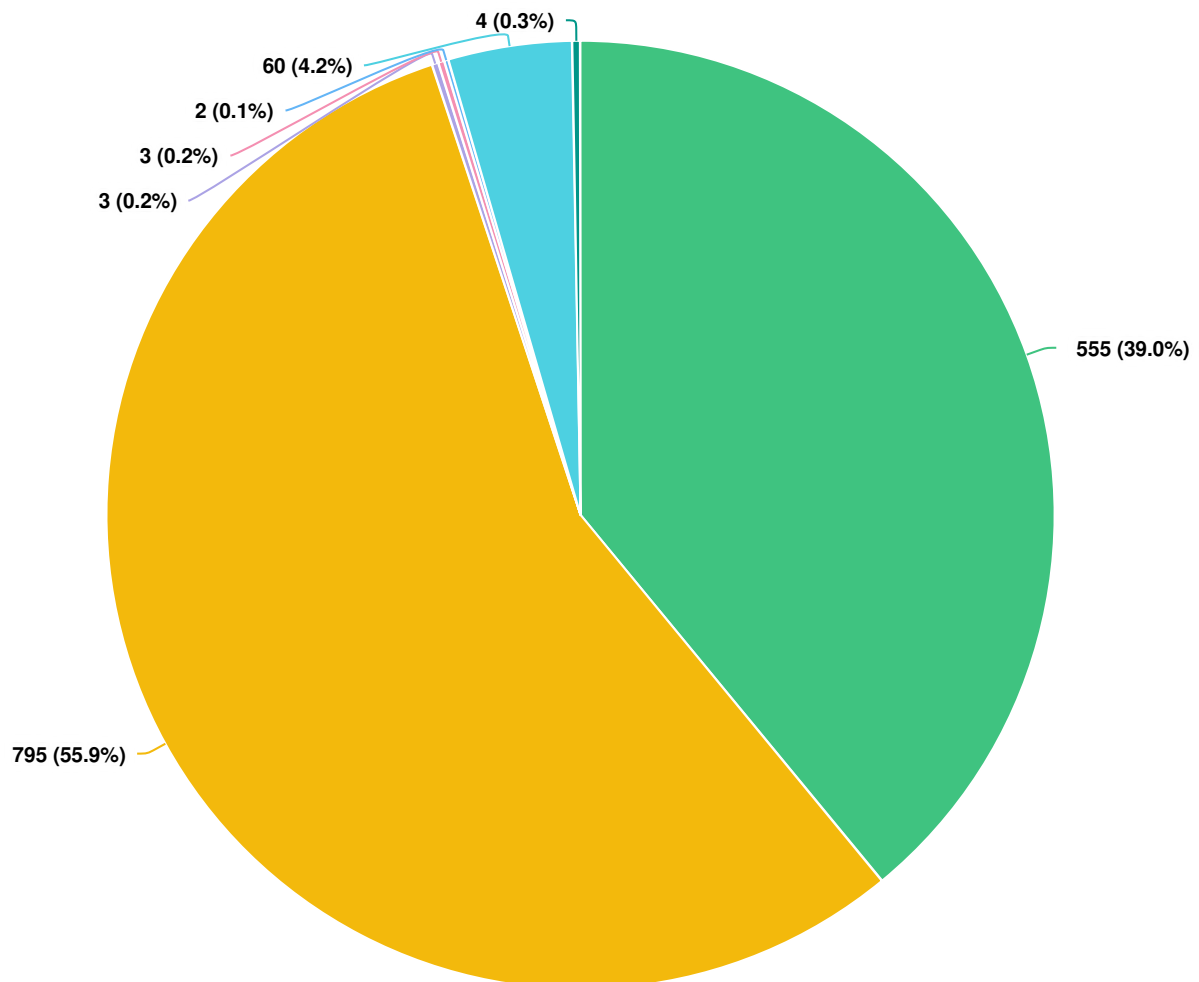


Question options

Under 18 19-25 years 26-35 years 36-45 years 46-55 years 56-65 years over 65 years
Prefer not to answer

Optional question (1424 response(s), 209 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 What your gender?

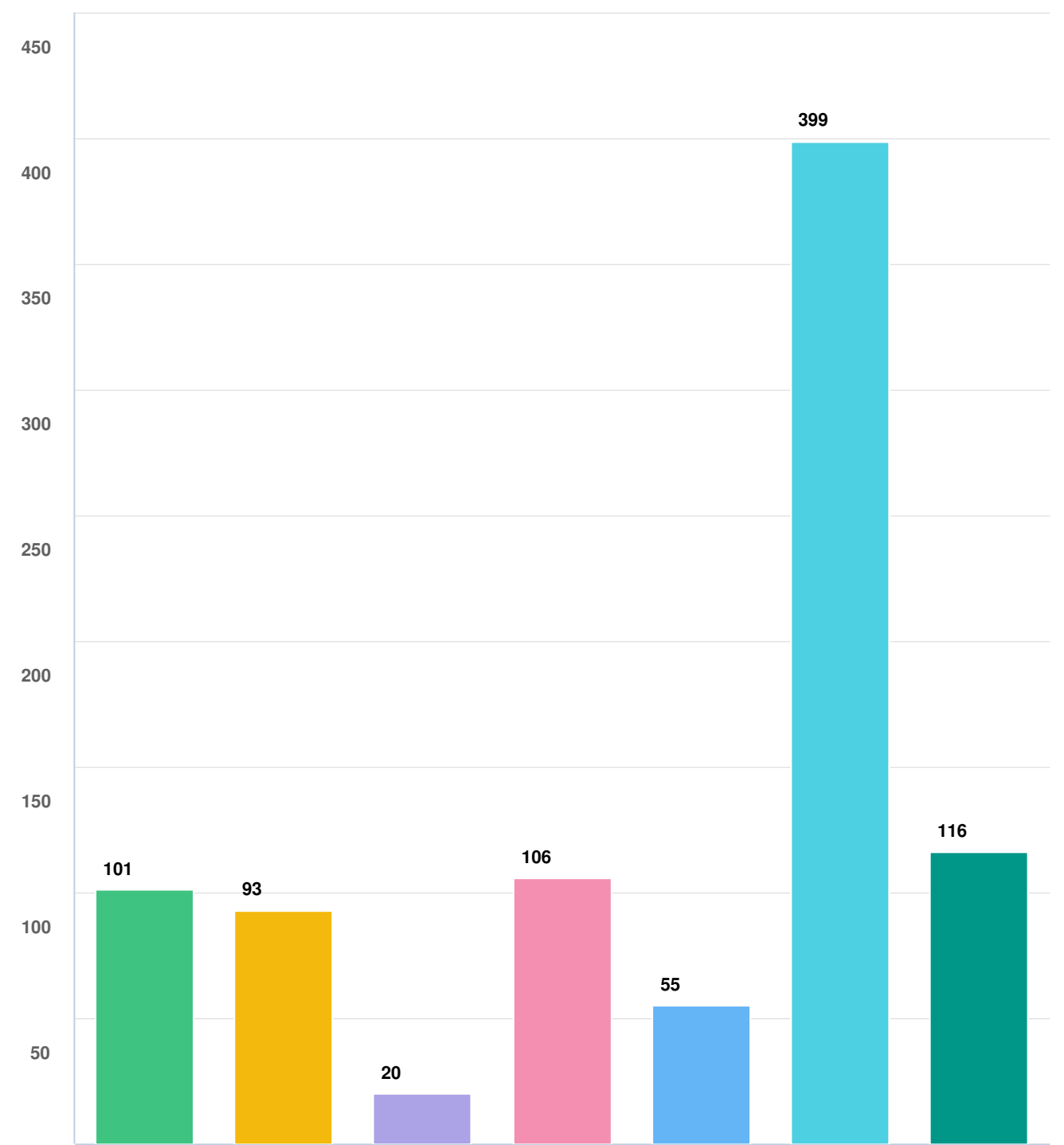


Question options

Male Female Gender Fluid Non-binary Two-spirit Prefer not to answer
Other/prefer to self describe

Optional question (1421 response(s), 212 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 Do you identify with any of the following groups? Please choose all that apply.

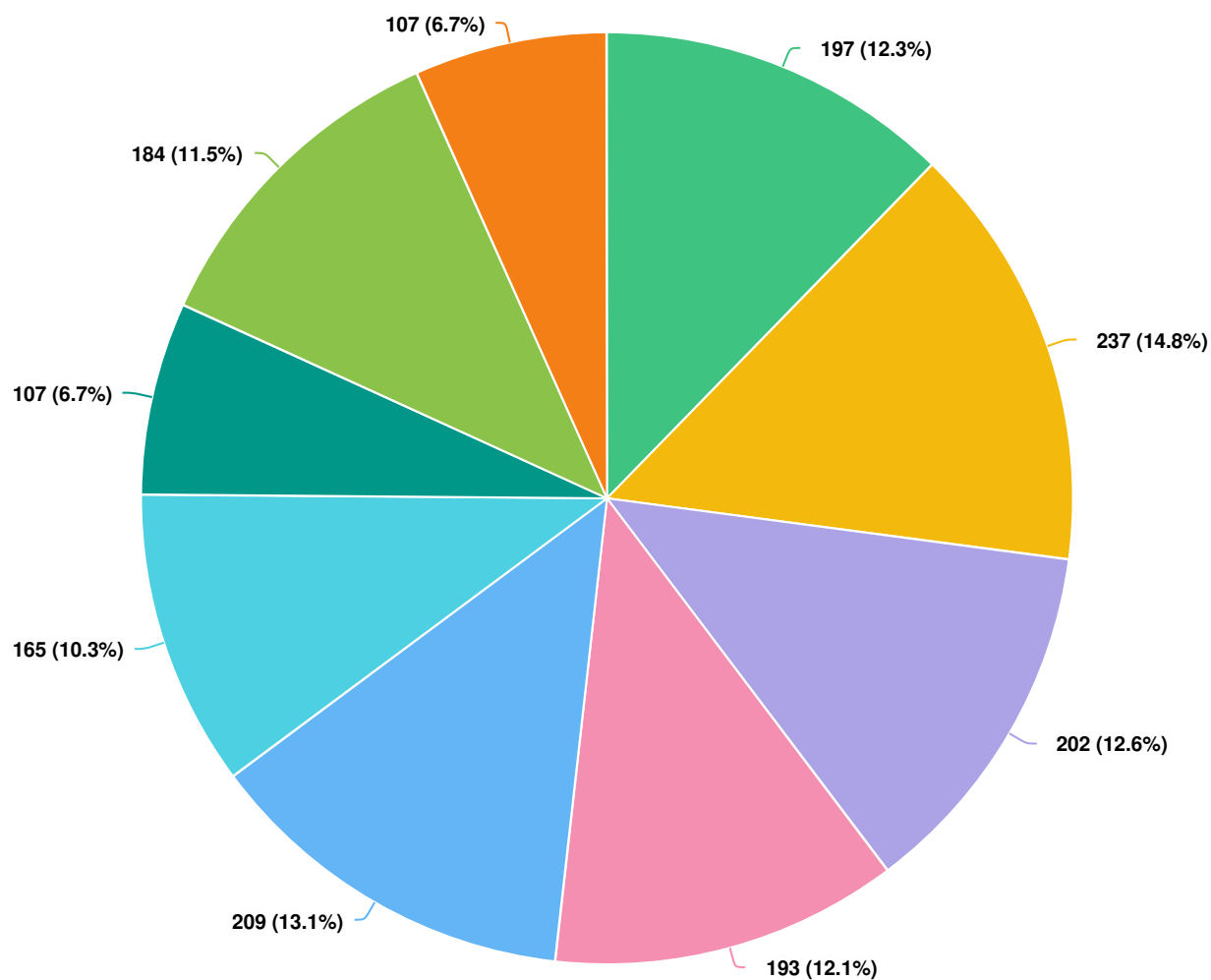


Question options

- Person living in low income
- Racialized, Black or Person of Colour
- Indigenous
- Person living with a disability
- 2SLGBTQIA+
- Prefer not to answer
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (799 response(s), 834 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Please select the ward you live, work, own or manage property in. If you do not know, please review the Cambridge Ward Map



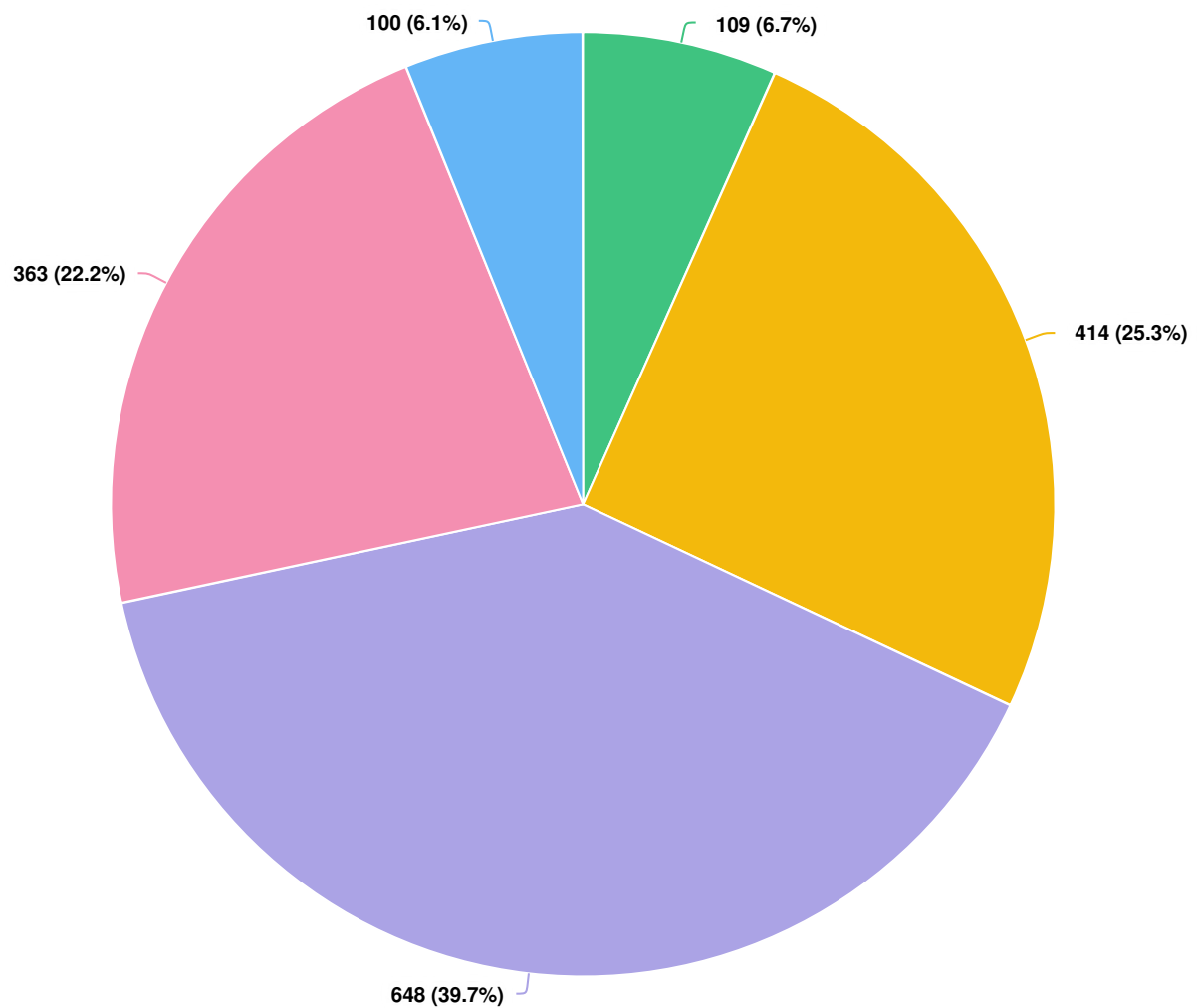
Question options

- Ward 1
 ● Ward 2
 ● Ward 3
 ● Ward 4
 ● Ward 5
 ● Ward 6
 ● Ward 7
 ● Ward 8
 ● Unknown/Not applicable

Optional question (1600 response(s), 33 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Are you familiar with the current City of Cambridge Fireworks By-law?



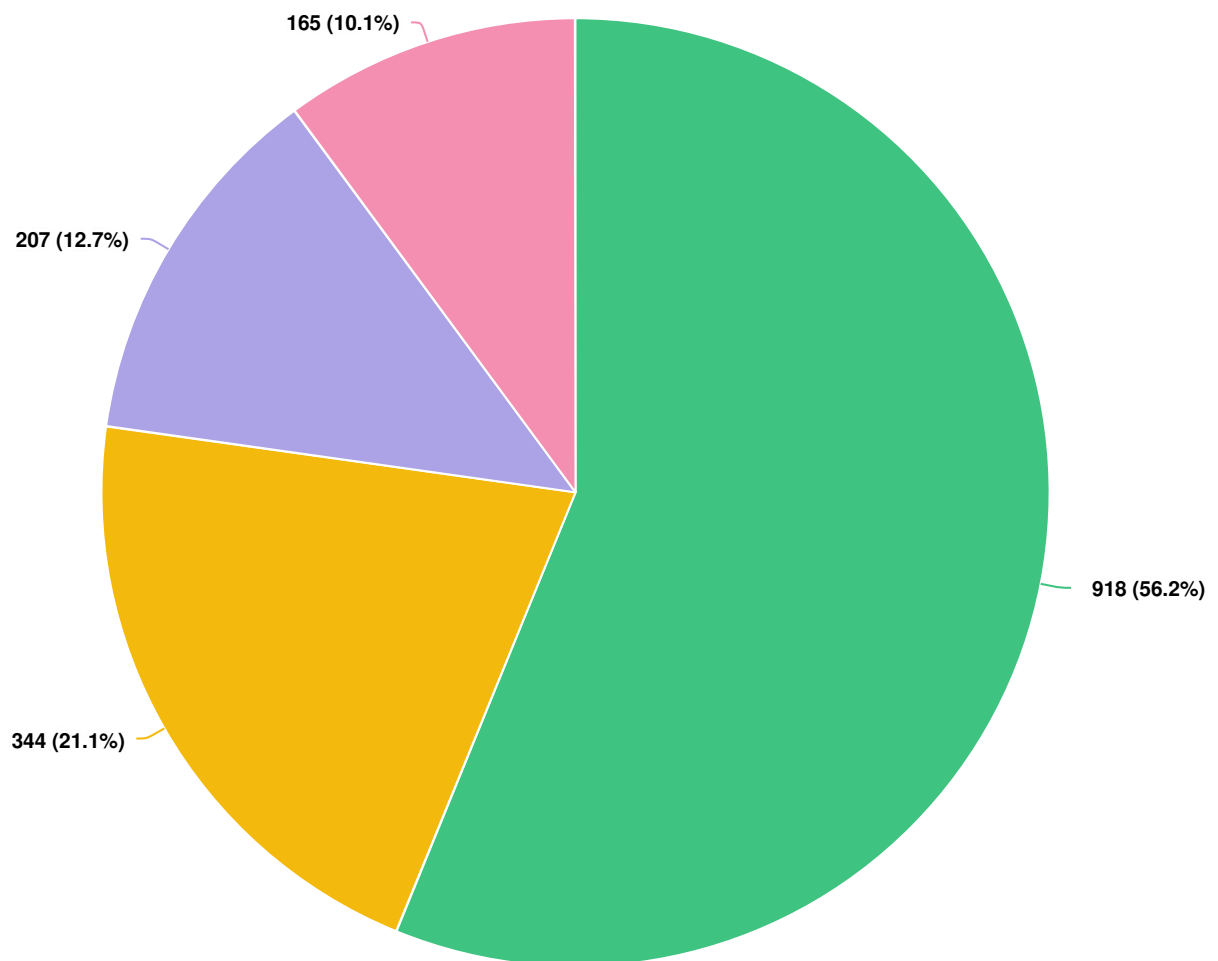
Question options

Not familiar at all Slightly familiar Moderately familiar Very familiar Extremely familiar

Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 How do you feel about the current regulations in the Fireworks By-law?



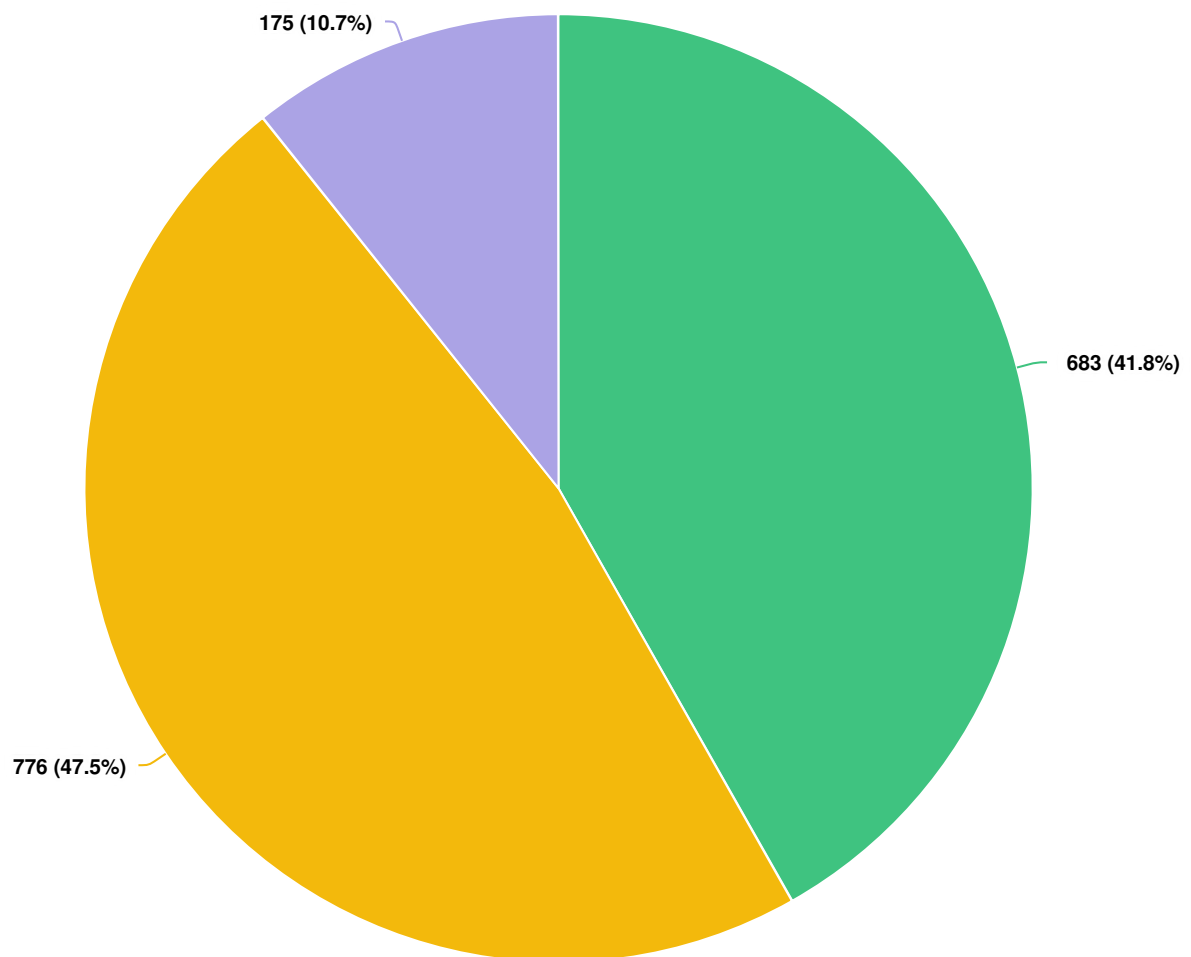
Question options

● Not strong enough ● Just right ● Too strong ● Don't know

Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Would you support a complete ban on fireworks?

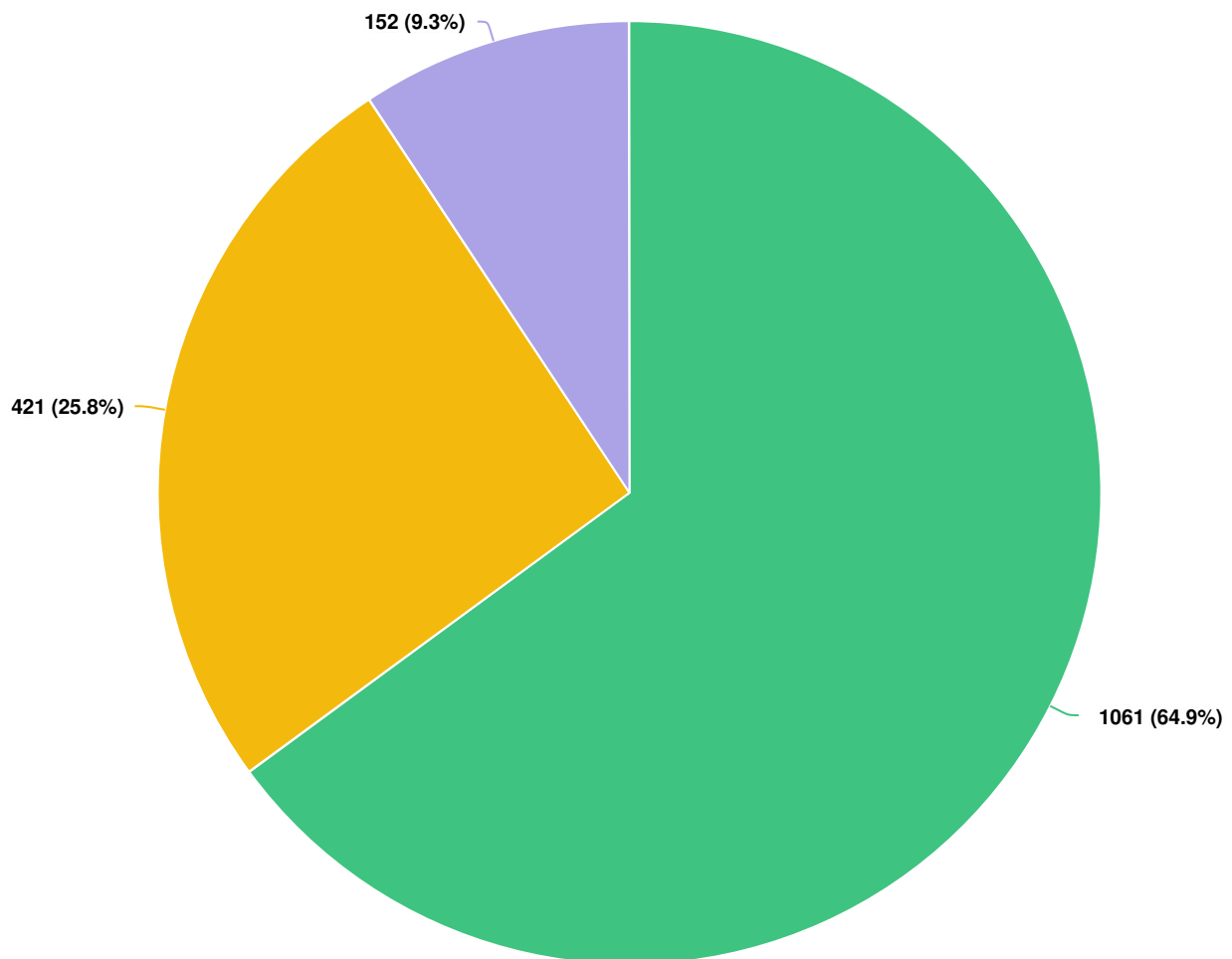


Question options

☒ Yes ☒ No ☒ Maybe

*Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q8 Would you like to see additional restrictions on fireworks in Cambridge?

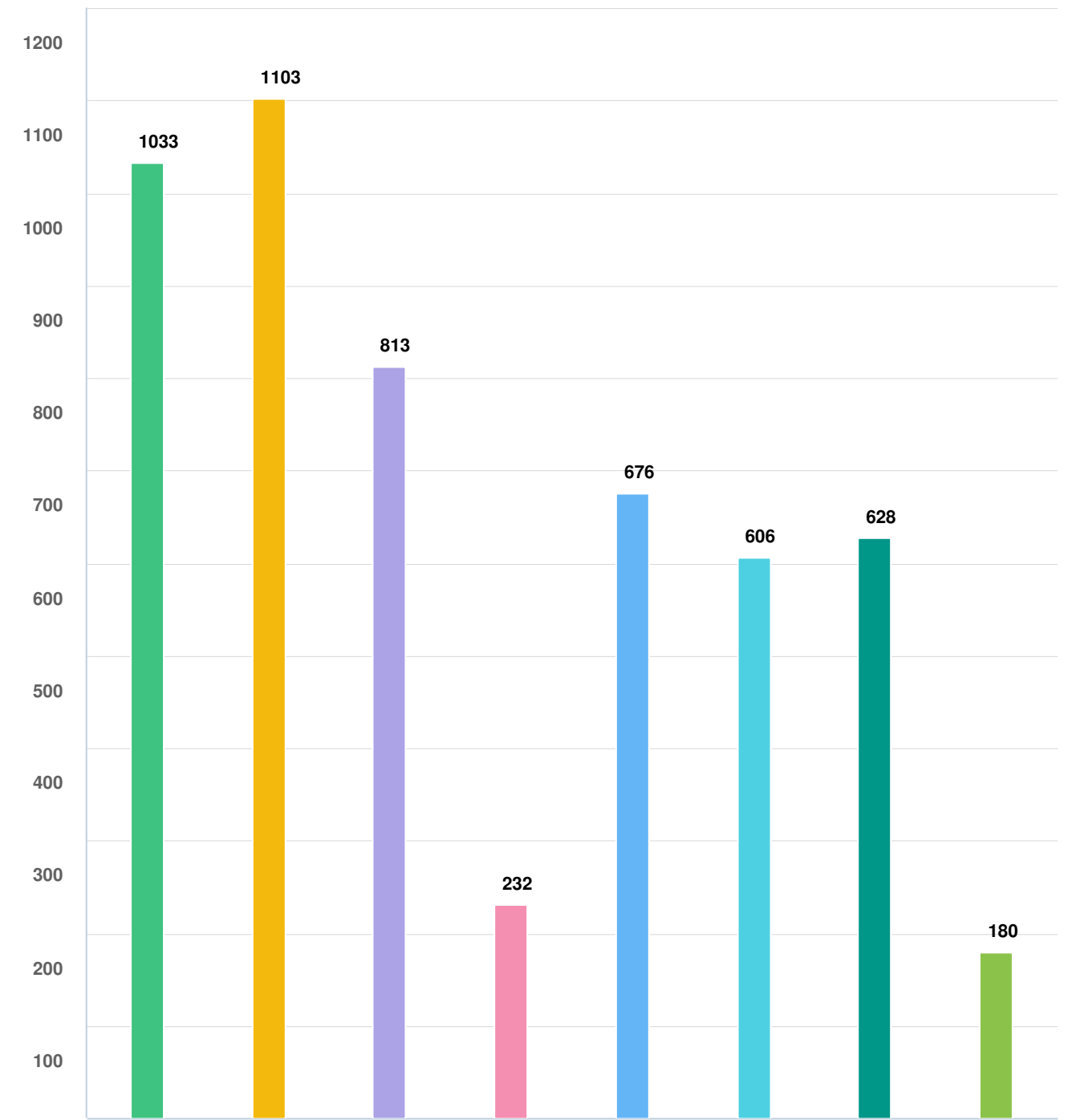


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

*Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

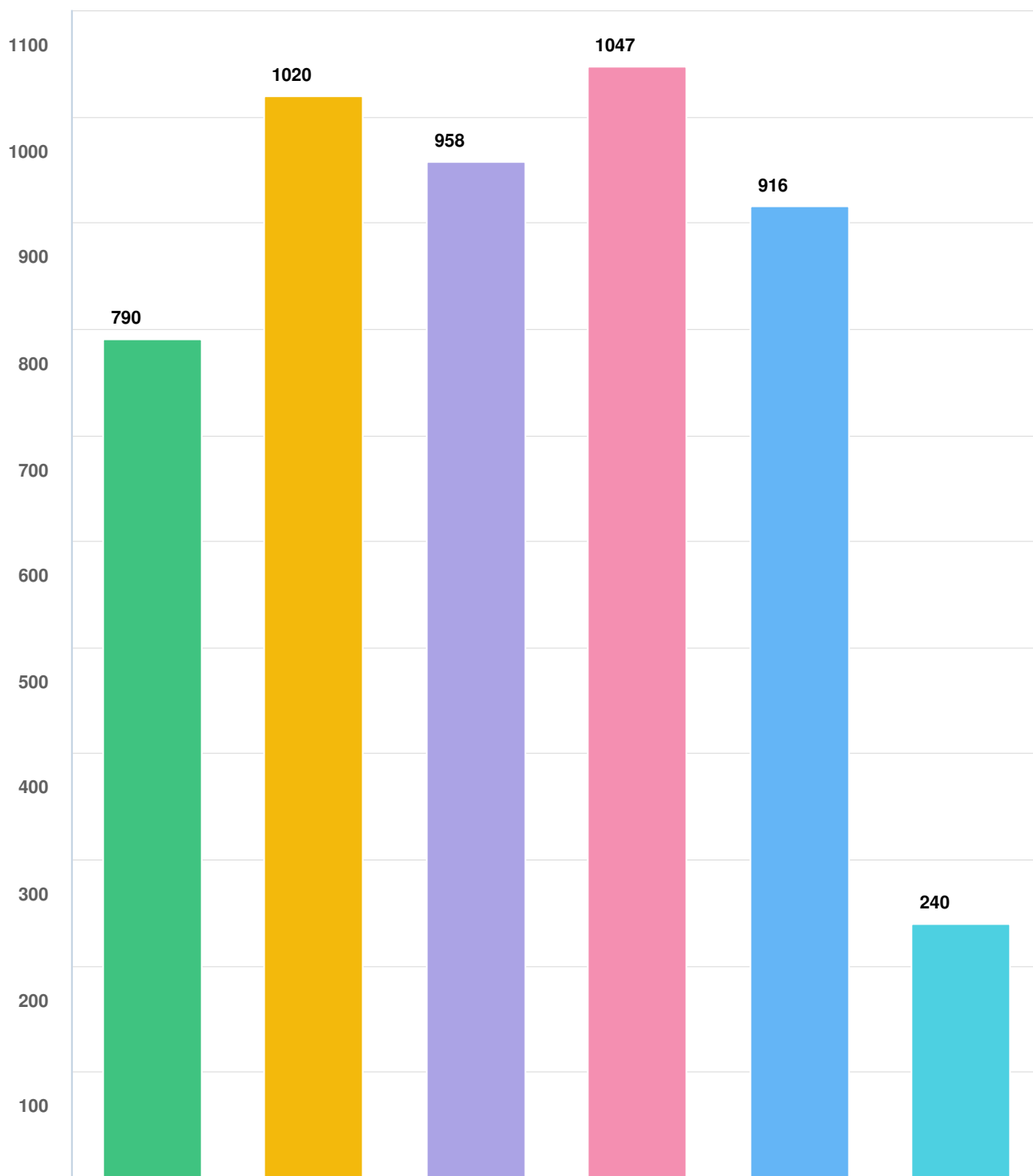
Q9 | What additional restrictions would you like to see implemented in the Fireworks By-law?
(select all that apply)



- Question options**
- Location where fireworks can be discharged
 - Timeframe fireworks can be discharged
 - Distance from structures
 - Increase in days fireworks are allowed to be discharged
 - Decrease in days fireworks are allowed to be discharged
 - Increase restrictions on the sale of fireworks
 - Limit the number of days fireworks can be sold
 - Other (please specify)

Optional question (1518 response(s), 115 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q10 | Do you have any of the following concerns with regards to the discharge of fireworks?
(select all that apply)**



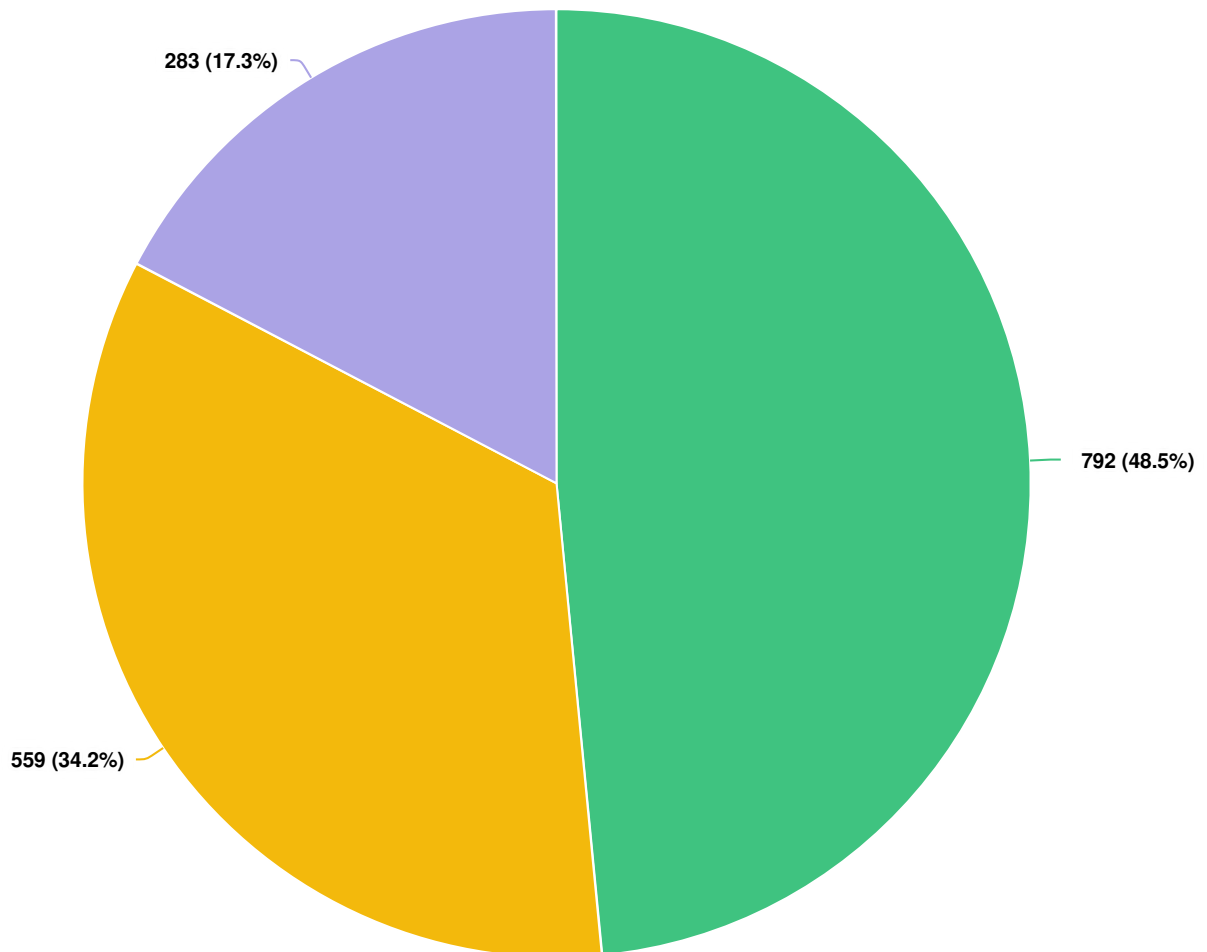
Question options

● Environmental
 ● Loud noise
 ● Safety
 ● Impact on pets/wildlife
 ● Enforcement
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 Do you think permits should be issued for the discharge of fireworks?

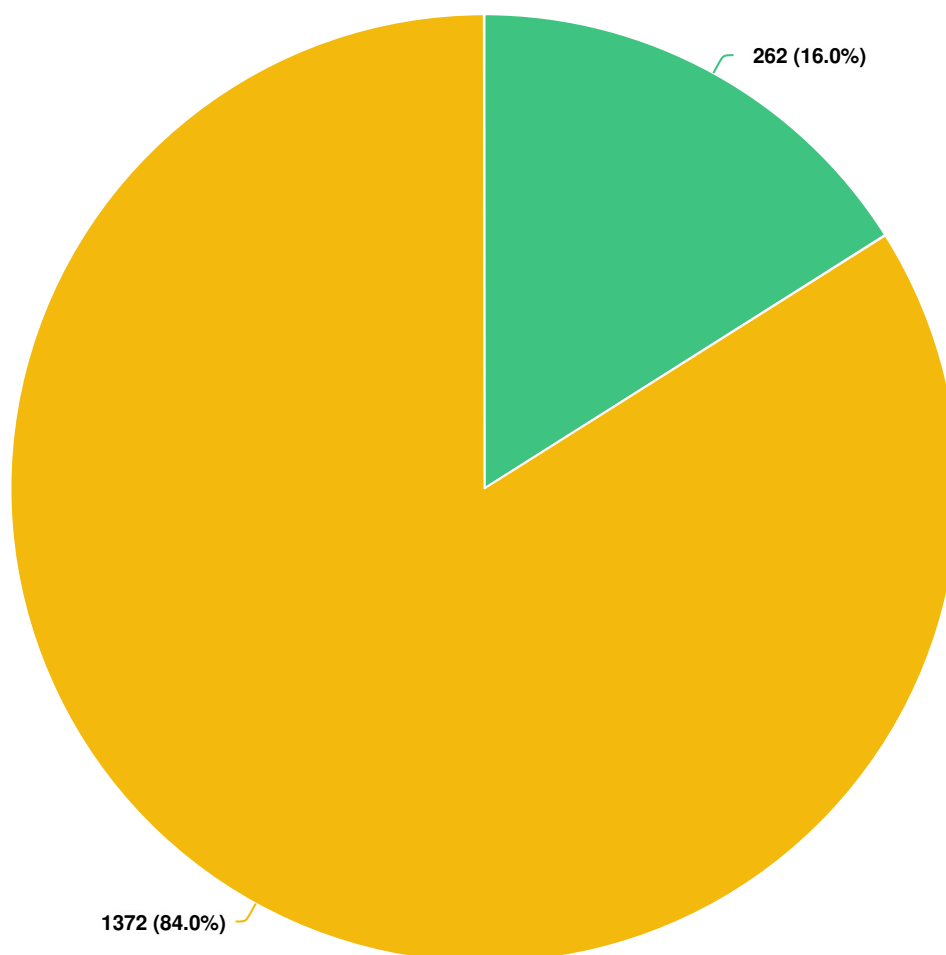


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

*Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q12 Have you ever made a complaint about fireworks?

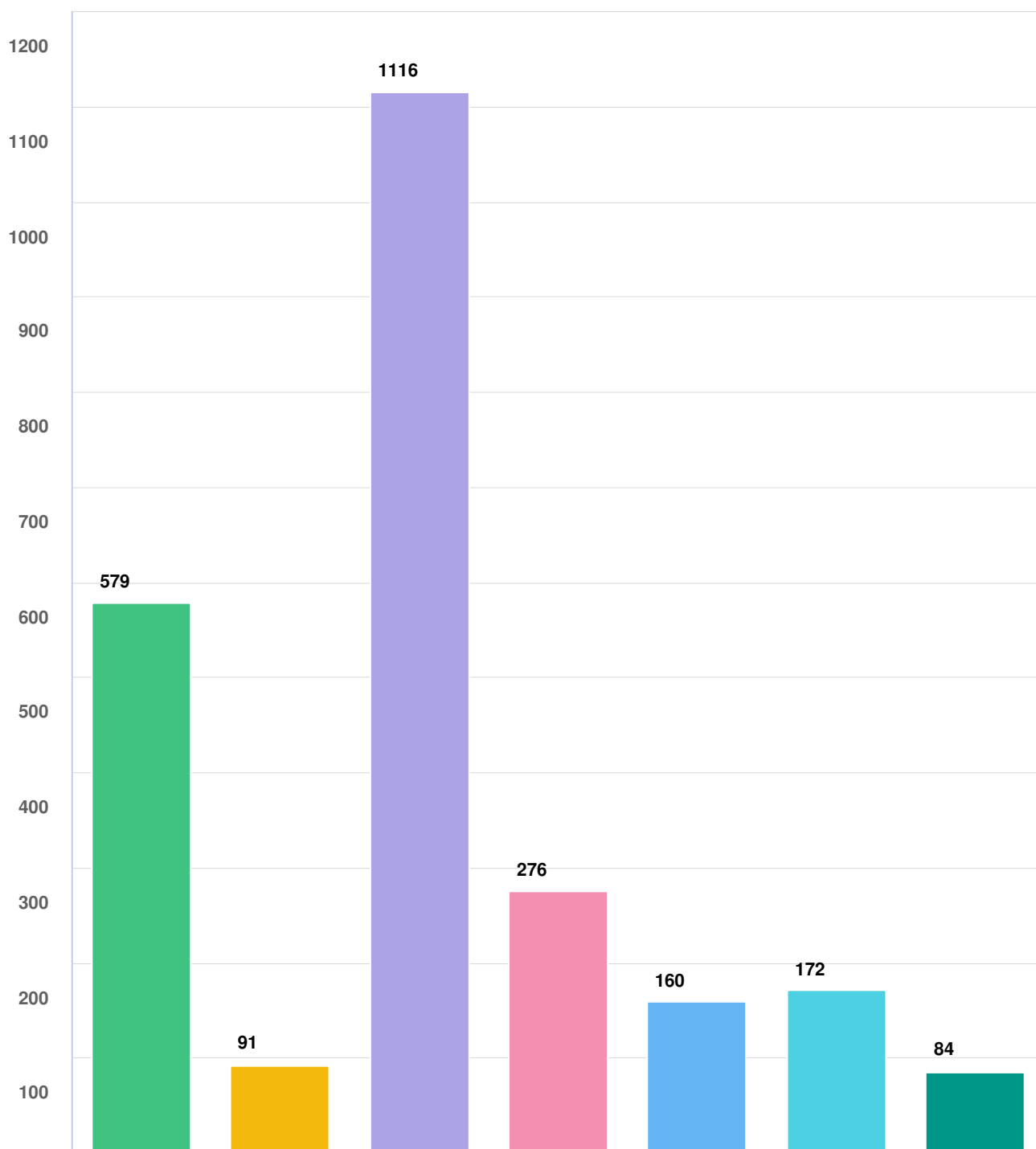


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q13 Who would you contact to report a fireworks concern? (select all that apply)



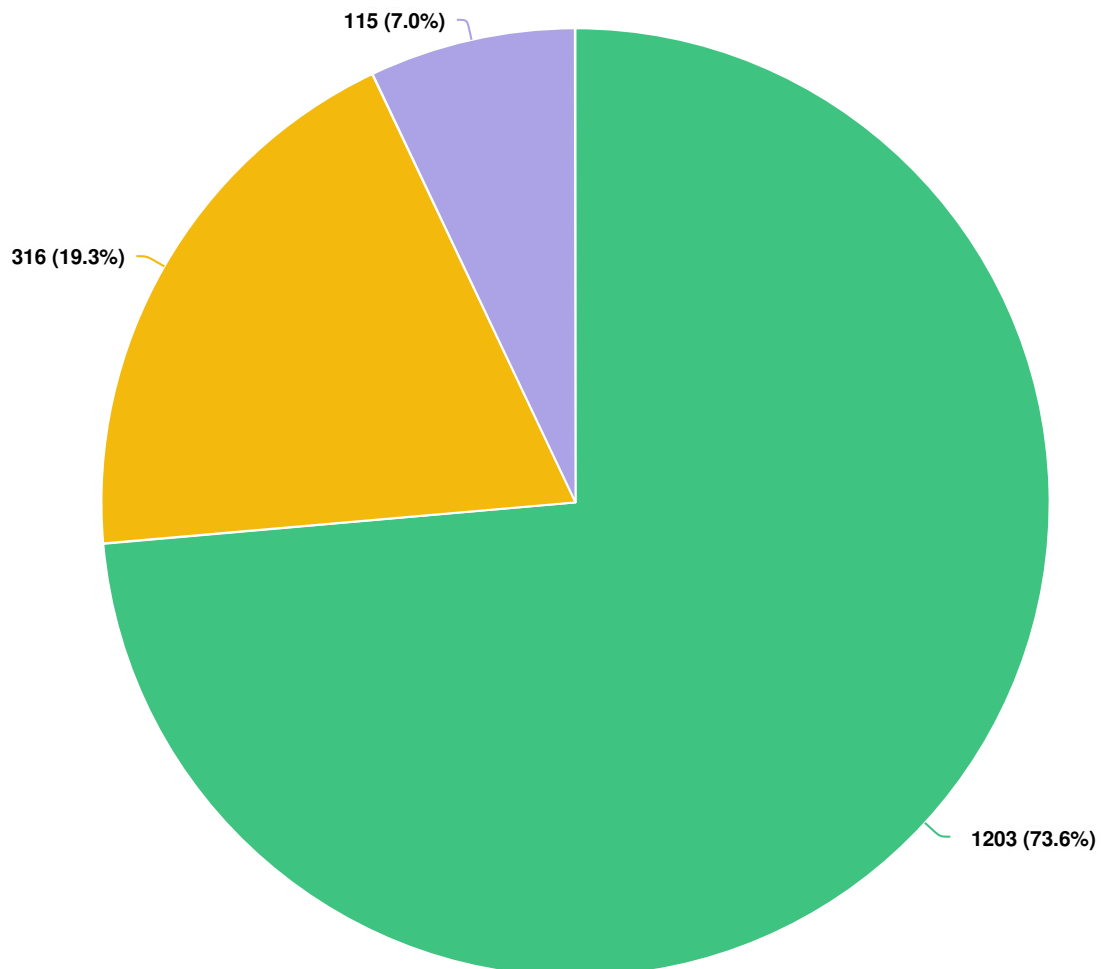
Question options

- Waterloo Regional Police
 ● Service Cambridge
 ● Municipal By-law Compliance
 ● Local Councillor and/or Mayor
- City of Cambridge staff directly
 ● Not applicable
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 | Would you support an increase to the fines for not complying with the Fireworks By-law to encourage voluntary compliance? Currently the fine range is \$110-\$160.

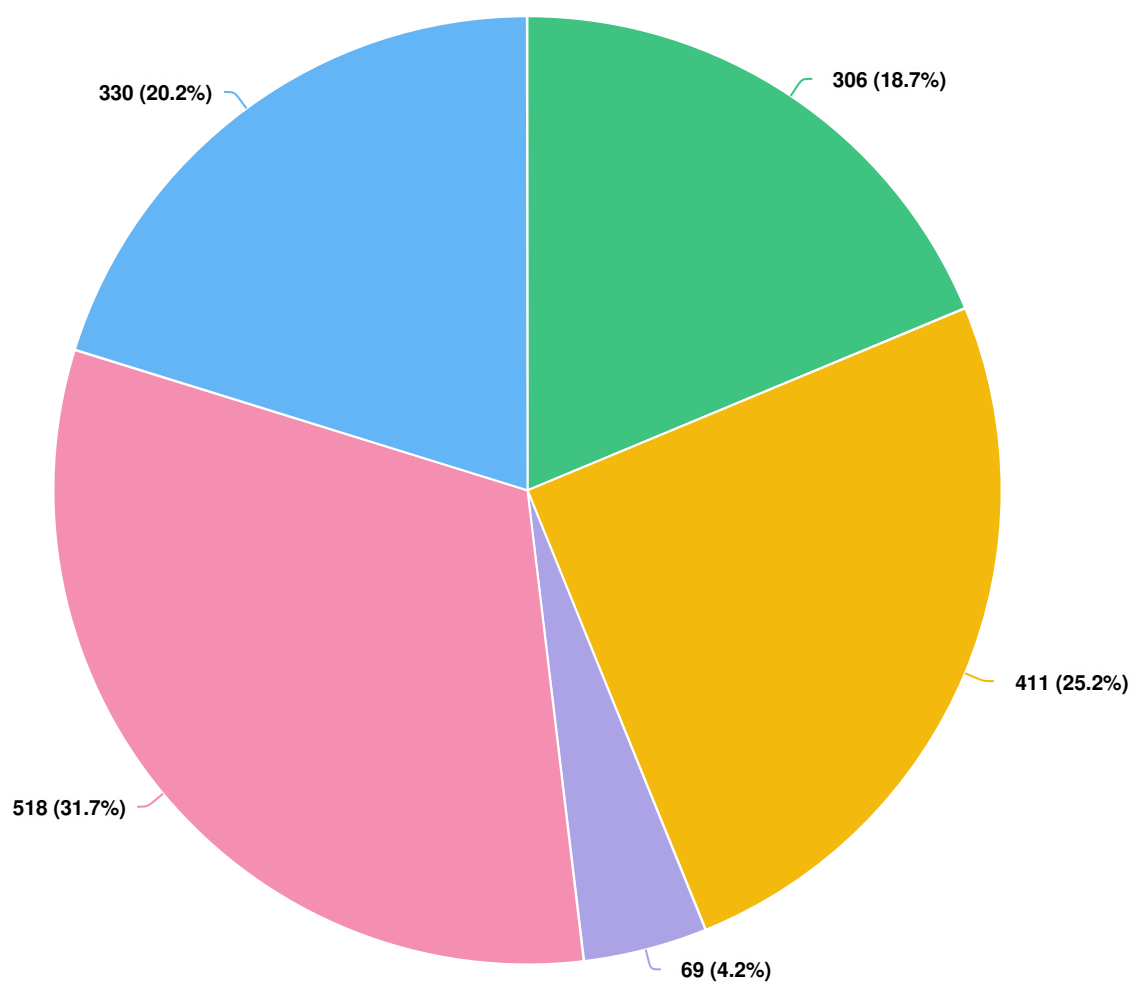


Question options

● Yes ● No ● Maybe

*Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q15 How much should the fine amount be for not complying with the Fireworks By-law?



Question options

● \$250 ● \$500 ● \$750 ● \$1,000 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (1633 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q16 | If you have any additional comments about fireworks regulations, please tell us about them.

svezeau

2/15/2024 12:45 PM

People are setting them off for days instead of just the day allowed.
Also way too late at night!

EG4243

2/15/2024 12:45 PM

Fireworks have continued to be made louder and bigger than in the past. With people setting them off close to homes it can cause safety concerns. We have had a number of burns in outdoor furniture due to the falling of debris and projectiles land in our yard,

Lynne_

2/15/2024 12:47 PM

A lot of public areas and parks being used up to hours at a time and had not seen any compliance checks by municipal bylaw.

NSimpson

2/15/2024 01:07 PM

Fireworks regulations have become ridiculous, catering to some of the loudest whiners in the city. Some people are simply too fragile for their own good.

ACald

2/15/2024 02:01 PM

Fireworks should only be used by trained people at designated locations. No more parking lots, back yards, or parks. They're messy, loud, and when anyone other than white Canadians use them, people in Cambridge turn into racist monsters attacking those that celebrate other holidays besides Canada day. Just get rid of them all together. We don't deserve to have nice things.

Rush

2/15/2024 02:06 PM

Please let people celebrate and don't be too soft. Fireworks are here from centuries and they do bring joy to the people. Let people celebrate !!! Yes, I am all in to do it in safe manner, but do not be too hard with all the restrictions.

Lisa F

2/15/2024 02:12 PM

Sometimes around Canada Day, fireworks have been set off for 5 days in a row. I have a dog who is petrified of loud noises and it is very upsetting to see him react for those days when fireworks are set off. I also have a small child. I enjoy fireworks but wish there would be an earlier time they had to be done by. There is no reason why fireworks should be going off at 12 pm or midnight.

SarahHen

2/15/2024 02:24 PM

Fireworks should be allowed every long weekend. This is Canada we celebrate everything.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:25 PM

Canadian holidays are the only days that should be permitted. No to Indian holidays.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:26 PM

Fire works should be part of an organized professional event held in a specific location, done within a reasonable time frame coordinated by professionals.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:36 PM

You cannot rely on a private citizen phoning in to complain. You should have more bylaw officers on the streets.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:37 PM

It's a matter of enforcement (or lack thereof)

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:37 PM

Just let the fireworks happen. In general those that complain just use this as an excuse to project their racist attitudes towards others.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:37 PM

I've seen a massive home fire start because fireworks were lit near a neighborhood. Luckily those inside made it out alive, but it was engulfed in flames so quickly and it was incredibly dangerous I've also been to public parks where younger people didn't come prepared with bucket of sand or water, and they shot fireworks that ended up misfiring sideways to other people in the park I think they are too dangerous for the public to use safely, should be left to the professionals

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:38 PM

In the absence of enforcement, fines need to be heavy enough that people wouldn't want to risk it. I think a lot of the complaints would be mitigated if there were a ban or higher restrictions put on residential zone fireworks, especially after around 9/10pm-ish.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:38 PM

Nothing to add.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:38 PM

I'd love to see a city-sponsored or community-organized Diwali fireworks display. I think that by having one centralized event it would cut down on individuals lighting off fireworks at inappropriate times and locations

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:39 PM

The only way to proceed at this point is a total ban on fireworks.
Maybe the city, or some other entity, could organize some sort of light show in a certain area. People could attend, without the constant blast of fireworks terrorizing and disturbing every living thing for blocks around

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:40 PM

Fireworks for any other event other than a national Canadian holiday should require a permit.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:42 PM

Special days and holidays are fine one a month or so in a controlled environment

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:43 PM

The restrictions are not strong enough and are NEVER enforced. I live beside Angewood Park and teenagers are letting them off there every.single.weekend. By the time bylaw is called they are gone. It is so disruptive and as a family with young children and pets it is a massive annoyance.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:43 PM

Fireworks used to be a special-occasion event -- Victoria Day and Canada Day. Now it's a free-for-all, with fireworks being part of birthdays and holy days on various cultural calendars. Clamp down on them through rigorous bylaw enforcement, or ban them outright.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:43 PM

Fireworks are disruptive to the entire community. Small children, pets, people who work early in the morning - all have their sleep disrupted. My child has anxiety and gets panic attacks when loud unexpected noises happen. We live near a park and people always set off fireworks there, which leaves trash everywhere AND disrupts the surrounding residents. They should be banned entirely for private/residential use.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:44 PM

Safety for every citizen should be the priority.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:44 PM

I think people should be able to enjoy fireworks just like we did as we grew up. It's only a few times of the year. Let people enjoy and have fun!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:44 PM

People don't respect the current rules, you're absolutely waiting everyone's time without an increase in enforcement.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:46 PM

I think as long as people are being safe, not pointing the fire works at buildings, people, animals and shelters than I see no wrong it. We can't keep telling people not to do something because we are offended by it even though it has nothing to do with us. People are too sensitive now a days. Let's go back 15 years ago to when this made sense and people weren't so sensitive.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:47 PM

I live across from Lincoln park and every year people shoot fireworks during holiday weekends on the days that aren't supposed to have fireworks. Bylaw and police never show up.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:48 PM

Nobody is going to take the time to apply for a permit. what should happen is you have to show the permit for all firework sales. period, regardless of the day. permit should be an easy process. possible to do on line or at the firework store / stand / side of the road. Nobody knows the rules, so how do they know they are breaking them? if you can buy them, you can fire them off. So how can you fault them. I have never been told "allowed days" to fire off fireworks. The people selling personally don't care. having a sign up, does nothing.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:49 PM

Public safety and disturbance to pets and seniors is outrageous. City must do away with trying to satisfy every man minority rights against the vast majority. Cancel the whole thing and don't worry about it make it fair for everybody you can't have it!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:50 PM

Fireworks were something that we did over the years not realizing the negative impact on animals both domestic and wildlife, the environment and our safety. Sadly it has been abused by many people who are unthinking and unkind to their neighbours and their community. It is time we ban fireworks.

mmb2226

2/15/2024 02:52 PM

I don't have an issue with people using fireworks. I just wish they did it safely and cleaned up after themselves so animals and the environment isn't affected.

Smurcook

2/15/2024 02:52 PM

No fireworks after 10pm, no cannon ball fireworks

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:52 PM

Please ban fireworks within the city. We have had our property and vehicle damaged by neighbours who are careless. When Waterloo Regional Police were contacted they would do nothing to assist and if

we wanted repairs to our property made we would have to utilize insurance despite having video proof.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:52 PM

Band fireworks in residential areas don't allow for special, all holidays either regardless of sex or religion

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:53 PM

Fireworks should be discharged on the day of the holiday only.. not days before or after.. should also I be completed before 11pm

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:54 PM

fireworks are devastating to wildlife, war veterans and people living with PTSD. as well as immigrants coming in from war torn countries.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:54 PM

What other consequences could be created to better enforce the bylaw, not related to fining?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:55 PM

No point calling to complain. Often fireworks are shot off in parks and the city and police take far to long to respond to catch and stop those responsible. So many residents are ignorant and shoot off fireworks illegally and it's especially frustrating around the time of dewali because it happens for 5 days straight and interferes with the fami ability to get rest for work and school

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:55 PM

There should definitely be some additional restrictions added to the fireworks bylaws for safety, noise and environmental purposes. In our neighbourhood alone, we have heard fireworks past midnight on many occasions. They are also being set off inappropriately, in the middle of the street, in wheel barrels being supported with bricks, with many people gathering and lots of homes, structures and vehicles around that can be damaged. My home window was scorched and hit with a lot of debris when my daughter was a newborn, how dangerous is it that we allow anyone to set off fireworks without repercussions for their actions, knowledge of how to do it safely and lack of concern for their own neighbours, homes and possessions. It's absurd and ludicrous when people are this disruptive on holidays and when it's not a holiday. There is a park at the end of the street, with lots of open space, and never is it done there. It's always the same group of people. Honestly, there should be a total ban on fireworks or should be a permit required with harsher fines so there is some responsibility for their actions and recourse for not abiding by the law. No one's cleans up the debris, it's unsafe for pets, children, animals and the environment. The noise is just not something I want to deal with for other people's obnoxious enjoyment. I love a good firework

show, but these are just not needed in our neighborhoods.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:55 PM

Fireworks are a massive disturbance to most city residents. For this reason, they should not be allowed within city limits. They disrupt peoples work and sleep schedules, the environment, cause issues in pets and people to the point of having to medicate etc. in short, they simply should not be allowed.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:56 PM

Diwali 2 years ago a group of families were out on the street lighting fireworks straight from there hand. Kids included! It's not safe for them and it's not safe for my property. Also they went on thought the early hours. The disregard for neighbors this is what I have a huge issue with. I am fine with the limit to be 11pm. Also I definitely think setting them off on school property should be a ticket. They never clean up after themselves.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:58 PM

I think of the they key issues is the lack of enforcement of the by-law too. I'd like to see more enforcement of the by-law on potentially problematic days.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 02:59 PM

We appreciate the newest changes restricting dates on which fireworks can be enjoyed; it seems to have solved the problem. Additional dates to accommodate other cultural/ethnic groups' needs would be acceptable, too. However, on environmental and safety grounds these should be limited, and if it means something like ten weekends a year, then maybe just Canada Day, and none other, and on the grounds of concern for wildlife, if you find any, then we would appreciate whatever limits you may need to impose.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:00 PM

Honestly I do t have a huge issue in our area with where fireworks are discharged. Sure the teens get a hold of them and shoot them off all over the place, but they scatter after so what is there to I force? Otherwise I think Ward 2 does an okay job with where we dispatch fireworks. I will say I really don't appreciate them passed 10:30/11pm and would love more enforcement and education to people on appropriate firework times. Occasions like Diwali are so respectful and finished at reasonable times, but Canada day everyone goes wild and lights them off until almost 3am here and it's very irritating.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:00 PM

Chinese need new year fireworks!, Jewish Hanukkah needs fireworks! , pagens need equinox fireworks! , grand opening of event!, The King of Englands Birthday needs fireworks! It's a boy! / Girl Celebration

need fireworks! Closing ceremony at events need fireworks!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:03 PM

Bylaw is not doing enough. ANYONE caught discharging fireworks should be immediately fined. Bylaw officers should be patrolling as well as police officers. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:03 PM

I feel it is unsafe for people to set fireworks off in a subdivision. A better place would be designated open areas. When fireworks are set off in a housing developments, accidents can happen like fires.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:03 PM

Around my area I hear fireworks going off throughout random weekends and a lot during Duwali time which seems to extend well past quiet hours and goes on for many days when not permitted in the By-Law

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:07 PM

I think fireworks should only be allowed to be set off on Canada Day and Victoria Day, but *not* the 2 days before or after...

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:08 PM

No comments, I am Fine with the current bylaw. I am Hindu and want to ensure that we are able to celebrate Diwali once a year with Fireworks.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:10 PM

Fireworks, used safely, can be very enjoyable. Unfortunately, as the population grows, it is becoming more difficult to find appropriate areas to have them. In addition, many people do not respect the current by-law so enforcement is a definite issue. Thanks for taking the time.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:10 PM

In my experience, most fireworks are used in a celebration. As long as safety and time restrictions are followed, I support the fun of fireworks. We have new cultural groups in our community and they should have the opportunity to celebrate their special days as we older cultures celebrate ours

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:11 PM

There is too much noise and unseen smoke late into the night in residential neighborhoods.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:12 PM

Constantly hearing fireworks around midnight is not a pleasant experience. Please limit fireworks to earlier in the evening to not be

as disruptive. Also fireworks very close to housing is not appreciated.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:12 PM

The use of fireworks is far too restrictive. Limiting use by time periods (no longer than 30 minutes; not between 12:00pm and 7:00 am.) would suffice. Let people celebrate as they wish. There have been very few fires as a result of fireworks, and far fewer serious, damaging fires.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:12 PM

I'd like to see a ban on residential fireworks. Many pets are put on medication and hidden in basements away from the noise.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:12 PM

Fireworks are out of control and this needs to be addressed

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:13 PM

There does not seem to be any enforcement for lighting them on off days. It is annoying, scares pets, and wakes my baby up. Fireworks benefit from being lit in the dark, but do not require to be lit off late at night. I support a complete fireworks ban, or have them at approved (City/Municipality) events and ban the homeowner from purchasing/using.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:13 PM

I have not made complaints about fireworks because everyone I know who has made a complaint has been told the same thing - fireworks complaints are difficult to enforce because it's nearly impossible to locate the offender. There is no reason for fireworks to be legal without training and proper permits - they are a dangerous explosive and should be treated as such.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:15 PM

Too many issues where people are not respecting the current by laws.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:16 PM

People need to be able to celebrate holidays

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:21 PM

Should not be sold except with a license

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:21 PM

Fireworks are very disturbing to pets and wildlife. Everyone thinks the bylaw is a joke. You should do a TOTAL ban. We have random fireworks go off quite often....even more now that we have a "multicultural" city and those individuals seem to think they are above

any bylaws

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:22 PM

Trying to ban private use of firework will fail. Yes I do believe restrictions are needed and maybe increasing fines for repeats offender but an absolute ban will fail just like trying to ban private consumption of alcohol to reduce alcoholic and banning legal firearm to try to reduce crimes. Banning private use of fireworks will fail, look what happen when the state of California ban fireworks instead it caused an illegal market of fireworks being lid up on the 4 of July w barely any law enforcement enforcing the law from lighting them up. Bylaw officers will be outnumbered of how many people will light up fireworks up into the skies being lose lose situation on them trying to enforce bylaw on them. The city of Cambridge bylaw officer cannot inspect every car going into Cambridge for fireworks which those out of area will sell firework or buy them online. Yes firework are annoying especially at night which should be targeted on those but an absolute ban will fail.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:23 PM

People disregarding this and other by-laws is contributing to the uptick in crime in our area. When rules are made (for well thought out reasons) and people disregard and, even worse, there are no consequences, we lose faith in our protectors, and our community suffers greatly!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:23 PM

Start enforcing the laws currently on the books and stop being afraid to specifically target Diwali festivities. They are not the majority but are more aggressive in their actions toward disrespecting other citizens. Get your head out of the sand !

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:23 PM

My biggest concern is late hrs that fireworks are set off, especially on Sundays or work nights

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:24 PM

I don't believe there should be a by law about ,shooting off fireworks, celebrating with Family for important times of the year .

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:24 PM

I think that there are too many restrictions already, and that the lack of enforcement combined with the ensuing lack of compliance means that further restrictions will mean nothing. Instead of new restrictions GO ALL OUT ON ENFORCEMENT OF CURRENT RESTRICTIONS. This whole process is balderdash. You people and your beliefs that new restrictions will make a difference make me laugh. People want to have some fun in tough times. Fireworks in general hurt no one

when handled properly. If you want time restrictions, say 10 or 11pm latest, put all hands on deck for that time and start doing something about it! You never hear of anyone actually being fined. This whole new process is another waste of tax dollars, for what - maybe 3 people that complain per year.... Now before you say it was 20 or 50 or 100 complaints last year. Consider that 200 complaints is what, around 0.0015 percent of the population that has issues with the fireworks bylaws. Spend our tax money on real issues. Potholes that we ALL hit daily on the streets around town. Enough already.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:25 PM

Not allowing fireworks to be set off by people in their driveways or on our streets. Last year our neighbour set off fireworks in front of our house on the street and they had a misfire and they started shooting sideways at our house! It's a big safety concern, fortunate no property damage or car damages parked in driveways

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:27 PM

I'm not sure how the by laws can be enforced. It is difficult to determine exactly who is setting them off when not permitted. By the time I get in my car and drive around lookingthey might have stopped for the moment or just re-loading, and i miss them.

taggs

2/15/2024 03:27 PM

Please ban them completely - including Diwali, Canada Day. They are a menace to the environment, wildlife, pets and people and a fire hazzard. Increase the fines for illegal letting off fireworks to get the message through to the hardheads who can't follow the rules.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:29 PM

This shouldn't be a staff or council priority right now.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:29 PM

Fireworks are harmful to the environment. They upset birds and small animals causing them to desert their nests or young. They are harmful to bees as well. If fireworks were to continue I would like to see a ban on anything that causes loud noises.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:29 PM

Enforcement is the issue.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:31 PM

Grew up in Preston, all the families combined their fireworks and we had party, everyone knew everyone. Now, people hide behind their curtains, spy on the neighbors, and call the police if there is something they don't like. Of course, back then we would rake the leaves to the curb, drop in a match and chat with the neighbors.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:32 PM

Strong enforcement on how late into the evening fireworks go off. I have a dog who is absolutely terrified of fireworks and two babies whose sleep gets disrupted when fireworks are let off late into the night. Should be an enforced ban after 9:30pm

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:34 PM

NA

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:37 PM

I'm not against people enjoying fireworks however I see people lighting them off in unsafe areas, close to buildings and during times when there are fire bans (summer dry seasons when there is a high risk for causing a fire). I also see people who seem to have no common sense or have been drinking (are drunk) lighting off fireworks unsafely and even holding them and sometimes pointing them at each other. My pets do not like fireworks and it stresses them out a lot. I can live with that if it only happens a few times a year but I would be all for a designated area in each ward where fireworks could be set off. This would keep them away from structures, reduce the chances of accidentally lighting something on fire and reduce the number of homes / people directly impacted by the noise. It would also ensure that if something did go wrong, emergency teams would have a "known place" to go to and during those times when we expect to see fireworks going off... maybe have an emergency team or two on "standby". Maybe even have bi-law patrolling these designated areas during those times to make sure people aren't drunk and are letting them off safely.

Moving Forward

2/15/2024 03:38 PM

Life is good

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:38 PM

Problem with enforcement. There are people who set off fireworks all summer long, usually after midnight, but nothing can be done about it because there are insufficient resources to deal with it.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:39 PM

We have a neighbour who gets illegal fireworks from the States brought in by truckers. He lets them off sometimes in the middle of the street and sometimes on the sidewalk....always City property. They are far too loud, and they rain down debris onto neighbouring properties and into pools and onto roofs: hot. Every time we call bylaw and they do not answer. We have had the police come up, but by the time they get here there is little evidence. Each time reported they say that he is on the radar for next time and yet nothing is done. The last head of bylaw just treated all of us as nuisance complainants.

She is no longer with you. He also keeps some fireworks back for birthdays, New Year's Eve, etc. Again we get nowhere with you. We all feel it best if fireworks were set off around the city in parks where most people can see them, even if at home. If this has gone on in our little neighbourhood, it can't be an isolated incident...there must be more people like this dangerous person. Please increase enforcement.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:39 PM

I think fireworks have their place but should be held at a City park where people pay a small fee to go in to see the display and that could help cover the costs. In reality I think they are a waste of hard earned money and are harmful to the environment and drive many animals crazy.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:41 PM

My only concern is the late night fireworks people let off. A set time limit may help with that. They are used for celebrations, and we all need to celebrate things.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:41 PM

There should be no fire allowed at all, we don't need it 100%

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:47 PM

stop this fire work by law non sense ...

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:49 PM

I think fireworks should be something you need to apply to do or can only do in a designated area within a time frame on certain days such as Canadian-centric statutory holidays (July 1 etc). We don't allow fireworks for other cultural holidays like Hanukkah or Ramadan so I do believe it is discrimination against other cultures and ethnic groups to allow fireworks on Diwali + important Canadian holidays. By law needs to enforce regulations better since having fireworks at late hours disrupts many people in the neighborhood who work or have children that need to go to school the next morning. Pets dislike the noise and if fireworks are going off at all hours that's not fair to them (I am someone who works in the animal industry).

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:49 PM

Only silent fireworks should be allowed within the framework of days allowed, time frame and safety regulations.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:51 PM

I would never have been in favour of a ban but unfortunately the few ruin it for the many. I have a dog. If I know what time the fireworks would be I can deal with it but there are people doing it in the streets

and at schools at all hours. No respect for other people. Enforcement is impossible. By the time anyone shows up at 2am in the morning, the culprits are long gone. I've also had the city say to call the police and the police say to call the city. Useless.... The only fireworks I would approve of are those run by the city. Everyone else outright ban. Horrible for pollution and wildlife as well.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:51 PM

I think fireworks are relatively contained to various Canadian and cultural holidays (ie. Diwali) and as long as people are being respectful and not setting them off all night or in a dangerous manner, let them be.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:53 PM

Strong enforcement and stiff penalties are the only way to hopefully get the message across to someone.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:55 PM

pets are terrified from fireworks....they always wake me up and keep me awake....they leave messes...why do we even allow them at all....those people need to get a real life!!!!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:55 PM

Unfortunately, this is completely unenforceable

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:58 PM

We should have the city put on a fireworks display Victoria Day and Canada Day, Diwali and that's it. People shouldn't be allowed to set them off. In reality any time they go on sale near these holidays people are setting them off days before and after and it scares pets, birds abandon nests and babies I've read. And for what purpose?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:58 PM

Fireworks can be dangerous when not handled correctly. So why let people handle them without a license or certificate. Fireworks should be handled by professional individuals whom have had training and could be held responsible if something goes wrong.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:59 PM

There are many who discharge fireworks in the city streets. This is a big concern in our own neighborhood. Our home and vehicles have been hit by debris and rockets several times. We come home and our front and back yard are full of debris. Not to mention the eaves. If the fines were higher, people may think twice of breaking the law .

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:59 PM

I'd like to see fireworks on other days too. They're fun.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 03:59 PM

They should be allowed at parks for families to do themselves with friends.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:02 PM

To clarify my response to question number 11. It asks whether I think permits should be issued. I think the current bylaw for permit requirements outside of the designated dates is appropriate, and agree with issuing permits in these instances. My response does not indicate a desire to require permits for all instances of fireworks discharge. Another poorly worded question. Who writes these questions for you folks ? You should have someone review these surveys before you publish them, as they frequently have problems with the structure of the questions or what exactly is being asked.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:05 PM

Something has to be done.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:08 PM

There should be fines for all the mess left behind after the fireworks. If it was a group or an organization they should get the whole bill for city staff having to go in and clean up after them.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:09 PM

The city of Cambridge has many larger problems than fireworks. This city is an embarrassment because of the drugs and homeless encampments. I don't let my family venture down town Cambridge after dark as it's horrible. The elected people need to clean this place up. Is steadily keeps worsening

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:13 PM

By laws are not followed. Should be a complete ban. Fireworks are set off from daylight til 2 am in our neighbourhood and all over the city around the holidays and all weekend long. Our pets are terrified. It has caused horrific accidents at a local farm. I volunteer with a local rescue and there are always issues with escapes and stress related injuries due to fire works. It is not my expectation to take the police away from the other more urgent needs of the city - however there needs to be alternate options to stop the chaos

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:14 PM

Education! If still allowing fireworks more education needs to be done, especially for newcomers. Fireworks within 1 metre of buildings....not smart. So tired of finding garbage from fireworks in Witmer Park.

Anonymous

Fireworks should only be allowed for Canada Day. It doesn't matter

2/15/2024 04:17 PM

where they are taking place in the city or if there is a permit. Days allowed should be decreased to one day only. If the weather is bad that day, too bad can't set off any fireworks a different day because weather is better. Bylaw should be able to ticket people based on video or photo evidence that is sent in. Realistically bylaw and police won't be able to get to every complaint in time to catch the offenders breaking the bylaw.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:20 PM

We have lived in Cambridge for 16 years. The fireworks situation has continually gotten worse and worse. Last year we counted over 45 days where there were fireworks going off in our neighbourhood. Most of those days included people letting them off past midnight, 1am, 2am. Every single one of those days involved people launching them at the public park (Victoria Park, Hespeler), and by-law and the fire department did nothing when called. Everyone likes to say "but it's only 1 day" - but it isn't! It's usually several days before and after the holiday. To make it worse, the park is filled with garbage afterwards, with spent explosives and dud fireworks strewn everywhere and all the garbages overflowing. Our tax dollars shouldn't go towards cleaning up after people who are already doing illegal things in our public spaces. At most the City of Cambridge or Region of Waterloo should put on official displays. But the environmental costs, air quality, waste, damage to property and wildlife are simply too great for private citizens to be allowed to let off fireworks. If you are going to change the by-law and impose fines, please actually have city staff enforce the by-laws. We have consistently been treated as "poor neighbours" by city and fire dept staff for expecting enforcement of by-laws already on the books. My special needs child is up all night screaming after being woken up by the already illegal fireworks, but nothing is ever enforced. All we hope for is to live in Cambridge in peace.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:22 PM

As a disabled gender fluid bipoc, I find fireworks disturbing and transphobic

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:23 PM

maybe do something about kids having them? we all know the whole issue is caused by one group of new people to our city.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:27 PM

Fireworks are too easily available to individuals not trained or skilled to ignite. The occasions that they are allowed should be limited to only national holidays and not for religious, cultural, or corporate-sponsored events.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:31 PM

It's unsafe. I don't want my neighbours getting drunk and setting off fireworks until 2am. I'm on the autism spectrum and it's really hard for me. I have to hide in the basement. So do my dogs who are shaking for hours because it never stops. I don't care if they're at the park or by the city during reasonable hours by trained professionals with water and first aid on hand. But trusting drunk 16 year olds across the street to either not hit my house or not blow their own hands off is ridiculous. It needs to stop. For all holidays. For all reasons. Everyone.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:32 PM

There should be an outright ban. In the year 2024, we ate well aware if the noise and environmental impact they have. Alternatives, like drones are a much better alternative.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:33 PM

We need to restrict access to fireworks as enforcement is hard as by time bylaw gets there fireworks done. There has to be a better way

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:34 PM

Everyday people are now doing them in the street. It is dangerous. It will only change if it's enforced. WRSP and the city are so understaffed they can't go to all calls. They need to be on the roads responding to calls late at night - but also paid accordingly!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:35 PM

Most evenings in summer, someone is setting off fireworks in the Lions Can-Amera park 305 Saginaw Pkwy. around midnight. Bylaw and the police do nothing. It has been 2 summers with this consistently happening in a residential neighborhood. I can not sleep, my neighbors kids are woken up as well and we don't even live beside the park. It is extremely excessive and there is no solution. No one catches the people doing this or does anything to prevent this from happening. It is constant in my area. Why do we not stop the sale of fireworks and ban them entirely if we cannot prevent this chaos? If you lived in this area of Cambridge you would understand. Please be aware that fireworks are fun before 10pm. They cause wildlife to stress along with fear in young children, some pets and people with disabilities. Why can't we limit the fun to certain locations away from residential areas such as Riverside park near the highway or other far off places?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:35 PM

stricter enforcement is needed

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:37 PM

I think 2 days a year is sufficient for fireworks. Canada day encompasses all Canadians. The traditional Victoria Day as part of

Common Wealth. There is no need to open this practice to everyone by cultural diversity as we are all part of Canada

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:39 PM

Actually enforce what ever rules are imposed.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:39 PM

focus on fireworks trailers within the region. They must be restricted or minimized and preferably both!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:42 PM

Fireworks are so incredibly damaging to wildlife and pets. We need to restrict when they're allowed and we need to enforce bylaws!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:42 PM

Enforcement needs to match the bylaw!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:46 PM

The fine should be significant and \$1000 is a strong statement that by-laws should be followed. I think it's a fantastic idea to enforce permits for fireworks. They can be dangerous and many people using them in my area are intoxicated. I have been woken as late as 2am by fireworks. There is no point in reporting. It's hard to tell who is responsible. We know these noises affect wildlife negatively. We know better now. Let's do better now.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:47 PM

Fireworks are not a necessity and not even much of an entertainment. For the most part its just a lot of noise and disruption. Ban firework usage wherever possible and in the remaining situation add enough restrictions that people will prefer to just not bother.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:49 PM

Fireworks are a luxury not a right and should be enjoyable and used with common sense so that people do not get hurt. Being used as a joke or to create a humorous event is not acceptable.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:51 PM

I think a big issue is there is not enough bylaw support to deter people. Even if things are reported that night, it is very rare that bylaw officers get there in time to issue a ticket. Need to have more officers available on duty on nights where it's known to have people breaking this bylaw.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:52 PM

Fireworks don't require the noise that screws up all the wildlife and scares the crap out of our pets. Have called on the adults putting

them off at Guelph Ave River at 2 am every year. No one comes no enforcement. If you make the laws enforce them !

Anonymous

2/15/2024 04:53 PM

As long as they're used within appropriate hours, I don't have a problem with fireworks being used the day before/after the appropriate holidays, as I have occasionally heard in my ward. However, I respect that they may be more of a problem for other people.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:04 PM

See previous comment about enforcement

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:08 PM

Enforcement needs to be out to enforce the current rules, they are good enough, but when you have bad actors running over the 10pm limit you need enforcement out on those nights hitting the areas and giving out the tickets. Raising the fine won't make a difference if you are not catching people, Limiting the number of days won't make a difference if you are not catching people.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:11 PM

It is getting out of control in many areas!!!!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:12 PM

We have problems with hearing fireworks to often during the summer. It happens many evenings in a row including week nights at all hours. Certain holidays until a reasonable hour are fine but it's really annoying on work nights, being kept up with fireworks going off all night

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:13 PM

I suffered property damage due to firworks being set off right infront of my house. I called the police while it was happening and was told they would be out to stop them. They never came. When I called back the day after when the damage was found I was told that there was nothing they could do for me as it was done on purpose. This is completely unacceptable and shouldn't be allowed to happen again to people not participating with fireworks.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:18 PM

Let people have their fun.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:26 PM

Fireworks should not be allowed in any neighborhoods. Only designated areas with no structures near by and well outlined policies so people cleanup after themselves. Limit the kinds of fireworks the

general public can purchase

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:28 PM

I would support higher fines but that doesn't matter if there is no enforcement

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:30 PM

The only issues I have is that I live in a residential area with quite a bit of diversity. I find that some people are not familiar with the bylaws and the implications that fireworks has especially near homes and the noise. Also some pets are very sensitive to the loudness of the fireworks.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:31 PM

My main annoyance is people not cleaning up the mess left afterwards when setting them off in public places, having them going off after 10 pm and the large increase of terrified dogs that run off and are missing when firework are let off, along with the terrorized wildlife

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:33 PM

Fireworks should be only in Canada day. No Victoria day or what makes Indian people so special to have fireworks on Diwali day?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:35 PM

Fireworks sometimes go on for days and far too late in the day and sometimes into the night. I think fireworks should only be at organized firework displays in safe areas. They can be very disrupting for families with young children at bedtime. Also very hard on pets.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:50 PM

My only complaint about fireworks would be for those who set them off after 11pm. In my opinion, all fireworks should be done by 11pm. I would also suggest that fireworks be allowed on days immediately prior to or following a holiday

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:53 PM

See comments for question 10. We are concerned for the safety of those around us, and our property when fireworks are being set off illegally from private driveways. (Not sparklers and firecrackers, full fireworks)

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:53 PM

I definitely believe it is time for a complete ban on fireworks.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 05:56 PM

Perhaps public park areas could be set aside for public use for fireworks

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:00 PM

Unfortunately enforcement would have to catch them in the act for charges to stick.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:03 PM

Only need to set off fireworks for Canada day and Victoria day. That's it. No need for anything else.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:03 PM

Completely Banned and Stop fireworks in city streets and school parking lot . Air pollution/noise pollution/ environmental impact and wildlife damage /safety concerns

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:04 PM

I don't believe they should be banned outright. The current bylaw is inclusive and should remain :)

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:07 PM

I love fireworks but have learned how distressing it is for pets and wildlife so would like to see them kept to a minimum. Maybe we could try the drone displays for the public celebrations

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:09 PM

Fireworks are dangerous for my dog. She has bad shaking and panting fits when fireworks are being done. On Diwali, our neighbors do fireworks in the driveway with cars, and with children around. This is highly dangerous and is so close to the houses that there is the potential for damage to occur. I am not saying that they shouldn't be used, but they need to be done properly. Fireworks have hit our cars and our property which is unacceptable. By-law was called, but when they arrived they had finished doing them already so there was no enforcement to be done. People cannot get away with doing this as it is dangerous to others. For my pets, i would say fireworks need to be done far away from houses, and only be allowed between a certain time frame so that it can be expected when they are going to need to go to a quiet spot to be sheltered from the noise.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:09 PM

I believe that a time-frame on fireworks would be more respectful in neighborhoods as there are currently fireworks discharged in the street on Newport Drive every long weekend, regardless of the by-law. Limit to Canada day and Victoria day, and nothing after 11pm.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:09 PM

I've no had issues with fireworks in my area. Would the city consider or do they have fireworks for these occasions so they are controlled and with that they could be banned ?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:10 PM

My family personally loves watching fireworks and I would hate to see them banned. As a pet owner, I just keep my dog inside if he gets startled by them, however, he seems to enjoy watching them, too. I know a lot of people complain about them, but fireworks happen so few times a year and we also live in a world where people complain about everything; if you don't agree with their narrative, it has to be wrong and therefore canceled. Keep the fireworks, we love watching them! They are fun and enjoyable.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:11 PM

Fireworks if having them should be only in set community events. Not neighbours doing them as want when want

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:11 PM

I hate them. They are unnecessary and inappropriate for use in residential areas. City shows in a park are fine but every other house in my neighborhood seems to be setting them off at ridiculous times of day. Not needed and a disturbance of the peace.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:11 PM

Those who disregard the regulations....should be given a penalty....but it is seldom implemented....

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:15 PM

I believe a review of days allowed to set if fireworks should be done - for example Chinese New Year.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:18 PM

One of the key challenges is the lack of enforcement. If a resident complained to By-law officers, by the time they arrive, the culprits are long gone. Perhaps other communities have tackled this with a viable solution.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:19 PM

I feel that the fireworks bylaws are becoming too restrictive. Not sure why they are allowed for some annual events, but not others. I'm thinking of New Years and Chinese New Years. I personally have no issue with these days. And for these days, midnight would be a likely start time, so adjustments would need to be made to allow for this.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:23 PM

Current bylaw works. Just stick with it.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:29 PM

Without enforcement the bylaw is meaningless. There needs to be clear information to the public on how to report a fireworks complaint and quick response by bylaw officers to address the issue.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:29 PM

Fireworks should only be allowed in designated areas. My neighbours take advantage and have them going off all the time and I get debris in my back yard which my dog tries to eat which is toxic to them. The noise alone is hard enough to deal with but the debris is not fair.

PaulB1964

2/15/2024 06:32 PM

Restricted to silent or near-silent fireworks only

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:39 PM

Over the years we have had several pets who have reacted to fireworks. With two pets these responses have been severe enough to require medication dispensed by our vet. Though it does not apply in town, I have seen panicked horses who have been severely injured when they have taken off to escape the noise and flashes -- I feel that other animals, including wild animals, experience similar reactions. Some communities have started laser light shows that are very impressive without the noise. Perhaps this should be encouraged.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:41 PM

I believe all races , cultures and religions should be able to celebrate with fireworks

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:45 PM

A complete ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:46 PM

Preston heights is absolutely ridiculous with fireworks. Last time they were going off at 4am. Something needs to be done .

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:47 PM

Fireworks Regs like all Government Regs are horrible and need to end.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:52 PM

You do not need explosives that disturb the entire neighbourhood to celebrate An outright ban please 24/7/365

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:54 PM

There are few more holidays that bring community members together that should allow for fireworks then the current ones.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:54 PM

People light them off anytime. I think enforcement is a big issue.

Anonymous

This is great to see you are seeking our feedback but I have

2/15/2024 06:55 PM

significant doubt that anything will be done based on previous experiences in the lack of bylaw enforcement. Bylaw currently barely or doesn't even enforce noise complaints, parking issues, over occupancy complaints, property standards, etc. This is all lip service seeking our feedback. People want to see action and enforcement for people who break the bylaws. People who follow the bylaws are the suckers for following them. We should just break bylaws and laws, because what is the point of them if no one does anything to enforce them or give people consequences. The law is the law great line I read in the news recently but too bad no one from bylaw actually believes in it.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:56 PM

It's too strict as is. Let the families and kids have fun. We all enjoyed it as kids. Stop taking it away from todays kids

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:56 PM

I would like fireworks to sold only to organizations not to private citizens

Anonymous

2/15/2024 06:58 PM

Please make the public aware of who to complain to then enforce it. Useless if not enforced.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:03 PM

Stick with the three occasions for fireworks. Fireworks can only be held on those 3 times, not before or after. Anyone wishing to set off fireworks must apply for permission from the city.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:03 PM

Labour day is probably another holiday that we should allow fireworks. Reasonable accommodation for bad weather especially for the larger displays put on that would/should have a permit. I don't think we should ban everything because not everyone wants to see or participate in something. Balance is important. I see where people have an issue where it's like all week before and after a holiday etc. but that is the issue that needs to be address not ban fireworks totally. Thanks for allowing me to express my thoughts on this.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:11 PM

Please follow what Brampton and Caledon has done. Although it doesn't get rid of the issue, it certainly reduces it significantly.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:12 PM

We frequently have fireworks going off in our neighbourhood and surrounding area. We've never noticed fireworks going off after 11PM. Typically they are much earlier. They are never excessive or too noisy.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:19 PM

I think designated areas would help some of the problem. I always see certain places like school yards and Parks used for lighting them off. However the next day when your out walking, what you see is all the garbage that gets left behind.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:20 PM

Because people don't follow the rules, I would ban them in all residential areas. Go back to having them at riverside on the 3 occasions permitted

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:22 PM

Clearly currently there is no enforcement of the current fireworks bylaw. There are numerous days in spring/summer/fall where many fireworks are heard or seen in Cambridge on days where fireworks are *not* permitted. These fireworks are not cheap. The fines should cost the offender much more than what the fireworks cost them. PLUS it must be a deterrent (assuming there will be enforcement). THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT !!!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:26 PM

Limiting to the exact day only does not account for weather. There is no reason Fireworks can't be set off in parks or large open areas. The city is discriminating against other celebrations/people by making them apply for a permit. We all grew up with fireworks and survived.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:28 PM

I think the current by law is ok, even though I would rather private individuals not set off fireworks. However, I don't see any enforcement of the current bylaw so I don't see how making the rules stricter would help without corresponding enforcement

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:28 PM

Don't care. Hasn't been an issue. People should be able to have some fun.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:32 PM

I love fireworks . Just it shouldn't be many days in a row it should be one day for each day, like Canada Day one day. Victoria Day one day ect This way people and animals that can't handle the sound can have time to prepare for it

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:33 PM

I think you need to make the fines higher so people actually care about being fined. Also make the permit amount high too

Anonymous

They are discharged in residential streets at ALL hours. Near me up

2/15/2024 07:33 PM

until 3am at times.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:39 PM

Shouldnt be allowed at all to do it on streets, driveways or backyards. Or past a certain time. Sometimes they are going off for en entire weekend at all hours of the night

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:47 PM

There are by laws for fireworks but they are not enforced in Cambridge. Our neighbors set them off directly in front of their houses. In our park, all night long and they NEVER clean up the park of the debris they leave behind. I do not think they should be allowed in residential areas released by just anybody.

Mark Cann-Dorey

2/15/2024 07:50 PM

We enjoy watching fireworks displays but it stresses our pets when the fireworks are let off randomly and without us able to safe guard our pets inside with the windows shut and music playing loud enough to create distractions.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:54 PM

Fireworks on canada day only at riverside park No residual fireworks
No sale of fire work in the city

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:56 PM

Why is there an issue with fireworks?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:57 PM

Do we really need to take all the fun out of life and regulate everyone to death?

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:58 PM

They seem to have no regard for days or times of discharging fireworks. All week til 2 or 3 am.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 07:59 PM

Soundless fireworks if that's a thing would be ok.

Concerned Local Resident

2/15/2024 08:02 PM

There should be some sort of incentive for people to gather in larger community groups, and in larger open spaces, when lighting off fireworks. Have seen too many instances lately of fireworks being shot off in a residential area and too close to other structures. Have personally had firework debris rain down on, and over, our roof. Concerned with potential fire safety as well as environmental waste as there tends to be cardboard fragments littering the street and yards afterwards.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:08 PM

Baseball diamonds and school yards are the safest place to set set off fireworks and this should be allowable. The allowable days should be switched to 3 days before and after the holiday being celebrated.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:10 PM

Please do not ban fireworks more, I am a family person and my kids love fireworks and love to watch them it is such a great treat for them to see.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:11 PM

New to accommodate more holiday and events than just CD, VD, and Diwali. Suggest opening it to lunar new year, calendar new year, some of the other Hindu, sheik and Muslim holidays, other significant religious holidays

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:14 PM

Setting off fireworks on subdivision streets is an issue - for noise and safety, and is regularly done. More education is needed so people know this is not allowed, and more enforcement is needed to prevent it.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:16 PM

I love fireworks but they get discharged too late. I'd say a cap of 11pm with a 15 minute grace period. People need to work in the morning.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:25 PM

Set off too close to homes, some displays go on far too long. Should not be allowed in neighbourhood parks especially after 10 pm. Too disruptive to pets and the environment, the smell of the charge can be strong.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:26 PM

By Law needs to be more present in designated firework nights. Someone should be driving around ensuring the by laws are being followed . The public shouldn't have to be responsible for enforcement

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:28 PM

People let off fireworks and don't know what they're doing. It's dangerous and concerning close to houses. Kids letting them off on the streets even on days that aren't classified as a holiday during the week. The Saginaw area is a problem during the summer.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:29 PM

How about quiet fireworks. It wouldn't scare animals and wouldn't keep people up who were trying to sleep.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:30 PM

Fireworks are a wonderful tradition and way to celebrate! They are delightful for all ages and should be permitted as they are now. I have animals and young children, and it is easy to close windows and play music the few nights a year they are allowed. Keep the bylaws as they are

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:33 PM

I have been a resident of Cambridge for 50 years and have always enjoyed the fireworks shows put off immensely and it would be a great shame to see Cambridge by law ban fireworks for everyone just because a few disagree with them.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:33 PM

Any fines collected should be donated to a local charity,

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:36 PM

A higher non-compliance fine and strict efficient enforcement will be huge driving forces to once and for all end unsafe fireworks in subdivision neighborhoods. Thank you for reassessing this by-law. I look forward to more strict enforcement regulations.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:37 PM

Maybe increase bylaw officers. Usually the fireworks are over before anyone can arrive. When fireworks are discharged in residential neighborhoods the risks are great

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:43 PM

Enforcement needs to be patrolling on fireworks evenings and taking complaints seriously. At least for the first year of the new bylaws. Enforce, educate, etc. We have had fireworks shot right at our building which is across from a park on the river. Hespeler seems to be particularly bad at compliance, so get bylaw and officers out there for the first year.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:51 PM

Stop wrecking peoples days and get off your high horses

Anonymous

2/15/2024 08:56 PM

Thank you for asking.

Punchbug

2/15/2024 09:01 PM

Law should be strict not only for wildlife but importance of people who suffer from PTSD

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:02 PM

no leave the fireworks alone we have had them for ever . Let people enjoy them

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:06 PM

Fireworks are a cheerful, celebrating thing. As long as they aren't lit too late at night or too often, let people enjoy summer evenings outside.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:07 PM

As long as no one is harmed physically, fireworks are okay. To those complaining about every little detail in this city, it is not the world's obligation to tip toe around you.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:11 PM

I would prefer a full ban on fireworks unless permit approved by city of cambridge.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:15 PM

Fireworks are extremely dangerous in the newer subdivisions with small properties. They are set off in driveways and back yards in extremely close proximity to cars and houses.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:19 PM

There are noise free options now....in my ward there is total disregard for fireworks regulations. I've had my grass set on fire (we put it out quickly) by irresponsible adults. Kids/teenagers set them off anytime.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:19 PM

Need to have better enforcement. If the city can pay to have private security teams roaming downtown to thwart homeless populations, then surely we can have some crack squads ready to pounce on illegal fireworks users. Give them drones, fast cars, whatever they need to get to the scene quickly.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:32 PM

Diwali celebrators decided to let their fireworks off for NINE days in a row 2 years ago... they started on Remembrance Day this past Diwali and my neighbor asked them to stop letting them off in the back yard .. he was told to Fuck Off... Some of the most disrespectful ignorant people I have ever encountered

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:37 PM

Nonsense that nobody cares about

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:46 PM

need a method to complain about the fireworks and the noise stricter enforcement on permitted days. fireworks for certain celebrations

went on for 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the permitted days for Diwali in November

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:47 PM

I remember this as a little kid, setting off fireworks for special holidays, playing with sparklers and I have let my kids have this fun too. I hope the city isn't railroaded into another stupid bylaw because a few people don't like it. We have WAY BIGGER issues to tackle

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:48 PM

Current fireworks regulation is a joke. I don't feel confident that this survey will have any impact and make any changes to the regulations, as the enforcement of the current one is nonexistent. You call to report fireworks going off all night long or in a dangerous manner and you get told they will get there or by the time they get there it will be difficult to enforce or they don't show up at all. How is a stricter regulation going to do anything if enforcement doesn't do anything or ticket anyone. How is anyone going to learn that there are bylaws that need be followed. The city needs to stand up and enforce all bylaws because so people are getting away with stuff. City bylaws are a joke.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:52 PM

Fireworks are so bad for the environment. And people are lighting them off in unsafe locations - too close to homes - I thought my neighbours house was going to go up in flames from the people lighting them off behind them. Fireworks are so bad for pets and wildlife. My cat hides as soon as she hears them and won't come out until the next morning. Waste of money too!

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:53 PM

We should talk to fireworks companies across Canada for feedback in order to make fireworks a lot of fun in Canada and still safe for the community and for pets too.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:57 PM

fireworks are set off from Friday night until Monday night for every holiday. it is very annoying One night of the holiday either Sunday night or Monday night should be enough. this happens every long weekend all year. I am sure these events are not all organized by the city which should be the only way fireworks should be used.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 09:59 PM

Fireworks should only be done for community by city. It is good for environment and safety of everyone

Anonymous

Religious holidays should not be allowed to launch fireworks

2/15/2024 10:00 PM

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:11 PM

Sellers of fireworks should be required to have purchasers sign a waiver that has clear instructions about the City by-law and stated fines that may be laid for violating said by-law.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:18 PM

Just implement a complete ban for everyone's sake.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:21 PM

We have neighbours that set off fireworks on their driveway every year, and the bylaws aren't enforced. Communicating the bylaws and the process to follow if we feel unsafe should be easily accessible.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:24 PM

Lighting Fireworks in populated neighbourhoods is a problem. Fireworks works are often shot over houses and are a dangerous fire hazard. Additionally, numerous fireworks litter is just left everywhere

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:24 PM

Stop with warnings and deal with the issue. There should be ZERO tolerance.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:29 PM

Personal fireworks should not be allowed. A neighbour set off fireworks incorrectly resulting in a child being hit by the fireworks. I support a complete ban.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:29 PM

Add New Year's Eve to days when fireworks are permitted.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:32 PM

Yes. We hear random fireworks being set off all year round. The issue is, you can not police it if it is one time. By the time any police officers get to the location, which is a hurdle in itself, those who set the fireworks off have long gone. Be done with selling fireworks full stop. Hold city wide firework displays instead.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:36 PM

Fireworks are part of the Canadian culture. So many people complain about their pets but many other loud noises occur naturally like thunder. Most people try to be responsible Fireworks are not cheap and people investing a few hundred dollars to entertain others should be welcomed. We let off fireworks and the neighbours all complained. But next year they were all camped out waiting for the free show. People are just plain sensitive

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:40 PM

Houses are built so close to each other in modern subdivisions. It would be best if parks were provided during Diwali or other celebrations to provide the adequate space required. Unfortunately, people set off fireworks in the street and risk hitting vehicles and homes, as well as litter properties with the discharged powder caps and firework casings, not to mention young kids go to sleep much earlier than the 11pm cutoff. This is my experience - my vehicles and home were hit by fireworks and property littered with discharged fireworks. I don't think fireworks should be banned but I think suitable locations should be provided.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:44 PM

I would rather see fireworks being set off in an open park area, instead of on my neighbors front lawn/driveway. I've witnessed one falling over and head straight at another house.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 10:46 PM

In the year 2024 it's wild to me that fireworks are still being sold. It seems the current bylaws are not being enforced as my neighbours set off fireworks at all hours of the night with no regard for those who have to work in the morning.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:00 PM

Should be allowed in parks, shouldn't be allowed in backyards, should be restricted to 10 pm.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:06 PM

This survey already is geared to firework haters.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:10 PM

In my neighborhood they don't adhere to days and hour limitations and enforcement doesn't send anyone and can't even be reached at 1 am. Fireworks should be restricted to areas away from homes for safety of property and comfort of animals. It stresses and scares my cats every time.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:13 PM

Enforcement of this difficult (like enforcement of anything in this city it seems) so changing the laws is useless because they won't be enforced - this is why I think it best to just ban them all together

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:13 PM

People in this town are ridiculous with their fireworks. I get it for some holidays, but doing it all weekend when people need to sleep is getting out of hand.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:26 PM

No bylaw enforcement. It is dark right now, if I call bylaw when will they get here? Monday some time? Useless, either have them available when truly needed (evenings and weekends DAH) or close the office and save money. Noise of fireworks is minimal to the noise of motorcycles and modified mufflers and yet fireworks is getting the attention, Why? You are hired or elected to make the city better. Think about priorities.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:27 PM

Get rid of the homeless encampments instead of going after low hanging fruit of no consequence except to rabid 'animal/pet parents'.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:32 PM

People should be educated but not reprimanded for having fun. The city of Cambridge is awesome but it's not the most activity heavy city and sometimes people will take advantage of having their own fun which is not a problem. They should just be educated.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:33 PM

Give us more days when we're allowed to light them off. I don't do it myself, but I enjoy seeing them. Obviously there should be a time limit. 10pm would be appropriate, I think.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:37 PM

I don't mind fireworks, my pets don't react to firewrks. I don't have a problem with fireworks as long as the people are responsible and don't put others in harms way. We are overly policed/restricted when it comes to bylaw and what we can do on our properties (fireworks, backyard fires)

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:44 PM

There does not need to be more rules around when fireworks can be set off. Leave it how it is.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:49 PM

I would like to see better enforcement on fireworks in terms of response times. By the time by-law even acknowledges a complaint, the culprits are long gone.

Anonymous

2/15/2024 11:57 PM

It's a way to celebrate, let people enjoy themselves. It's one night...

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:08 AM

I love fireworks and would be so sad if they were banned

Anonymous

I do not support a fine unless the bylaw is enforced. 2am is too late

2/16/2024 12:34 AM

for fireworks but is fairly common.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:48 AM

If controls were in place and were followed, fireworks on a few nights of the year within reasonable times would be acceptable as pets could be catered for and noise during the early hours would not be an issue. Sadly, enforcement will always be a weak point. Tighter control on sales may help and heavier fines for those that may be caught. Safety of storage during sales is also a concern at the roadside. The UK has a strict policy for storage, sales (locked cabinets in supermarkets licensed to sell during a short window by trained staff to those above a certain age) and use. Enforcement is again an issue but maybe a few ideas that would help here?

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:49 AM

In my neighbourhood, fireworks are set off from supertime until well after midnight, usually 3 days in a row. It is unacceptable.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:54 AM

No group should be exempt from the rules and they should be made in consideration of all situations. Last year - 2023, the Diwali fireworks around our area of Cambridge - Townline Road and south of the 401 area went on for an awfully long time (and days). Thought that was a contradiction to what others have to abide by.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:19 AM

I think fireworks is fun, and would like to have more days in the year. If any restriction need to be done, it's only the type of the fireworks being sold. People are allowed to celebrate and have fun. Other need to tolerate that. It's only those few days in the year, and all the other days it's not allowed. Thank you

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:49 AM

Preston Heights area is particularly bad with fireworks and regularly disrespectful of current by-laws in place. No enforcement ever. Fireworks for hours straight should not be tolerated. Permits are needed for personal use or restrict to city put on displays only

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:56 AM

There are so many other growing alternatives to the use of traditional pyrotechnic fireworks today (such as drone displays) that have a much lesser impact on the community all around. These alternatives should be looked at by Council and public displays/events should be offered by the City, so as to provide residents with a safer and more affordable alternative all around. Or, use existing lighting displays we have available to us — such as putting on special events/themed weekends using the light show equipment at the Old Post Office instead.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:08 AM

Do not take away the fun for families. It's ridiculous.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:13 AM

Too often, in my area, fireworks were going off after 11pm and on days not allocated for fireworks. Especially, on Crestwood Drive and Riverview Drive. They break the rules, consistently. Also, we should have a DIRECT 24 hour phone line, for people to call in complaints, anonymously. Thank you.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:30 AM

We would prefer if ALL fireworks were NOT on private property; all fireworks should be on City or Municipal lands, overseen by the fire department. Safety first! The whole city would know where fireworks are taking place. No one would be shocked or woken up, by neighbours setting off fireworks. It is too dangerous and unsafe to set off fireworks in people's back yards.

pemom

2/16/2024 03:33 AM

There are many other times in the year that people should be able to use fireworks. Fireworks are celebratory and should not be banned. I believe we are listening to a small vocal minority about the noise. Fireworks are an important family memory creator.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:06 AM

For larger groups the Canadian Fireworks course should be taken if still in service !

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:21 AM

Fireworks have been around longer than most residents have been alive. Education on SAFE use would be more beneficial than non use.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:25 AM

BAN FIREWORKS!

Donald S

2/16/2024 04:29 AM

trained individuals should be only ones able to buy and discharge large fireworks. In safe places like Dixon park.

Banjo

2/16/2024 04:34 AM

NO sale of firework to public what so ever for private use without permits. Events held in large open spaces for large capacity viewing and NO private property use what so ever.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:49 AM

I'd like the city to look into a drone display rather than fireworks on July 1st

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:40 AM

The city should only be allowed to do them.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:44 AM

They are damaging to our already deteriorating environment and cause unnecessary to stress to wildlife and pets. We DO NOT need to see "pretty lights in the sky" if it damages our ecosystem. It's ridiculous that this is even a debate.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:24 AM

Definitely need curfew on when fireworks can be discharged, and strictly enforced, although I'm not sure of the feasibility of the enforcement part. I'd be happy to see them restricted to Canada Day & Victoria Day

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:30 AM

We need to enforce the by law. I have heard fireworks going off until all hours of the night for any of the days we are allowed. Fireworks should be communities together not separate them . Tha is what happens when the by law.is not enforced. As we see people getting special treatment.. my animals and kids are not able to sleep and get stressed.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:48 AM

Personally I think having fireworks on the holidays are great, but I know many people feel disrupted by them, and I think limiting their use to just the day of the holiday would be an solution that works for all

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:00 AM

Fireworks are not needed as they pose too many environmental and safety risks. We have neighbours lighting fireworks on their driveways, sidewalks, and backyards far too close to houses. There is white ash on our lawn and cars and there is also no concern for others since they often exceed 1 or 2am in the morning. We have seen neighbours lighting fires (bin type) directly in their garage - twice now during the winter. That in itself is a major fire hazard.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:14 AM

Fireworks are a part of our culture. we light fireworks only on diwali. The city has graciously allowed us to follow our tradition and we respectfully accept and do so following rules.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:24 AM

I do not agree with backyard fireworks as they have woken up my oldest child several times and scared her so bad she was too terrified to go back to sleep. I have had a personal experience with backyard

fireworks where when it was discharged, it actually almost hit myself and my sister, and hit the neighbour's window. I have not been comfortable with them since.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:30 AM

Again I will stress on Wannamaker Crescent for the past 3yrs fireworks are being lit on driveways, on grass right in front of houses. Debris is landing on cars, hundreds of people gather, they hold in their hands and fire them at each other, the ones put on ground fall over shoot at houses, block csrs from driving down the street. Police called nothing they can do without bylaw, bylaw doesnt show up when called because reported "so busy".Something terrible is going to happen, someone will get injured a house or car will catch on fire. Something needs to be done, this only happens on Diwali no other holiday!! 3 yrs in a row and no one stops this behaviour not acceptable! This year we will call the news people so they can see how unacceptable the behaviour is and broadcast it then maybe someone will control it.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:30 AM

Not enough by law enforcement especially around holidays weekends. It used to be random groups setting off fireworks in the park near me (Sault Park) every single night of every holiday weekend. Since Covid, people are now setting them off in the middle of residential streets. Sounds like a war zone now. More patrols and stronger penalties might help.

NJ

2/16/2024 07:46 AM

I feel that we have learned to change over the years. There was a time when almost everyone had a small fireworks display on Victoria Day but times have changed and we have become more responsible. Fireworks are NOT good for the wildlife and we share our world with them. As well, because we have become so much more multi-cultural (which is a good thing) more fireworks happen year round and that is not fair - I find it much more disruptive noise wise.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:02 AM

Huge concern with safety. 3rd party Liability with fireworks is a grey area where misuse results in harm to people or damage to property. Traceability for individuals and enforcement of the existing laws are practically non-existent. Fully support a full ban for the public so that they're used only in a properly controlled manner.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:02 AM

Not sure why the current bylaws for fireworks are in place, considering very few follow them. Who's responsible for damage caused by fireworks after a complaint was filed to both WRPS and bylaw?

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:03 AM

Lack of awareness of bylaw and lack of enforcement and lack of consideration for others has contributed to this problem. Bylaws should be enforced.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:24 AM

The manner in which fireworks are discharged in residential areas is very concerning. The potential damage to surrounding property seems to be quite high.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:42 AM

It used to be really one night in Cambridge. Now fireworks are going off it seems all summer. There is no need for this old tradition. Animals get displaced all the time. I worry about our wildlife. I would support a full ban on fireworks.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:48 AM

Everyone is pissy about everything now a days. If people don't want to hear fireworks put music or tv on. Problem solved.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:51 AM

Without the ability to enforce by-laws there is no point. They happen throughout random days and evenings and people are not safe about it. Not to mention, there is no clean up after firing them off - and, their party litter is also left behind from their celebrations. My child has injured themselves on these items - a complete lack of care for the community. Even if banned for sale, they will just be purchased elsewhere. So, allocate more funds to by-law so they're working more. I've called on holiday eves before and they weren't working that night.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:54 AM

Again if you're not going to enforce what's the point? Another toothless bylaw is a waste of time. And when you allow a specific religion aka Dawali to have their own day how long before everyone wants their own? Canada day and Victoria day should be the only 2 days. We live in Canada not India

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:54 AM

I can't stress enough, enforcing high fines, and NO religious fireworks! This is a dangerous precedent being set.....please.....thank you for allowing me to be heard. Hopefully.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:02 AM

It's only a few times a year. Yes they kept my babies awake, yes they scared my dog but it's not every single night. Let people celebrate once in a while.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:03 AM

There should be a time restriction (none past 11pm for eg.)

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:07 AM

I have no problem with people setting off fireworks in celebration.
What I do have a problem with is people setting them off in the middle of the night. The cut off time should be 11pm!

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:12 AM

I believe fireworks are perfectly fine on holidays, I would rather see them being set off in more open areas to make sure safety is number one priority for everyone. The sound doesn't bother me or my family or pets, and we in fact enjoy watching them when we can see them although we don't participate in setting them off as they can be expensive to purchase. As long as they are not being set off after 12am, it's not a problem for us. Perhaps a good idea would be to designate certain parks, open fields that permit the use of fireworks and have designated signs that state the rules and timeframes that fireworks can be set off.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:27 AM

Complaints go un heard. Excuse of not enough bylaw officers around. Shooting fireworks after 11pm is very much an issue. They also should not be shot off on work and school nights.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:28 AM

It is clear that no matter how strong the City of Cambridge makes the rules, it does not have the human resources to enforce this bylaw. This was never an issue when fireworks were almost exclusively limited to Victoria Day and Canada Day. I can remember firework celebrations in the city dating back to the mid 1980s, and I can't ever recall, apart from the rare occasions that Canada Day fell on a Friday or Saturday night, hearing any fireworks past 11:00pm. However, with the recent demographic changes to the community, fireworks are becoming much more prevalent. There are two major issues that I have witnessed. 1. Disregard for safety/property as many of these fireworks are being set off right on the street in neighbourhoods where a single shot that goes awry due to wind or a malfunction could cause serious injury. I've witnessed people lighting off fireworks that are supposed to be anchored into the ground out of their hands and even out of the open trunk of a car. 2. Incessant noise violations with fireworks going until 3 or 4 am. This was especially prevalent during the most recent Diwali celebrations which were on a Sunday evening. I understand this is a sensitive issue for the City of Cambridge to deal with, especially as every council decision is seemingly dissected under a lens of DEI. However, if something is not done or the current rules are not enforced I could very well see issues escalating to the point where police have to get involved.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:33 AM

Would be better to support a Drone display instead of fireworks.
Better for the environment, an extremely better show than fireworks and less stress on the animals (including my dog who insanely barks during fireworks because it is hard on his ears).

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:40 AM

I see fireworks as a greater threat than to have any benefit, and I support a full ban. They are costly to the city and the money could be directed elsewhere.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:53 AM

GET IT UNDER CONTROL. FIREWORKS HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF HAND AND HAVE BECOME MORE OF A NUISANCE THAN A FORM OF CELEBRATION.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 10:09 AM

Please make it easier to understand the regulations.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 10:13 AM

I think the main problem is enforcement. It's possible if enforcement were more thorough, the current law would be fine. But lacking robust enforcement, maybe further restrictions/threat of fines would have some impact.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 10:21 AM

Allowing fireworks on Diwali is getting to be too much! My dogs and children are terrified, and can't sleep, because of the noise and frequency during this time. Keep it to our regular holidays or you're going to have to accommodate every holiday! All religions or none.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 11:14 AM

Let people burn fireworks as it is not that often a year just special occasions and ask them to follow rules simple.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 11:34 AM

Firework to be allowed for celebrations of diwali festival

Anonymous

2/16/2024 11:54 AM

I have never had any concerns about the number of fireworks, the time of day fireworks are discharged, or the amount of noise generated by fireworks. It is quite frankly ridiculous that busybodies are so interested in the regulation of something so pointless.

Anonymous

They should only be allowed by event holders in parks - like the

2/16/2024 11:55 AM

canada day etc. People shouldn't be setting off fireworks in their backyards or the road outside their house, it should be permitted and insured. If there was a way to report fireworks online or a designated number that would be great.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 11:59 AM

Don't ban them.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:10 PM

I find the current by-laws are ignored and people do fireworks in the backyards which interferes with quiet enjoyment of our property and can be dangerous. I suggest that permission to do fireworks on Victoria Day Canada Day and Diwali should be maintained. Thank you for your consideration.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:11 PM

Only allow Canada Day, Victoria Day, Labour Day I do not support religious fireworks they are banned India! Unsafe many block streets way to close to homes and they go off for days late in the night. They leave behind garbage in parks and schools and in malls. Our bylaw is a joke!!! When you need them to talk with they are closed. They need to have someone answers calls 24/7

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:43 PM

Hoping this will come to fruition and real enforcement will occur

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:45 PM

Ban fireworks altogether.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:47 PM

The Bylaw regarding fireworks is fine. The issue with those who set off fireworks outside of the allotted days is the City of Cambridge doesn't do anything about it. There is no reason for residents to not set off fireworks; a fine would be a good option. I'd like to see permits available for those residents who would like to set off fireworks at a community park or parkette.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:49 PM

Fireworks should be used for celebrations. I think it should be allowed any day of a long weekend. For holidays, the actual day, the day before or after. As long as the fireworks don't go after midnight. I see no issue. For people complaining about noise, use earplugs. No difference than a thunderstorm. People also work shift work, etc. As for scared animals, no difference than a thunderstorm. Look at Disney world. Fireworks go off every night in Florida and animals have no issue there. I don't set off or buy fireworks but I enjoy watching them.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 12:50 PM

Who's enforcing this? Any time I call bylaw its a joke. Toothless without enforcement.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:00 PM

I live in a area that have a lot of East Indian people and they let off fire works when ever there is a a time that is custom to them but not the rest of the city more than they are allowed for their customs

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:11 PM

I would be happy if the current by laws were actually enforced. I haven't called to complain, but my neighbours have, and nothing came of it. They were going off all hours last Remembrance Day, the park was a mess, and nothing was done to stop it.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:12 PM

Please enforce the bylaws we already have

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:18 PM

I have heard that property damage has occurred to home owners and police suggested to place an insurance claim. The party releasing the fireworks should be responsible for the damage.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:30 PM

As mentioned before. A well organized display put on by city would be terrific. Safe and accessible to anyone wanting to partake.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 01:38 PM

Thanks for all your help in the region :)

Anonymous

2/16/2024 02:43 PM

There should definitely be some additional restrictions added to the fireworks bylaws for safety, noise and environmental purposes. In our neighbourhood alone, we have heard fireworks past midnight on many occasions. They are also being set off inappropriately, in the middle of the street, in wheel barrels being supported with bricks, with many people gathering and lots of homes, structures and vehicles around that can be damaged. My home window was scorched and hit with a lot of debris when my daughter was a newborn, how dangerous is it that we allow anyone to set off fireworks without repercussions for their actions, knowledge of how to do it safely and lack of concern for their own neighbours, homes and possessions. It's absurd and ludicrous when people are this disruptive on holidays and when it's not a holiday. There is a park at the end of the street, with lots of open space, and never is it done there. It's always the same group of people. Honestly, there should be a total ban on fireworks

or should be a permit required with harsher fines so their is some responsibility for their actions and recourse for not abiding by the law. No one's cleans up the debris, it's unsafe for pets, children, animals and the environment. The noise is just not something I want to deal with for other people's obnoxious enjoyment. I love a good firework show, but these are just not needed in our neighborhoods.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 02:45 PM

Fireworks are fine! People have no tolerance today Complaining all the time does nothing

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:00 PM

There needs to be better regulation on who can sell fireworks in the City of Cambridge. I have in the past seen a place that sold to a minor and had no idea when I told them that this was illegal.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:31 PM

What is this survey trying to measure? And what are the results?

Anonymous

2/16/2024 03:57 PM

I would prefer a move to just a few sanctioned events around the City, organized by responsible social community groups, with a certified trained person in charge. I would also support a move to a drone show instead, such as the one held in Waterloo for July 1 last year.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:01 PM

Fine with the current regulations, but they need to be enforced better. Fireworks should only be set off the Canada Day and Victoria Day (with the +/- 2 days). Should also not be set off anywhere near streets/roads and houses.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:04 PM

How can it better be enforced. Fire has been set at parks by people setting off fireworks and there seems to be limited enforcement for those setting off fireworks randomly

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:11 PM

Fireworks should not be banned. For 3 days out of the year, people can live with it if they don't like it. It does not affect anyone's wellbeing or safety. If you don't like fireworks simply stay inside and away from them.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:30 PM

As Cambridge continue to grow, it's becoming more densely populated, noisier and downright unpleasant. Citizens are barraged by noise in their own homes, and their ability to live in peace is constantly being disrupted by self-absorbed, entitled neighbours. Fireworks are disruptive to both adults and children with processing

disorders and/or PTSD, awful for pets, damaging to wildlife and a danger to property. Why do we need what are essentially bombs going off in order to celebrate a holiday?

Anonymous

2/16/2024 04:50 PM

I'd like them restricted from residential neighbourhoods. I always end up with debris in my pool and find those that are setting them off in my neighbourhood are often inebriated and irresponsible about the kids running around and the buildings nearby.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:02 PM

People in the community have fun with fireworks. As long as no one will be injured or no fires will be started why not let it happen. Having a free permit application available to make sure the rules are being followed should alleviate the concerns.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:12 PM

Please ban all fireworks

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:14 PM

The current law is good. Please don't make any changes to it.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:29 PM

Complete ban

Anonymous

2/16/2024 05:35 PM

Why can we not ban fireworks completely. Drone displays are beautiful and silent. Get the community involved in doing a drone display...perhaps recognizing the best display. Incentives.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:23 PM

To me this is an issue concerning a very small minority of the city. Council has much bigger issues to worry about... like keeping taxes low and spending our tax dollars wisely.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:29 PM

Fireworks should have a curfew of 11pm, the one Dawali, that I remember and was angry, lasted for hours

Anonymous

2/16/2024 06:29 PM

Fireworks should only be allowed and organized by the city during holidays and events. This past year, fireworks were going off for Diwali from 7:30pm till past 11pm non stop. Having pets, this was terrifying for them and very aggregating for my family. I live behind a school and the amount of people that attend to light fireworks was ridiculous. Also, lighting them on the streets. The amount of garbage left behind was also annoying. I would suggest having by law officers

situated near school fields to limit this.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:01 PM

It must be difficult to enforce By Laws because it is not always easy to know where the fireworks are being set off. I have wanted to complain but could not determine exactly the location

Anonymous

2/16/2024 07:16 PM

Fireworks for Canada Day only

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:01 PM

There needs to be a time limit, for ex. Not after 10pm, and actually have bi law driving around to fine people. Especially for Diwali, my children have school the next day, and we often hear fireworks until midnight. It should also only be in parks or open areas, often they are too close to houses, which could be fire hasards.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:42 PM

Fireworks should not be allowed for Diwali. It should be allowed on Canada day, victory day and new year.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 08:42 PM

Please don't allow specific race people to manipulate city law. City law should be universal that everyone can enjoy, eveyone can obey. I personally believe fireworks should only be allowed in universal occasions.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:10 PM

what about noiseless fireworks is there such a thing

Anonymous

2/16/2024 09:28 PM

Fireworks should not be permitted on Remembrance day, period!! It's extremely offensive that these new Canadians don't care at all about Canadian traditions. I will never stop advocating for that. Fireworks should not be permitted after 10:30pm within city limits.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 10:33 PM

I have had the detritus from fireworks in my neighbourhood land on my roof and in my yard. During dry summers this is a fire hazard. They also can cause birds and squirrels to leave their nests and animal shelters report increases in stray animals and injuries and trauma to animals after fireworks displays. Firework explosions cause panic, confusion, fear, and anxiety in wild animals. A very quick review of studies on the effects of fireworks shows they can harm ecosystems, especially ones in aquatic and forested conditions. Particulate matter from fireworks can land on soil and water as well, altering nutrients in the soil and resulting in surface water becoming

more acidic, with severe consequences on ecosystems. There should be clear direction regarding the rules for fireworks and reporting of problems. Enforcement must be consistent to discourage the disregard for these rules. Personally I would only like to see authorized displays in public areas and even those should be kept to a minimum.

Anonymous

2/16/2024 11:07 PM

This is going to be ruined for the average family letting off fireworks at dusk on a holiday. You know where the issue is, you know the majority of the issue belongs with minorities having parking lot parties etc. Post bylaw or police officers in parks/school lots and the issues will be resolved.

SBrooks

2/16/2024 11:31 PM

at the moment we get 3 or 4 days, nights of fireworks and they go on until 11pm There should be a time when they are not allowed as well 2days max would be nice and finish by 10pm

Anonymous

2/17/2024 06:40 AM

The concern is the people that don't respect the rules and do fireworks late into the night. Designated areas only and time of day allowed would be beneficial.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 07:03 AM

People set off fireworks in residential areas (on streets, in backyards) late into the evening. Fireworks going off after 10pm should not be allowed nor should you be able to set them off on a residential street. Should only be able to set off fireworks in actual holiday as well.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 08:07 AM

Need more by-law officers to enforce the by-laws including fireworks ban.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 08:15 AM

This survey is skewed to those who want more restrictions/think there is a problem. I would have liked to have seen more neutral wording so you could actually assess if people think there is a problem. It was difficult answering some questions given I don't think more restrictions are needed.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 08:19 AM

Fireworks are dangerous and and unnecessary form of entertainment. Firework shows that are hosted for holidays and ran by a fire department are ok. The new drone light shows seem like a good replacement to those though. I live across from an elementary school and often there are kids at night setting off fireworks (at least once every 2 weeks in the warm months). Sometimes they don't clean

them up and leave them on the school yard. It's an unnecessary danger to our community and there are better ways for people to find entertainment. Most of the folks breaking by laws will not be caught and fined but the risk of danger and nuisance to people in the area will continue. Restrictions on sales would help.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 09:51 AM

I know enforcement is tough but it's very common that the by-law is not followed

Anonymous

2/17/2024 10:38 AM

No

Anonymous

2/17/2024 01:06 PM

Again, simply ban them and go to drone light displays.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 01:24 PM

Fireworks should be restricted to only Canadian celebrations or it is opened to all cultures. Currently only including Diwali is included. This is NOT inclusive but making the Diwali celebration exclusive and the optics and message is that it is more important than all of the other cultures in the city. Why don't we allow fireworks for July 4 for the Americans who live in the city or for Chinese new year or for October fest for the Germans or for kwanza or for holidays the French celebrate? If it's restricted to Canada Day and Victoria Day then we are all celebrating Canada.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 02:48 PM

We need tougher enforcement & higher penalties. People laugh at warnings given by police & bylaw, should be no warning, maximum fine.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 02:49 PM

Only allow fireworks for Victoria Day and Canada only. No other events. It's too disruptive and unpredictable. Everyone knows when these day special days are.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 03:00 PM

Consideration needs to be given to how pets react to fireworks.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 03:32 PM

They are often set off well beyond the allotted time and when authorities are contacted, nothing is done about it. If we can even get a hold of someone, we've been told just to ignore it and they'll likely stop soon. This is unacceptable!

Anonymous

2/17/2024 04:40 PM

Although increasing the fine may deter some, I don't think fines alone will really fix the issue of those lighting them on days and times that are not sanctioned. Nor do I believe it's a great use of resources to increase bylaw or police during those times to allow for fines to be issued. Although for some it is an income to sell fireworks.. the sale of them is likely where it needs to be controlled the most. If a permit is required to light off fireworks, it should also be required to prove before purchase.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 06:19 PM

Firework ban is stupid, bunch of complainers and the squeaky wheel always gets the grease.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 06:24 PM

Fireworks ban is stupid, but then again the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Find something better to spend our money on.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 06:55 PM

Better enforcement is needed for fireworks and with all bylaws. I believe fireworks should only be for traditional celebrations of Canada Day and Victoria Day. All other days should be banned. I have seen Diwali fireworks to go non stop throughout the night. People don't care about other people who need sleep, keeping pets and children up. The mess that is made afterwards that is not cleaned up. Most inconsiderate people ever. I don't experience this with Canada Day and Victoria Day.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 08:48 PM

Who do you complain on July 1st at 22:00? Backyard neighbour was firing them over our house and falling in the court in front of our house. I worked for the federal government for nearly 35 years in a food inspection regulatory environment.. When you asked me if I was aware of the by-laws. I tried to read all the ones which are linked to this survey. It is totally absurd having to read all of them to understand what is or not allowed. TIME is now to rewrite the bylaws into one single bylaw which is clear and concise. Again, considering that it only allowed on statutory holidays and during late evening, who is on-duty and do you have enough people to enforce the by-law throughout the city? I am a subscriber of the Kitchener Record, the Cambridge Times, watch CTV Kitchener news, listen to the local radio but never recall once hearing where to report what appears to be a violation. The amount means nothing if it is not enforce across the board. I am not against the city having a fireworks event at a park. Considering the size of building lots within the city, how many of them can safely and respectfully accommodate fireworks? In past years, we have always heard fireworks being fired (noise) way past 11:00 pm. I bet the same people firing them at midnight will be the first one to complaint to the hotel reception of noise in the hallway or next room.

Having worked in the regulatory environment, I fully understand that by-laws (regulations) are written for reasonable people which is sadly not reflecting our current society. My son lives in Ottawa. Did not see it in their bylaw but he had told me (when we visited on Canada Day) that people can bring their fireworks at specific "parks" where it would be supervised and properly launched. This is their website where it seems easier to understand what is required.

<https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/laws-licences-and-permits/laws/laws-z/fireworks-law-no-2003-237#section-c392707f-75ee-4824-a668-fecb757f195a>

Anonymous

2/17/2024 09:27 PM

Fines should reflect the additional wages required to add enough staff, to work and enforce the regulations around peak firework times (holidays). If that means increasing fines to \$500 or more, than it should be done.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 09:37 PM

I have neighbours that discharged fireworks in a heavily wooded area. It didn't even cross their minds that it could have hit any of those trees and could potentially start a fire. That's just one person. It's very concerning that some people don't think when it comes to the safety of fireworks. I also have two dogs that I have to give medication on days when I know there are fireworks. A complete ban would be amazing. Thanks for your time.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 09:51 PM

Celebrations of all types can bring communities together. However, when others rights are blatantly disregarded on a regular or excessive basis, it further divides and poisons any unity that has been or was to be. Pets don't understand or celebrate with us, and are considered family to many. If someone's kids were terrified and a complaint was made, why should the response from authorities vary? It's all or nothing. Like alcohol, they should be enjoyed responsibly, among friends and in a safe location. When people think they are above the law, or think there will be no punishment "Just this one time" becomes all too common.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 10:17 PM

If there is going to be a ban or highly restrictive regulations ie permits then don't allow the mass sale of fireworks. Regulations on their use mean nothing when there is a fireworks trailer in every plaza freely selling to everyone who will ignore the regulations.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 10:18 PM

Banning fireworks for everyone doesn't make sense. But banning repeat offenders does make sense. Like 'strike 3 and you are out' would equal a ban. Also a square footage of yard space. Like

30ftx30ft minimum.

Anonymous

2/17/2024 11:40 PM

Fireworks are so unnecessary. Perhaps the City can have an event for Canada Day, but other than that, there's no need for them. Especially not by private individuals/groups.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 07:57 AM

It's getting out of control, just in the last 5 to 10 years

Anonymous

2/18/2024 09:48 AM

I believe the current regulations are about right in terms of restrictions and fines.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 11:29 AM

If continued non compliance after 1000. Fine there needs to be an incremental increase of 2000. (1000. 3000. 5000. 7000. Etc) maybe an outright ban at some point for the person at the 5000 point

Anonymous

2/18/2024 11:50 AM

Please stop fireworks. Our animals and birds are suffering. Our environment is suffering. The current system doesn't work. Fireworks go off all Summer in my area. Stop the sale of fireworks too please. Thank you for this survey. I sincerely appreciate being able to voice my concerns.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 01:59 PM

Fireworks has a huge negative impact on animals for many different reasons including: chemicals are dangerous for cats and dogs as well as humans which can cause respiratory diseases such as asthma careless use can also result in mutilations and fatal accidents of animals in the surrounding areas as well as the risk of fires which can harm animals, people, flora and infrastructure can cause fight-or-flight response to animals which causes their blood pressure and heart rate to rise. Under this many animals can panic and have injury caused to themselves while trying to escape or run away or even in some cases can become aggressive due to their fear. animals Have been known to in some cases have heart attacks and die under stress a study by the SPCA shows that 79% of horses become anxious during fireworks period and 45% of dogs pollution occurs along, river sides Many recordings have been noted of horses becoming "spooked" by fireworks and dying especially from breaking legs due to running off when getting a fright from fireworks People suffering from PTSD are at risk of flashbacks and distressing situations as the noise of fireworks sounds like explosions linked to people who have been in combat etc When fireworks burst into their colourful lights, chemical debris is left scattered across the ground. Perchlorate is one of them and it is often associated with contaminating soil and water. This

chemical remains in the environment for long periods, easily absorbed by neighbouring flora - earth.org

Anonymous

2/18/2024 02:39 PM

Fireworks are fine

Anonymous

2/18/2024 03:53 PM

Ban fireworks for private citizens.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 07:55 PM

Fireworks should be allowed on Canada Day and certain religious festivals that include these (Festival of Lights). Maximum of 3 to 5 days per year. 11 PM should be the cutoff time. Strictly enforced.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 10:08 PM

Biggest concern is distance from homes/cars and the clean up of debris. In terms of timing it should be allowed one day until 10pm.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 10:12 PM

Fireworks are a dangerous explosive that we currently let anyone buy and use wherever they please. I have a neighbour that routinely sets them off on a residential street OVER my house. If they are going to continue to be allowed, only trained individuals should be allowed to set them off in an appropriate location away from buildings. I truly would not miss them if they were totally banned.

Anonymous

2/18/2024 10:42 PM

I have seen them dangerously close to houses. They go on and on when children are trying to sleep. They are terrifying for pets. They are horrible environmentally.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 02:54 AM

I am tired of all the whining about fireworks. My dog, my kids, I'm grumpy. They can all stay home and do things about the noise levels inside their own houses but for the rest of us and our kids, we love to see fireworks.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 08:24 AM

If we continue allowing Diwali fireworks (and I don't object to that necessarily) we need to severely restrict the when and where WITH enforcement. Entire neighborhoods are currently held hostage often in the most dangerous manner.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 09:27 AM

Hear them on non-allowable times. Pointless to contact by-law or track offenders. It is sooo harmful to animals. Mine suffered so much. And imagine that this certainly does affect humans who have mental

health issues and PTSD !! Do not even sell fireworks. Make them light shows, the way of the future!! Have neighbours who have suffered damage to their homes, structures, with no ability to recoup the cost to repair or replace. . There is absolutely no need to celebrate Diwali for multiple days and nights, with no repercussions. They, too, can move to one light show! BAN everything and figure out a way to apprehend violators. There should also be a maximum decible level enforced for music in parks. 60 years ago, fireworks were held in a public place, safe and were ome evening. Celebrated Victoria Day and Canada Day. We all live in Canada or have chosen to live in Canada. Once we started allowing a plethora of other celebrations to include fireworks and sell fireworks everywhere, its just exploded and will continue to grow. We deserve to live in peace.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 10:02 AM

People shooting them off for a week straight in Civic Park. Shooting them into the bushes in the fall with dried leaves and foliage. Just waiting for them to set off a huge brush fire someday. My dog is terrified. I have had a cat years ago that was epileptic. I had to drug him, sit on the floor of the basement bathroom (only room in the house without windows) and hold him wrapped in a blanket to try to prevent a seizure. Maybe the city should start taking responsibility for all the vet bills for traumatized animals since you are allowing fireworks any day, any time, etc. Many of us have PTSD and the sounds of these are debilitating. Why can't we ban fireworks and use the drone shows? We can still have the light show without the sound, garbage, property damage, threat of fires, terror to pets and wildlife.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 10:51 AM

The current fireworks bylaw is not enforced at all. Every single weekend in the summer there are fireworks going off in my ward. Nothing is ever done about it. On Diwali the fireworks were still going on at 3am it sounded like a war zone. Fireworks are unnecessary. There is too large an impact to the environment and to the wildlife and family pets. If I felt like the current bylaws were being enforced I would say fine for 3 days a year let it happen but the current laws are just being ignored by residents and it seems like not being enforced at all by bylaw.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 11:27 AM

Remove Diwali from the allowed fireworks. The people who do the Diwali fireworks are the most inconsiderate. Setting them off well past 11pm into the early morning hours. Setting them off close to houses. They don't care that it is a safety issue. When confronted to be considerate of others I've been called racist. I should not have to face name calling when their poor decisions affect the safety of whole neighbourhood. No issues with people setting off fireworks for Victoria Day or Canada Day. It typically ends by 11pm

Anonymous

2/19/2024 12:18 PM

Don't ban fireworks just enforce the illegal use.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 01:45 PM

as Cambridge continues to grow the current by-laws need to keep pace and become more comprehensive. it has been a shock to us how unregulated and unenforced many of the current by-laws are in this city. the result has been a 'wild west' of entitlement, with little consideration for others.

Igrosz

2/19/2024 02:04 PM

The only way to stop non-compliant firework use would be better enforcement and reporting.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 03:50 PM

Laws are great but need more enforcement, especially on the legal holidays when they are allowed. Literally fireworks until 3 am every night on those weekends

Anonymous

2/19/2024 05:25 PM

Not very DEI when you only include Diwali. What about all the other culture that celebrate with fireworks? Very disappointing to see only Diwali included and every other culture excluded. Diwali should not get priority over other cultures. If it's going to be fair, it should be all cultures or no one specific culture. Canadian celebrations a definite yes because we live in Canada and celebrate the heritage of Canada even with its tainted past but we learn from it as we move forward. Absolutely disgusted with how you can decide and prioritize one culture's celebration over another one. Thank you for minimizing everyone else's cultures. We know how not important we are to the rest of Cambridge. Clearly the city only accommodates to one culture.

Anonymous

2/19/2024 08:47 PM

Start fining people ruining firework for everyone by letting them off every weekend

Anonymous

2/19/2024 10:01 PM

We live next to a park with young child and a nervous dog but we expect it. It is nice to know there are regulated dates, however, it would be nice if times and locations were regulated as well. Thank you for asking.

Celeste

2/20/2024 12:27 PM

Concerned about fireworks in neighbourhoods. Maybe restrict to public parks.

Anonymous

2/20/2024 02:20 PM

It's absurd the amount of fireworks that are set off in my neighborhood. They go on for hours (7pm until 1am on holidays) with no break in between. Sometimes set off the day before or after the holidays depending on which day has better weather. They are set off so close to the houses, that the sound terrifies young children and pets. The people then leave all the fireworks garbage behind, so the litter is disgusting! It's so rude and obnoxious. School grounds are popular for this, so the next day kids are at risk of touching fireworks trash. Also, I don't believe these fireworks are being set off safely. Not all people are going to open spaces to set them off. Fireworks are being set off between the apartments and townhouses by Linden Drive. I have seen fireworks tip sideways and get released dangerously low towards townhouses. Some people will also just light them up while holding them in their hand, putting themselves at risk for injury. Our health system is already struggling to maintain services and we don't need fireworks injuries to add to the burden. I think fireworks display should be regulated by the city in a few designated areas for 30 mins to celebrate the holiday, and that's it. I don't think residents should be allowed to set off their own fireworks, especially in residential areas. It's been ruined. These holidays are no longer fun or something to look forward to. They are now irritating, annoying and even scary for many. Not to mention the negative impact to the environment from the air pollution and the garbage left behind. Ban the sale of fireworks as well.

Anonymous

2/20/2024 09:49 PM

They should only be allowed in designated park areas and prohibited in subdivisions and other areas. There is total disregard for the neighborhoods that are being abused by the violators. It's time for the city to step up

Anonymous

2/21/2024 07:39 AM

Fireworks should only be allowed for Victoria Day and Canada Day as these have long been the traditional days. Diwali does not benefit the general population, only a small number of residents benefit from this yet I hear fireworks being set off in my area for several nights before and after Diwali

Anonymous

2/21/2024 10:30 AM

Consider noiseless fireworks only. Fireworks cause wildlife and pets a lot of stress and harm. They also produce a lot of garbage that never gets properly cleaned up.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 10:54 AM

Fireworks are being let off all the time. I'm ok with Canada Day and maybe labour day. But setting them off for every "occasion" is too much. And bylaw doesn't work at 11pm at night when they are being set off so no use calling them. We live in an older area with lots of

mature trees. People let them off in backyards where they could start a fire quite easily.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:09 AM

Fireworks should be restricted to Victoria and Canada Day only.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:16 AM

I have no problems with fireworks on Diwali but last time they went on for over 3 hours! I could not sleep. I feel terrible for the animals! And they are setting them off in the middle of the street and close to houses. They should have to go to park or school yard. Can you limit the hours? Thanks for asking for feedback!

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:23 AM

I think there is way too much leniency when it comes to fireworks and not enough enforcement of the bylaws currently in place. People are lighting them off whenever and wherever they want to and don't care about the bylaws. My husband has had to go out a couple times to a neighbour's house as they were about to dangerously set some off. They are so readily available for purchase but not enough safety awareness promoted. Accidents can happen. I think just straight out banning them would be easier to enforce than the way it is currently set up. I actually really love fireworks but only when they are set off properly, safely and legally.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:34 AM

I commonly hear fireworks from my home almost every weekend all spring/summer/fall long when my windows are open. People are not following the rules or maybe they just don't know there are rules. I am not sure who I should report this to either.

Let us enjoy life

2/21/2024 12:21 PM

We all grew up enjoying the fireworks. Now as adults some people want to take that away from the kids today. Just look at how many people go to watch fireworks shows. Please leave this alone.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 12:31 PM

Keep fireworks for Canada Day and Victoria Day only. Reporting should be to bylaw and not have to go through police. It seems silly to call police about fireworks when they are dealing with bigger issues

Anonymous

2/21/2024 12:34 PM

nothing

Anonymous

2/21/2024 12:56 PM

Can't allow some group to use fireworks and not others. Fireworks should be Canada Day only, no other times allowed. Need a 24

manned city by-law number for any after hours complaints.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:13 PM

If permits issued, need transparency for awareness to the general public.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:22 PM

This survey has been build to lead respondents for tougher regulations.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:23 PM

To make sure they are adults and sober.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:25 PM

Should be contingency plans to move approved days as necessary if weather conditions unsuitable for displays. E.g, if it rains there should be an alternate approved date for displays. Also, within an approved firework display day, the hours allowed for the display should be set. We should allow displays but reduce their frequency and duration (eliminate the night after night, many hours long, firework nuisance that currently happens around Victoria Day, etc.).

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:47 PM

Too much regulation. I've had a dog terrified of fireworks, I work shift work and know how shitty it is too be woken up mid sleep. Pollution is no more then driving cars everyday. Having them all the time would be too much but 5-10 times per year to let diffrent races and cultures celebrate rhere events. A time cuefew i could understand as well but it's up to neighbour's to respect each other and have normal conversations about disturbances instead of getting farther and farther divided and held up in our homes. Promote comunity not police control. Instead of trying to control everything why not educate people on how to do it safely and respectfully. youll obviously have bad eggs like anything. Unless there is a large uptick in safety to residents of cambridge. Then stay out of it, cambridge is one of the largest cities in canada noise is part of that, people should move to the country if they dont want to deal with random human distractions. Lifes not always perfect but that annoying sound for you might be an uplifting event for others and how they deal with the hardships in life.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 01:59 PM

There doesn't seem to be any inforcement of fireworks it's not like it's not obvious

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:19 PM

no

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:22 PM

Only for Canadian holiday celebrations, not religious holidays.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:26 PM

Please consider adding more dates and venues for permission to set off fireworks. Please work on a stronger enforcement which may include giving enforcement abilities to other services with increased fines to \$1000.00.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:27 PM

Why are we trying to limit reasonable celebration? The entire survey is about making it harder on people and applying more rules on how we live. Let's point a committee and study the impact of the noise of people who complain too much.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:31 PM

The public should not have access to fireworks, or be able to fire them. I've witnessed teenagers lighting them at 2:00 am, with no regard to safety. Parents lighting them toward their children. Incredibly stupid behavior.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:33 PM

Your entire survey is bias to draw results that would only propose increasing regulation, not decreasing it. I would rather see us be able to use fireworks on the may 24 WEEKEND or AROUND canada day if it doesn't land on a sat. That wasn't even close to an option.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:38 PM

We need fireworks - part of celebrations! But we don't need them whenever for whatever. We need rain dates - let's have responsible fun!!

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:52 PM

I understand there are bylaws for time restraints and location in place but people in neighbourhood of Garth Massey do not listen and it's only during Diwali that seems to be the case. No other holiday that have fireworks allowed have never been an issue.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 02:54 PM

it would be nice to see city hosted events at key locations and times done professionally, or permits available for large event organizers on a reviewed basis. also very nice to be able to take oart in a survey! :) love u, have a nice day <3

Anonymous

2/21/2024 03:08 PM

People use fireworks to celebrate a variety of events, not just the ones permitted in the by-law. I think you should be able to obtain a permit to set fireworks off any day of the year. Perhaps a simple safety quiz can go with the permit. 11 pm is a late end time for

fireworks, I think it should be closer to 10 pm for those who need to work the next day.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 03:11 PM

Terrifies pets, wakes up young kids and the elderly. We hear them being let off weeks after any holiday. Fireworks much louder and powerful than they were even 20 years ago. They have become ridiculous. Having the city display them on Canada Day or Victoria Day is great.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 03:27 PM

I suffer from PTSD and loud noise such as fireworks are very disturbing for me to cope with. Most ppl with mental health issues do not need this adding to their agony.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:07 PM

Have had too many people set off fireworks in the neighborhood outside of acceptable days and way too close to our house to the point of the cartridge landing on me 2 houses away. Let's keep this away from our backyards and find a set designated big open area. My dog hates it. I hate it. Have had my babies wake up from it. Not in my backyards please.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:14 PM

Seems to be very little compliance and by the time bylaw arrives the culprits are long gone with a mess left behind for someone else to manage.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:25 PM

The fireworks go off till late in the night. There is no reason for this. It should stop by 10pm. People have to work. Also only on the day and in a permitted area only.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:29 PM

Please consider banning them.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:30 PM

There are many other holidays to celebrate. Fireworks should have more acceptance.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:34 PM

please enforce the bylaw!

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:45 PM

During Diwali, fireworks were being set off right in front of my vehicle in a townhouse complex. Not safe at all in my opinion.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:49 PM

Stop allowing the sale of fireworks

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:50 PM

I would contact police regarding concerns instead of by-law compliance due to by-law not having night time working hours.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 04:59 PM

Stop them please

Anonymous

2/21/2024 05:17 PM

No need for fireworks. Trauma issues for many, babies and I'll people needing sleep, all pets affected. Potential for property damage, and possibilities for injuries are high. I've seen children in harms way by family fireworks not required for celebration. Sales should be stopped to individuals. City only if any

Anonymous

2/21/2024 05:24 PM

I have found fireworks debris in natural areas and areas close to structures that pose a risk to safety and the environment

Anonymous

2/21/2024 05:29 PM

People don't seem to know when to stop. I've been woken up at 1am, 2am and even later. Whatever is being celebrated, people should remember that not everyone is the same or celebrates the same

Anonymous

2/21/2024 05:30 PM

I have found fireworks debris in the river, which is unacceptable. It is stressful to wildlife and pets. I have also witnessed people setting off fireworks in backyards that are close to other houses. Fireworks often go off well past midnight, making it difficult to rest enough for work the next day. It is a needless enforcement burden and cost to our police. And lastly, other cities have serious vandalism issues/aggressive behaviour from fireworks, so I would prefer to make them illegal now before it becomes a more serious issue in Cambridge.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:13 PM

I enjoy fireworks, have a dog and cats (they are not overly bothered by them) but believe you should follow the bylaws. I liked that you could set them off a day on either side of the holiday.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:20 PM

Please inform police of the bylaw & city workers. Police told me Diwali was an all day event, the bylaw on website said 7pm to 11pm. Called the they passed the buck to fire dept. so I gave up.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:27 PM

Bylaws are unenforceable because the people setting off fireworks are gone before the police can respond. Kitchener has this type of bylaw and the situation was actually worse after they passed the bylaw. The only viable solution I can see is to ban the sale and setting off of fireworks except by professionals with permits. Publish the time and date so that at least people with pets or livestock can predict when they will go off and manage their animals. Currently fireworks go off from 7 or 8 until 2 am for multiple days before and after holidays

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:27 PM

Maybe manage the city and stop wasting time on these trivial nimbyism issues...we all watched fire works in our youth and it was fine.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:28 PM

Fireworks are consistently lit in crowded residential areas. It's scary to see how close they are being set off to homes and businesses. I hope to see regulations increase so that private firework displays are discouraged. City run fireworks like riverside park on Canada Day is the only time I've felt firework displays in our area are handled safely.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:50 PM

Actually enforce non-compliance, rules don't work if they're not enforced.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 06:53 PM

Don't take away our happiness by adding more regulations. All we ask is to let have alittle fun with fireworks

Anonymous

2/21/2024 07:12 PM

Strict time restrictions depending on the time of year. In the summer when it doesn't get dark until late, then it would be later to start and later to end. eg. not past midnight, 11 pm, 10 pm or even 9 pm if it is dark enough to start them earlier????

Anonymous

2/21/2024 07:33 PM

Fireworks set off in driveways or over adjacent properties should not be allowed, Diwali fireworks run too late and multiple student filled houses light them indiscriminately and don't clean up - fire risk on other houses

Anonymous

2/21/2024 08:05 PM

Fireworks are strictly for entertainment purposes but have a massive, negative impact on the environment, wildlife and domestic animals. They are not necessary and aside from being pretty, are harmful in all ways.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:11 PM

It has been proven that people cannot be responsible so they should be banned for all of the reasons listed in this survey. They do more harm than good.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:11 PM

Why do people have to ruin things. We all loved fireworks as kids, why are we trying to take them away from future generations. People's neurotic pets shouldn't take precedence over human beings. It is up to pet owners to help build their dogs confidence to not be a neurotic mess. Failing to be responsible pet owner shouldn't be other people's responsibility.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:13 PM

No permits at all - no fireworks.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:30 PM

The harm that fireworks pose to pets and wildlife is highly detrimental. In addition, my neighbourhood is a complete mess of firework garbage specifically after Diwali which is also terrible for the environment and wildlife. Cambridge bylaw and Waterloo Region Police have been present while fireworks have been set off for hours in the middle of the street I live on without any consequences causing dangerous distractions for drivers.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:33 PM

Please ban fireworks completely. They shouldn't be sold or allowed in Ontario. My dog is petrified and is traumatized each time fireworks go off

Anonymous

2/21/2024 09:46 PM

This is truly beyond silly. For decades fireworks have brought families, friends and neighbours together to enjoy in the spectacle. Set a cut off of 11pm - anyone firing off after that, give them a fine. Allow for the major holidays and corresponding weekends and allow make up days due to weather. We have bigger issues to worry about then this honestly

Anonymous

2/21/2024 10:37 PM

As the environmental costs of fireworks are increasingly being realized municipalities around the world are banning them totally. The explosions, noise, and pollution kills birds, deafens bats causing them to starve to death over the following days, terrifies dogs, causes horses to stampede and causes birds to panic, fly into objects in the dark and abandon their nests leaving the eggs and young birds to die. In this modern age our community doesn't need explosives to celebrate a holiday. There are drone displays set to music and all sorts of other marvels that can be used to entertain a crowd far more effectively and without the extreme negative environmental impacts. If

fireworks have to be permitted it should only be in the core of city and away from all greenspace and natural areas.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:00 PM

Why is it allowed for Diwali and not Labour day ??? What is that??
This is Canada.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:05 PM

Stricter rules regarding the cut off time for fireworks need to be enforced. Availability to connect with compliance officers rather than contacting the police outside of regular working hours should be more easily available. The noise bylaws should be adhered to. Let us respect our neighbors and communities as well as the law.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:09 PM

If you allow public events to have fireworks for people to attend, this will decrease the need of launching fireworks individually. It will also bring businesses to Cambridge if the city organizes an event that celebrates festivities with fireworks.

Anonymous

2/21/2024 11:22 PM

Fireworks are indicative of a celebration. It is one of the few free things you can enjoy free., usually in your own neighbourhoods. Age limits, and education would go a long way in preventing harm. Most are responsible, don't punish the whole city, the cultural festivals, the holiday festivals because of a few that are abusive. There will always be some that abuse the guidelines. In the grand scheme of celebrations, home owners are responsible for their own behaviours on their property. At my age, most people my age really love them, I love hearing the kids cheers in the neighbourhood, I love knowing people are celebrating their heritage. Time limits would be nice...11 or 12 pm. I think 12 pm is the start for Diwali (not 100 % sure on this) so maybe the times are adjusted for celebrations.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 12:42 AM

I don't care about them going off. Just be respectful of the time of the evening to light them off. Midnight fireworks is not ok.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 02:37 AM

people and pets are terribly frightened by fireworks, I think we should invest in drone shows in the future.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 05:54 AM

I live across from a school/park. Lots goes on there 24/7 that concerns me regularly. Fireworks are a main concern. They are set off days before & after all holidays at all hours of the day. People setting them off aren't taking others safety into consideration. People are setting them off in their backyards, front yards, driveways &

in the middle of roads without securing the direction being shot, people & children are not a safe distance away & no clean up after is common.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 06:13 AM

Fireworks are out of control. Total disregard for the bylaws. People are doing whatever they want whenever they want. I'm fed up. Zero respect for people, pets and wildlife.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 06:42 AM

If done safely and with consideration to location and noise, I am fine with people celebrating with fireworks.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 06:58 AM

There's too many regulations and for the small percentage of residents that are complaining I don't feel it's fair to punish the entire community. Fireworks are a form of celebration for many people and cultures. Stop making Cambridge a place where you cannot freely express yourself.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 07:11 AM

Hours for setting off fireworks and locations where they can be set off is important. Enforcement for setting off fireworks after hours is absolutely essential and the fine must be significant. Neighborhoods could contribute to an organized fireworks display in a local park.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 07:39 AM

Times have changed. I would like to celebrate holidays with my kids the way I grew up with. They should also experience the joy and mystery that fireworks bring. Unless they are used to harm something or someone, those feelings should not be taken away because of a small group. If they do cause harm, then i would say a fine would have to be placed. Starting at \$100 and continue to \$10 000 depending on severity.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 07:48 AM

There currently is no issue with the bylaw.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 08:03 AM

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Anonymous

2/22/2024 08:24 AM

They are not necessary and cause more grief than it's worth. Let professionals organize a display not the general public.

Anonymous

Just ban them .

2/22/2024 08:26 AM

Anonymous

2/22/2024 08:38 AM

We have a neighbor who likes to set fire works off repeatedly, alcoholic drink on-hand, outside of the times just feet from vehicles. The safety concerns put weigh any noise concerns I may have.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 09:45 AM

its getting out of hand in Cambridge

Anonymous

2/22/2024 09:46 AM

My concern with fireworks is the complete lack of enforcement regarding setting them off too close to structures, loud noise, and lack of consideration for neighbours (if setting off until late at night). I have previously called bylaw for fireworks going off until 4 am and was told we were not enforcing fines despite the fact it was past the bylaw hours set forth in the regulation.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 10:37 AM

Reporting a neighbour for non-compliance or dangerous use of fireworks is in itself dangerous. We don't report them because the repercussions to us and our property. For example- cherry bombs that sound like gunshots set off in the afternoon. A cigarette blasting off their entire box of fireworks that shook our house. Asking them what happened was met with belligerence. So neither my husband or myself are in favor of backyard fireworks. It is too bad fir the chikdren to miss out on that, but the city's official display is so much better, exciting and safer.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 10:51 AM

The issue is that the bylaw is not followed. There are fireworks on multiple days as opposed to just the one day as allowed and they often go well beyond 11pm. I have lived in Cambridge for 14 years and have never seen the bylaw enforced. Each year, people set off fireworks from Friday through Monday (every night) on Victoria Day weekend as an example. There are always people setting off fireworks in public parks such as Dixon park and you can find the discarded remnants the following morning. If the bylaw is not enforced and people are not held accountable, then there is no point to the bylaw.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 11:30 AM

They need to be enforced on the days there not allowed

Anonymous

2/22/2024 11:55 AM

Fines should be set high and police should be involved in enforcement.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 12:43 PM

I would like to see Silent or very Low Noise Fireworks...apparently they have them in Ottawa

Anonymous

2/22/2024 01:28 PM

there needs to be more education with fireworks. It's common in my neighbourhood to have people launch from their backyards (which is fine) but at an angle so they end up going off over franklin blvd. which has caused drivers to brake or otherwise react to a sudden firework over head.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 02:27 PM

Starts fires, inhalation hazard and toxin from smoke, ban the sale and use of fireworks in its entirety

Kathy W

2/22/2024 03:03 PM

The City does not enforce the current bylaws. People light off fireworks at all hours in city facilities like Hespeler Arena all 3 days of long weekends.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 03:21 PM

Fireworks continue to be set off into the early morning hours. Pets are traumatized and disruptive to sleep

Anonymous

2/22/2024 06:21 PM

Canada Day and Victoria Day only

Anonymous

2/22/2024 08:21 PM

Enforcement is my main issue. Residents discharge fireworks outside of allowed hours and days. I don't believe it's due to ignorance of the law. It seems more that these residents are thumbing their noses at law-abiding residents as well as the authorities.

Anonymous

2/22/2024 09:22 PM

Educate new Canadians, don't punish the rest of us. People have been setting off fireworks responsibly for decades, for many occasions, including birthdays, weddings, funerals. Stop overreacting

Anonymous

2/22/2024 09:37 PM

If people want fireworks do away from homes and only one location per event

Anonymous

2/22/2024 11:31 PM

Should ban fireworks completely and go to drone shows.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 07:57 AM

Please do not make this step one in restricting lives. Next my snow blower will be too loud or my lawn mower triggers people. We need to

live and have fun while following some guidelines. Please consider the people who bitch and complain are the same people that will never be happy. This is their first step to limiting fun in others lives.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 08:47 AM

Just ban it, regardless of the event!!!

Anonymous

2/23/2024 09:52 AM

Firework control needs to get better enforcement. On days fireworks allowed and days prior and after more enforcement officers are needed to be on 24 hours not left after hours to police

Anonymous

2/23/2024 10:23 AM

very little leeway for bad weather

Anonymous

2/23/2024 12:32 PM

Enforcement has been a non factor in the compliance of the limited rules that currently exist. Citizens are basically being permitted to blast off fireworks in residential neighbourhoods close to residential dwellings and roadways with no fear of intervention from police or by law who allow this to happen freely on particular holidays or celebrations etc. not to mention all of the garbage left behind and not cleaned up. There have been times that it feels unsafe for my family and pets to be in our own home while fireworks are shooting towards our house and all over our neighbourhood. They should not be allowed in residential neighbourhoods. It is unsafe. For homeowners and even people driving down the streets.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 01:34 PM

Please ban them. They are not necessary and so harmful to wildlife.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 02:24 PM

I don't mind fire-works... it's only a problem when it's late at night and there's fire-works. Maybe no fire-works after 10pm? That way people who wake up for 5am can get a decent sleep.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 02:27 PM

If you receive a complain and it is a valid complain, then please take action in a manner that people will stop using fireworks in a manner that is dangerous for the people around them and a very good idea is to make them pay for it in a way that they will stop using fireworks.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 04:13 PM

Why are the bylaws not enforced

Anonymous

2/23/2024 06:49 PM

All people, regardless of race, colour, religion, sexuality or ideology should have to follow the same bylaws for fireworks for the safety and quality of life for all.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 07:23 PM

It must be hard to enforce but it is out of control how many people are setting off fireworks for day and days and not just the actual holidays and sooooo late at night/early morning.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 07:38 PM

Fireworks should be allowed during festival celebration such as Diwali for minority community living in Cambridge

Anonymous

2/23/2024 08:41 PM

I think people expect them around holidays

Anonymous

2/23/2024 09:15 PM

My first and foremost concern is fireworks being allowed if we continue to have very warm and dry weather this winter, spring and summer. It wouldn't take much in those conditions for a dangerous fire to start. Just hoping staff and council are taking this seriously. We often have neighbours that will do them in their backyards or in the middle of the street over the holiday weekends and I worry about this. Thank you for your time.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 10:13 PM

We have neighbours who do not follow the restrictions. They set off fireworks many eekends and well past 11pm. My other concern is for wildlife and pets.

Anonymous

2/23/2024 10:47 PM

I like fireworks :3

Anonymous

2/23/2024 11:48 PM

Fireworks are used frequently at Witmer Park. I dare you to do something.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 12:41 AM

The safety is a big concern. People set them off at their front door or street in the middle of a subdivision. It is not uncommon to have them set off at all hours of the night in ward 2. If fireworks will be allowed there needs to be one police car or bylaw to each subdivision. If its not possible then lets move on to using something safer. It's 2024, we managed to figure out using Christmas light for all different holidays. Why cant we do the same instead of fireworks for all the other days we use to celebrate with fireworks.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 03:18 AM

Way too many dangerous fireworks being lit in front of Residences (on front lawns) during Indian holidays. The lack of care for safety and others properties is alarming. Something has to change and harsher fines and enforcement need to happen!!!!

Anonymous

2/24/2024 08:51 AM

I feel as though there should be more widespread knowledge of firework bylaws. Last year on Canada Day, without our knowledge, several people in our neighbourhood decided to light fireworks less than 10 feet away from our house in the vacant lot beside us. When confronted, they said it was an empty lot, therefore they could light fireworks off there.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 03:14 PM

If you have a total ban then you better ban all. No Canada Day celebrations no Victoria Day celebrations no Diwali. You can't have some and not others. I think a total ban is not in the best interest of our community. I believe fireworks brings parts of our community together. Encourages socializing and Community spirit. And they just make people happy except for the naysayers.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 03:47 PM

Stop individual houses setting off fireworks

Anonymous

2/24/2024 04:35 PM

By the time you call someone about fireworks they are done setting them off. Little to no enforcement of day's allowed. Very disruptive to lifestyle and people who have to get up early morning's for work.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 06:20 PM

Should be able to continue with one night May long weekend and one night July 4th. The other occasions should also be limited to one night with a time frame. Not continue over multiple nights and for extended periods of time. Over and over of fireworks is too long and impacts family and working individuals sleep schedules.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 07:22 PM

The rules don't seem to be enforced. When public spaces are used (like the parks/green spaces) - the litter is left behind which is a safety issue for children and animals. I think we need to be clear and concise with what is permitted where and when through the issuance of permits.

Anonymous

2/24/2024 07:23 PM

Fireworks should be banned from residential areas, school parking lots and similar areas

Anonymous

2/24/2024 07:23 PM

Not applicable

Anonymous

2/24/2024 07:27 PM

This is not a necessary privilege. They impact animals both wild and domestic, they pollute, they disrespect shift workers, trauma victims and small children sleeping.

Anonymous

2/25/2024 06:51 PM

Comfortable with the safe discharge of fireworks for Canada Day, Diwali etc. in an open field supervised

Anonymous

2/26/2024 11:08 AM

Allow more days for fireworks to be discharged. Christmas, new years eve and day, good Friday, etc.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 01:19 PM

I think review of days in which fireworks are permitted should align with a diverse array of cultural traditions where this practice might be common. I know that Diwali is currently included but, for instance, it might be appropriate to extend this to Chinese New Year and other days of significance. Perhaps a cultural review of the policy should be considered when making changes.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 02:37 PM

The abuse of using the additional days based on weather is irritating, an entire weekend of fireworks until 1am each day gets annoying. My family and I love fireworks, our dog isn't bothered by them thankfully but even for us one day is enough, not 3-4 days every night to celebrate certain holidays.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 03:19 PM

There seems to be an increasing lack of compliance to the days fireworks are permitted. In my area they are lit near trees with debris left all over. They are discharged on days that are not permitted suddenly- on various celebrations that are not part of our holiday allowances. Occupiers neighbors and pets. I have seen injuries due to unsafe use. I think they should not be allowed by citizens anymore but only by the city at events. If they are the fine sure be so high that it is a deterrent.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 03:59 PM

More of an idea really for what could happen for a decent compromise between the people who are for and are against fireworks.

Anonymous

Large notices and signage that you will be fined \$1000 if you don't

2/26/2024 05:21 PM

follow the posted bi-law. It has to be taken seriously as seniors and pets are particularly disturbed by these illegal noise bombs!

Anonymous

2/26/2024 06:05 PM

Fireworks should not be permitted due to impacts to pets and wildlife. Wildlife are especially impacted by existing urban pressures and should not have to deal with the fear of dealing with fireworks on top of everything else. I also have concerns with the proximity that people set them off from woodlands, natural areas and structures. There are currently no restrictions, beyond being an adult, to limit people setting off fireworks, and therefore people might not be aware of the risks and safety concerns associated with them. If not used responsibly, there are very real consequences.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 07:22 PM

Enforcement is the key. You can talk about this all want...but if you don't enforce outside of regular business hours residents will continue to do whatever they want. If people think they could get caught they won't do it, but right now they know no one monitors on evenings and weekends.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 08:25 PM

Training on firework safety

Anonymous

2/26/2024 08:54 PM

I don't think police should have to use resources to manage this but there are no city staff available during times when firework problems need to be addressed

Anonymous

2/26/2024 10:33 PM

In my opinion, fireworks suck and they should be gone all together.

Anonymous

2/26/2024 11:34 PM

Enforcement is the only thing that makes people follow bylaws anymore. During identified fireworks days AND other days that your staff typically receives complaints on, you need to have far more bylaw officers on duty that actually respond to your call. Don't goto voice mail, don't redirect to regional police. Staff up. Start enforcing.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 07:26 AM

Currently, the by-law requires fireworks to be set off on private property. Private property is generally close to neighbouring buildings, windows, people, pets, children, and trees. These are all the things the by-law sets out to protect. The by-law does the exact opposite by making it mandatory to set off fireworks close to everything the by-law is trying to protect. Instead the bylaw should allow fireworks on public land such as school yards, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and/or

parking lots which are all generally far away from buildings, windows, people, pets, children, and trees.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 07:58 AM

All or nothing. Partial ban will make people think they can still do it. Bylaw is worthless if not enforced and it's too hard to catch people doing it...complete bad would be clear cut and easier to enforce.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 08:24 AM

I think the problem is enforcement. If a resident is lighting off fireworks at midnight, there is no way to stop them. Who are you going to call at midnight about fireworks. Not the police.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 08:30 AM

Fully banning fireworks won't work, and will just result in people firing them off in less safe spaces. The City should consider identifying areas in certain local parks for resident-led fireworks displays so that people can enjoy them without having to drive and without worry about them being set off too close to buildings.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 08:35 AM

If there was a reasonable permit fee \$25.00 the permit fee, could be used to cover the overtime hours of the bylaw enforcement officers. There could be a QR code where fireworks are sold that takes folks right to the City of Cambridge web site where they could purchase the permit, the permit could be downloaded to their mobile devices. It must be present not a screen shot. When applying for the permit the resident could state where they intend to use the fireworks, at least there is some accountability. Councilors could also share a link to where to buy a permit, in the cases where fireworks are purchased out of the city, although it would be easy to get the permit QR code to the three of four major fireworks distributors in the province (Rocket, Victory, Fatboy, K & H Distributing, those are your big players), they would all gladly share a link if it meant not a total ban on the sale in certain municipalities.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 08:54 AM

The amount of people ignoring firework bylaws and setting them off many days prior, many days after firework days is astounding, and very disruptive to our communities. Stronger bylaws and higher fines, and active patrolling are needed.

JShonfield

2/27/2024 09:45 AM

There are fireworks set off in our neighbourhood all the time between May-August, and it's not uncommon throughout the rest of the year too. It just seems like way too much! People seem to set off fireworks on any day of the week and often with no regard for sleeping times, I've lived in Toronto, Montreal, Guelph and Edmonton and I've never

seen so many fireworks set off as I do living in Cambridge, I don't know why people here are so obsessed with setting them off all the time! I would support a ban or at least more regulations that would lead to fewer days with fireworks set off.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 10:05 AM

I seriously think there should be a total ban on fireworks including the use by the city

Anonymous

2/27/2024 10:19 AM

Any money spent by the City on this issue is a waste of tax dollars. Take these funds out of the budget and terminate any municipal employee who was hired only for firework enforcement.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 10:39 AM

Fireworks are presently allowed on private property or City owned, that's good. But all who want to have fireworks should have to have a permit, no matter how small or large a gathering is expected. For private property fireworks, there should be guidelines about how large an area has to be to allow fireworks; no street fireworks for neighborhoods, no backyard fireworks. The days presently permitted are good, but no other days.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 11:46 AM

Cambridge needs an after hours bylaw enforcement solution that doesn't rely on outsourcing to WRPS. While bylaw enforcement is not an emergency, it's also not effective to follow up on the complaints days later and does nothing to immediately resolve the issues.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 12:26 PM

Let's not become a Nanny State

Anonymous

2/27/2024 12:44 PM

with decreased time frame and increased fines and more enforcement it should make for a better fireworks celebration . as a senior (74 yrs.) I can't imagine May 24 and July 1st without fireworks ; they are one of life's small pleasures .

Anonymous

2/27/2024 12:56 PM

Not in subdivisions as the houses are so close to each other. Causing problems with small children (waiting up) and pets causing them nervous problems which causes sometimes large vet bills; and do not come and say that then people should not have pets. That is not the answer. Enforcement as to people putting them off on days that are not allowed.

Anonymous

While I understand the concerns of wildlife, pets etc ..I do believe that

2/27/2024 01:25 PM

having a short timeline to release fireworks effective. There are many other concerns for wildlife and pets that are long term ie: consistently building new facilities and homes .

Anonymous

2/27/2024 01:47 PM

I look forward to the day when fireworks don't make any noise or minimal noise

Anonymous

2/27/2024 02:39 PM

I think it is ridiculous we are even having this conversation for something that happens 3 times a year. It just proves the whole 'squeaky wheel' thing to be true because this is pathetic that we are considering a ban on something that is a community building event.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 03:00 PM

My concern is the noise and cost and distress they cause animals and some people

Anonymous

2/27/2024 03:08 PM

I would support the City of Cambridge using alternative forms of a light show (drones, lasers) for community events/celebrations.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 03:09 PM

they should be allowed for special holidays, i.e. May 24, July 1st etc. and for special occasions as long as they are done by 11:00 p/m.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 03:33 PM

This is unfair. Growing up I never heard of any complaints. A few accidents here and there, but no one complained, they enjoyed the view for free. Another way that government is taken our freedom away. Oh and if you get caught, you get fined. More money for the government. This whole thing is redeiculous.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 04:32 PM

The fact that they can only be set off on private property is a bit odd to me. That means homes are close by, and there increased fire risks. Letting them be set off in public parks seems far more logical from a safety standpoint.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 04:36 PM

As I said, fireworks are enjoyable. If you have a dog or other pet that is afraid of loud noises, stay home with them. Don't spoil it for everyone

Anonymous

2/27/2024 05:05 PM

ratting on neighbours creates a toxic environment in which no one will benefit. set a plain and simple rule.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 05:18 PM

Must we micro manage? Why such a concern...complaints???? What about those individuals who want fireworks, why should their enjoyment be charged\$\$ or not taken into consideration . I am tired of taking the fun out of living. People as a whole are safe and considerate. Don't take that away.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 07:30 PM

Ban the stupid things

Anonymous

2/27/2024 08:55 PM

The regulations already in place are sufficient. No additional restrictions are required. It is ok to increase fines on violations.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 09:19 PM

Need to have more city sponsored central displays

Anonymous

2/27/2024 09:49 PM

Even if the days and time frame are adjusted, people will still continue to set them off on their own time table, leaving families with young children and animals unable to plan for fireworks outside of the approved days and times. In my area last year, fireworks were going off till 1 am, several times.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 09:50 PM

The wildlife/ environmental toll/ damage is overwhelming. They need to be banned.

Anonymous

2/27/2024 09:59 PM

I have never been bothered by the fireworks and I think it's a fun thing to do as long as people are being safe.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 12:08 AM

Find eco-friendly products; consider drone or light/laser displays instead. Ban Roman candles. Increase purchase and handling age to 21+

Anonymous

2/28/2024 06:17 AM

Would the city consider supporting a drone display at riverside instead? There needs to be a ban on fireworks on Remembrance Day. Last year Diwali was on the 12th, and I heard fireworks on the 11th. I feel this is very disrespectful as Remembrance Day is a day for peace and reflection. Many Canadians are veterans, and many new comers come from war-stricken countries.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 06:17 AM

I believe the fine ship's steep. If somebody gets injured or house catches on fire. Or any property or damaged? No matter what fee you

have in this survey won't cover that cost. I believe people are reckless and disrespectful of people around them. And need to be held accountable. We need biology to be working nights. So that one thing's go wrong, they're available. Due to them not being available in the evenings, people have given up. They called the police instead. There is nothing the police can do because it's not their job. We need bylaw to start taking things seriously and be more available.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 07:11 AM

As our neighborhood changes, fireworks are heard any day and anytime of any week. However, I firmly believe engaging the police or any other service would be fruitless.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 07:31 AM

Whatever changes or ban go into effect, enforcement is the piece that needs to be more robust. I hear fireworks in my neighbourhood on every holiday weekend from Victoria Day through Diwali every year. People are used to setting them off whenever they want with no consequences because you it isn't possible to contact bylaw at 9-11pm on a long weekend.

Beanna

2/28/2024 08:25 AM

Fireworks are a hazard and should only be handled by trained persons in open areas.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 08:40 AM

Have professionals host them in a safe environment . Charge \$5 and donate it to the spca . Seems like a no brainer. Our firefighters / policewould not have to ride their lives either for the stupidity of others. It's a win win.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 10:49 AM

Is the main complaint people setting off fireworks outside the proscribed times? Reduce the days fireworks can be set off to Canada Day and two days after if the weather is inclement. Difficult to enforce setting off fireworks outside permitted times. Public not likely to appear in court to support their videos! I would suggest the vast majority of residents would have no problem with fireworks on Canada Day (once a year). How to make that work is the issue!

Anonymous

2/28/2024 10:59 AM

I believe that as long as Fireworks are part of holiday celebrations they should be allowed within a reasonable time frame. An easily accessible permit (paid online) or small fee included in the sale should be directed towards the municipality for enforcement and environmental cleanup if required.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 12:21 PM

I understand the concerns about fireworks but life has to go on and it is an enjoyable aspect of our culture for the most part.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 12:25 PM

Total ban it's out of control!!!!!!stop appeasing to religious groups ,it's dangerous and endangering our pets and wildlife

Anonymous

2/28/2024 01:36 PM

I hear fireworks at times when there is no special event. A complete ban would eliminate confusion.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 01:55 PM

Fireworks are an enjoyable way to celebrate holidays. They need to be specific to our country and province's holidays: eg. Canada Day, etc. It is best to stay away from any group specific holidays as this is just going to get out of hand. There needs to be a framework time of when the fireworks can be set off. There also needs to be more enforcement and fines if not adhered to. If this doesn't happen, there is going to be a free for all. Let's not ban it all together. People need to celebrate.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 04:34 PM

Few spoiling for everyone

Anonymous

2/28/2024 05:58 PM

Be more free with days you can do them.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 06:35 PM

I used to love fireworks and enjoy them occasionally , but fun and entertainment should not come before the safety and comfort of our residents, pets and local wildlife. I support a total ban on fireworks but I think a more reasonable approach would be requiring applications for permits outside of Canada Day, May 24 and Diwali. I think fines and enforcement need to be increased SIGNIFICANTLY for people who do fireworks outside of designated times/dates because steep fines are the only way to deter people but there is not enough enforcement currently.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 08:30 PM

For many many years fireworks have been let off on May 24th & Canada Day celebrateions now it seems that everything we hold dear as to be stopped because of a small few that complaine. What happened to the majority rules. People complaine it scares there pets? what about Thunder can we stop that too!!

Anonymous

Stop regulating every aspect of our lives, fireworks when let off safely

2/28/2024 09:35 PM

are enjoyable for most people. A time limit such as 9pm should be sufficient with simple noise bylaw dealing with occurrences after that time cutoff. Focus on real crimes, parking enforcement, improving hospitals, lowering taxes, improving services, solutions to homelessness and addiction.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 09:52 PM

People can only light off fireworks 3 times a year, stop ruining all the fun with trying to ban fireworks.

Anonymous

2/28/2024 10:06 PM

Want bylaw to enforce and ticket people based on video or picture evidence because it is hard to catch people in the act. Stop allowing fireworks for Diwali. From experience, this population is the most disrespectful and inconsiderate of other people in community by lighting fireworks well past 11pm, lighting them close to houses, unsupervising children running around with sparklers, lighting fireworks close to flammable structures, and leaving a mess because they don't clean up. I am tired of bylaw and police "providing education opportunities". How many opportunities will it take before a house is up in flames or someone is burned because the hard bylaws weren't followed. The law is the law; it should be followed and when it isn't then you will get a ticket. Bylaws and laws and enforcement are not racist it is for the greater good of other people and for safety.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 02:29 AM

They're disruptive and dangerous. We live in a world of tiktok challenges, people do seriously dangerous stunts with what is basically a rocket. Shut it down.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 06:04 AM

The biggest issue remains a lack of enforcement. Complaining after he fact does nothing, and there is no mechanism to complain during the commission of the offense. In fact, there is no expectation that anything will ever be done. The reason this whole exercise needs to be taken can be traced back to the fact that the enforcement section is performing so poorly.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 12:39 PM

From what I see the problem is enforcement. The only one to call is WRPS because I assume there isn't a night time response for city bylaw enforcement. Also it's not well known about the conditions of fireworks so spreading the information about them to the community at large would be beneficial.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 03:46 PM

My concern is timing. No fireworks should be allowed after 11pm!!

Anonymous

2/29/2024 04:39 PM

Great to have bylaw but how do you enforce. They can set them off and be gone before anyone shows up

Anonymous

2/29/2024 05:53 PM

Even if sales are banned in Cambridge, what's to stop anyone from buying fireworks elsewhere and setting them off here? This goes beyond a bylaw and enforcement issue -- it's a social or civic issue. So many people lost their social skills during the pandemic and with that any sense of community or interest in the wants and needs of others. Setting off fireworks any time, any day, is just one reflection of this.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 06:42 PM

Just let people have fun,

Anonymous

2/29/2024 07:05 PM

When people in our neighbourhood have let off fireworks, we have ended up with fireworks debris on our roof and our yard. People around us have gone off their own property to light the fireworks off in the middle of the street. We have called police and by-law but everything is over by the time they arrive. We have had discussions with the City by-law department.

Anonymous

2/29/2024 08:18 PM

Enforcement of this by-law is the biggest concern with it; By-law is usually unreachable during the (typical) evening hours that fireworks are of concern so residents are told to contact police by the message on the machine or else they'll investigate the next day once the issue is over

Anonymous

2/29/2024 09:28 PM

Needs to be more enforced!!

Anonymous

2/29/2024 09:41 PM

Restrictions have been put in place, but there is no compliance evident. When fireworks are going off at midnight, days before and after the recognized observance days, who do you call, how quickly will they be able to respond, or residents can report next day??

Anonymous

3/01/2024 07:04 AM

Cambridge should give chance to all cultures to celebrate

Anonymous

3/01/2024 09:13 AM

My problem always has been with the location that people set off fireworks. We live in a tight subdivision and they set them off on the street in front of our house, or backyards where it is extremely

unsafe. More education and MORE enforcement. Or have designated areas where they can be set off safely. Not staking out parks that are safe and forcing people to set them off where it is not safe. It's like the city feels it's okay to burn your neighbors house down, but not to use a wide open space that is perfect.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 09:35 AM

This is a great initiative, however, considering Canada is based on the diversity of its population, similar is the case with various cities and provinces of Canada. We must not restrict or create barriers for those who want to celebrate by lighting the fireworks. However, setting up by-laws and stringent rules and fines should suffice. This is a commendable initiative. However, Canada's strength lies in its diverse population, and the same goes for its cities and provinces. We must not create barriers and limitations for those who wish to celebrate by lighting fireworks. Instead, we can establish by-laws and strict regulations with fines as a measure to enforce safety and voluntary compliance.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 09:49 AM

Some people just need education on safety they have no clue

Anonymous

3/01/2024 10:38 AM

If fireworks were to be banned. It should be year round. Not just for periodic months.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 10:59 AM

I have PTSD. Some of these celebrations start several days before the actual holiday, and continue for several days after. And they are often not on private property. Parks are being used and abused. Some of them are being discharged very late at night (well after 11pm. Garbage piles up in park areas. wildlife and pets are being terrorized with the loud prolonged noise.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 12:54 PM

Only allow fireworks in Canada Day to celebrate our country. Ban all other holidays. Would like to know how enforcement is going to enforce this. There is already significant difficulty enforcing parking bylaws. Is the city really going to be able to enforce this one? It would be good to be able to have a hotline or portal to submit offenders and bylaw ticket them afterwards. This should be available for parking issues too. You call and no one ever shows up to do anything especially in the evenings and weekends.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 01:35 PM

the reason why we need to be considerate, is families with young children trying to get them to sleep. Caregivers with seniors. hours of 11pm can be very late. Late for people who have to get up early. Shift

workers. Inconvenience. Disrupt pets, wildlife. Sparks flying around. I am not against people having enjoyment but needs to be in a venue that is safe. Thanks to the committee reviewing this. Non-neighborhood areas to set off fireworks. Maybe trial this... Then if that doesn't work in favor of a total ban. Group setting off should also be responsible for safety and compliance so it doesn't fall on police or by-law. Be accountable.

Anonymous

3/01/2024 02:18 PM

It's a sad commentary when municipal rules are repeatedly broken re dates, times & locations acceptable - but many do NOT care nor have any respect for rules - it's 'all' about them, period! Good Luck!!

Anonymous

3/02/2024 11:56 AM

It seems that most fireworks issues come from people who are being racist and disguising them as it's too loud and only seems to happen around Diwali

Anonymous

3/02/2024 12:48 PM

It's not good for the environment and health Unnecessary pollution waste and noise pollution 100% safety risks Very uncomfortable for seniors miners and pets

Anonymous

3/02/2024 07:57 PM

We have very few events that are free for people! We should enjoy the right to have fireworks at our choice location! People who complain are grumpy Karen's who need to get a life! I have dogs who aren't fans of them but it's my job to redirect their attention and save them stress

Anonymous

3/02/2024 09:40 PM

No concerns with current bylaw. Concerns more with the individuals complaining. It's lovely to see people celebrating. Life is too short

Anonymous

3/03/2024 12:53 AM

Thank you so much for offering the survey. Those who follow rules and don't participate in these nuisance activities appreciate it so much.

Anonymous

3/03/2024 06:49 AM

People were firing fireworks on Diwali way past 11 o'clock at night

Anonymous

3/03/2024 04:17 PM

Buyers of fireworks need to respect the dangers of them as far as being a fire risk to property and a danger to themselves are people around them.

Anonymous

3/03/2024 04:30 PM

There must be better enforcement of existing bylaws. The status quo is unacceptable.

Anonymous

3/04/2024 09:20 AM

I think and feel fireworks should only be for Canada Day. Get rid of the other days. If you can't allow fireworks for a cultural groups then it should only be for celebrating when Canada became a country. I don't want all cultures to be allowed because then there will be fireworks going off all the time. Canada Day is one day on July 1 and every Canadian knows it.

Claude

3/04/2024 11:27 AM

Labour day could be added to the list of days fireworks are allowed. Private celebrations, such as birthdays, could be allowed fireworks with specific restrictions (time e.g. 7-7:30 PM, duration e.g. 30 mins.) and a permit from the city. By-law should go after people firing them off after 11:00 at night.

Jgroulx

3/04/2024 01:32 PM

Better enforcement needed. Bylaw does not work during the hours required historically.

Anonymous

3/04/2024 01:44 PM

Enforcement is the biggest issue I imagine. People do not respect the rules in place and I've never seen/heard of anyone receiving a fine. I understand the logistical issues of trying to enforce the bylaw which is why banning all fireworks is probably more practical.

Anonymous

3/04/2024 02:33 PM

Fireworks are fine in moderation and if people respected the dates they are allowed. Currently, people are setting off fireworks on days not allowed and they are going for a significant amount of time through the night. They should be kept to the day or two allowed on the specified holidays and only during a specific time frame/ must be completed by 10pm for example.

Anonymous

3/04/2024 03:17 PM

Hello...I feel very strongly on the following items: 1) Fireworks should only be allowed for Victoria Day and Canada Day. I don't believe they should be allowed for Diwali. This is no disrespect to that culture, but I feel it is unfair giving one religion an advantage over other religions. What if the Baptists, Catholics, Jehovahs, etc wanted a fireworks day? You can't offer it to all of them. Fireworks should only be allowed to commemorate our country/commonwealth. 2) When fireworks are allowed, there should only be a 1-2 hour window (i.e. 9-11 p.m.) for the day of the occasion and one backup/alternate day (for rain or for people who had to work on the original day). That would mean we would only have fireworks for 4 hours on two weeks of the year. That

is less painful for animals, etc. 3) Finally, people don't need fireworks for weddings, birthdays, etc. It's harming the quality of life for pets and wildlife for the selfishness of humans. If they really want fireworks, they can hold their event on Victoria Day or Canada Day. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Kathy Glaser 519-654-7721

Anonymous

3/04/2024 06:38 PM

We do not need more restrictions. Fireworks are not a problem in Cambridge. There are more serious issues for council to be focused on like budgets, spending tax dollars wisely, and keeping taxes affordable for home owners as well as supporting local businesses and making sure Cambridge is a thriving city.

Tomas

3/04/2024 08:10 PM

Fireworks are explosives. Expand your enforcement to 24 hours a day by more personnel. I don't mind paying higher taxes to cover that.

Anonymous

3/05/2024 01:28 PM

It's time to consider the impact of fireworks on public spaces. We should be exposed to less noise. We are bombarded everyday with traffic noise and outside noises. Pets and animals and humans should not be exposed to excess noise and smells.

Anonymous

3/05/2024 05:48 PM

I am curious how enforcement will work. There is significant difficulty with parking enforcement when there is clear evidence of people breaking parking bylaws as it is now. How is enforcement going to enforce and ticket setting off fireworks when fireworks come and go so quickly. Based on current LACK of parking enforcement, I have no confidence this bylaw will be enforced and people will be ticketed. This survey is doing due diligence to review and update the bylaw but the actual enforcement will be a joke. Residents will get lame excuses that bylaw officers are busy and will get there as soon as possible and they can't target specific homes or people. We should only allow fireworks on July 1, Canada Day. Only one night for residents to suffer through loud noises. We can prepare for the one night of inconvenience. Ban the rest of the days, all of the other days when fireworks are allowed, the people lighting them are inconsiderate, rude and don't care about the safety of other people's homes because they are selfish and only think of themselves and their need to light fireworks.

Anonymous

3/05/2024 08:36 PM

Canada Day should be the only day allowed for fireworks. All other days should be banned. It doesn't matter if it's Victoria Day or a cultural day. All out ban. Fines should be given out asap no bye or educational opportunity. Fines right away. When it hits the wallet,

people are more inclined to follow bylaws. Otherwise the bylaw is useless if no fines are given out.

Anonymous

3/05/2024 10:13 PM

Living near an open space makes our area susceptible for fireworks at anytime of the night and anytime of the year. They would set off 2 or 3 then quickly leave the area. No one in the neighbourhood seems to know who it is. Police take too long to respond.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 10:38 AM

Keep the laws the same

Anonymous

3/06/2024 01:04 PM

Some recognition must be made regarding the demographic change that has occurred in recent years, allowing for controlled enjoyment of fireworks on days that are popular in the south Asian communities. However, as it stands today, there has been a marked increase in fireworks discharges since 5 years ago and there seems to be no practical means of enforcing the bylaws as they can occur outside of the permitted days and hours.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 02:42 PM

We must reign in on Diwali, it isn't just the fireworks, while these in and of themselves are a big issue, but the byproduct of such events: dumping copious amounts of garbage in public parks etc. This comment, to be clear, does target one cultural group, by the nature of celebration, however, should any other cultural event be as absolutely disturbing and even obnoxious, I would comment similarly.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 03:32 PM

NA

Anonymous

3/06/2024 04:15 PM

Fireworks have increasingly become a big problem in Cambridge, specifically around Diwali. Blatant disregard for personal and public safety, fireworks being discharged for days at a time, all hours of the night are issues that need to be addressed immediately and concisely. Thank you for this survey and providing the opportunity to voice concerns on this issue.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 04:18 PM

Get rid of them. In Wars 1 people so then on the park there should be signs in parks not to do them unless they have a permit. It's so dangerous most shoot them off in neighbourhoods all hours of the night and they don't clean up. Complete ban for all holidays.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 04:54 PM

This survey will attract primarily mean, controlling people who see a small chance to control others and as such will have a biased result. Pets? Are you going to ban thunderstorms? People should be able celebrate their own special occasions and not have them dictated by local government.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 05:51 PM

If you're planning on ban, then keep it across all holidays not just a particular one.

Anonymous

3/06/2024 09:24 PM

No

Anonymous

3/06/2024 10:22 PM

I really worry about the impact that fireworks have on wildlife. I wonder if there are specific locations that fireworks could be set off that might cause less disturbance to wildlife and pets?

Anonymous

3/07/2024 07:33 AM

Fines are a great way to regulate by laws. Punitive monetary fines allow for the population to self regulate their actions. This should have two benefits - less calls to WRPS, more adherence to by law rules. The concern residents have is the number of days fireworks are set off, how late they are set off, and how close these fireworks are to residential areas. What laws govern a firework that malfunctions and sets fire to a property not owned by the firework user? Cambridge should NOT ban fireworks. The city should encourage the use of large, public spaces to set them off. This actually brings together the community as well as creating distance from residential areas. I'd be happy to see my local park used as apposed to my local back yards.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 08:56 AM

I have a dog that is terribly afraid of the noise generated by fireworks. On the nights that they are expected she goes down into our finished basement with a loud tv on. Works great but hard to do when the fireworks are occurring at all hours and for a week at a time.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 12:18 PM

Fireworks only happen 3 times a year in Cambridge. It's a fun family activity to gather people. I know pets who are scared of any loud noise. If you know there will be fireworks, it's an opportunity to spend quality time with your pet, comforting them. It only last for 15-20 min at most, a few times per year. No need for a complete ban. I do agree to only have it at certain times to be mindful of the environment. Life is too short and money too tight to spend time on this issue.

Anonymous

If fireworks are allowed, only people who pass some kind of

3/07/2024 01:02 PM

mandatory training should be allowed to buy them and use set them. I was almost hit by a "piece" of a firework that must have fallen over and went sideways quite a distance to my residence. Also the pieces from the accident were never cleaned up by people who were responsible. If fireworks are to be allowed, I think that only professional shows (like the one at Riverside park) should be allowed. When people set them off when/where they are not allowed the by-law officers are not usually working and police have more important things to do. Hence I have not made complaints. Reporting to by-law does no good after the fact since I do not know the identity of the offenders,

Anonymous

3/07/2024 03:44 PM

Please do something... put words into action!! And the sooner the better!!

Anonymous

3/07/2024 05:14 PM

if people break the bylaw, there really is no real consequence or penalty. The current amount of money really isn't that much of a deterrent. But if you do crack down on them, the city needs to be prepared to enforce the rules and which clearly doesn't even happen now.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 05:16 PM

By the time a complaint is laid the fireworks have stopped. Main issue is being fired in small backyards and late at night, after midnight, as well as odd times of the year.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 06:26 PM

They are fine the way it is

Anonymous

3/07/2024 06:36 PM

We routinely have people setting off fireworks until 3 or 4 in the morning not only on the allowable days, but in the weeks leading up to them and weeks afterwards. Setting aside the environmental concerns, this is incredibly disruptive to people who are trying to sleep in order to be ready for work. Additionally for those with pets, it takes hours to calm them down. There needs to be much more presence of by-law enforcement and a much clearer path to reporting. The fine needs to be large enough to be a real deterrent.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 07:35 PM

Thanks for this opportunity.

Anonymous

3/07/2024 10:57 PM

Fireworks held in parks by professionals are fine. Backyard fireworks are can be loud, late, dangerous, and annoying.

Anonymous

3/08/2024 02:08 AM

Please keep the big displays like Canada Day in Riverside Park and maybe do big displays for other holidays. Be more careful for private displays in being safe and mindful of others. Timing should be similar to noise bylaw.

Anonymous

3/08/2024 09:14 AM

Consideration for other holidays (like Diwali) need to be factored in. Fireworks were being set off in our neighbourhood at midnight on Diwali as well as New Year's Eve. We were already in bed (including our children) at this point and were not impressed.

Susie.

3/08/2024 02:10 PM

Not fair to outlaw completely but limit on days and enforcement would be good. Also concerned about fires starting. Still hearing fireworks on holidays not allowed.

Anonymous

3/08/2024 10:59 PM

This survey is written in manner to bias the results.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 07:58 AM

Ban them. Fireworks are too loud nowadays and people are inconsiderate of other people and animals Animals and vets should be considered

Anonymous

3/09/2024 11:46 AM

isissue

Anonymous

3/09/2024 12:01 PM

If allowed noiseless

Anonymous

3/09/2024 12:13 PM

Cleanup fines are equally as important as fines for continuing fireworks celebrations late into evenings (often on weekdays). Recent experience has fireworks being set off well after midnight, spent casings and trash littering parks, and streets.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 12:19 PM

Just ban them

Anonymous

3/09/2024 01:59 PM

Please allow fireworks on other days as well, for all the Hindu religious folks the day of Divali, which typically happens in Nov, is an auspicious day which involves fireworks.

harjeetchahal

3/09/2024 03:09 PM

Fireworks should be allowed on occasions like New Year, Canada Day, and Diwali, but within a specified time frame, such as 19:00-23:00.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 04:18 PM

Affecting lives routine as it is permitted by bylaws.

blutts

3/09/2024 04:36 PM

Cant get in touch to report occurrences

Anonymous

3/09/2024 04:46 PM

Would like to be able to contact someone when fireworks are to close to home. Tried several times and could not get an answer.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 05:11 PM

I would like to see fireworks kept to the 3 days permitted by the by-law. That it be for 1 day only. And that they be finished no later the 11:59 am. Thank you.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 06:05 PM

You should have a location for an organized 1-day event for fireworks. This should include ALL HOLIDAYS that traditionally use fireworks.

Anonymous

3/09/2024 07:07 PM

I totally understand the festival fireworks on National holidays which are arranged and controlled by local govt orgs and enforcement is satisfactory but allowing fireworks on any other pretexts should not be allowed. Last year we had so much environmental pollution mob fights etc during these fireworks in Cambridge and Brampton it almost portrayed like battle field.

Anonymous

3/10/2024 09:19 AM

I feel that all ethnics and communities within our city have the right to celebrate their cultural celebrations. This includes the use of fireworks. However, we need to educate all community members about the religious and/or celebratory reasons. I do not believe certain older age brackets are educated or aware of other cultures in our city, educating them about their use of fireworks for religious beliefs is vitally important. I also do think their should be a time restriction on ALL forework displays, including Canada day!

JKimsto

3/10/2024 02:34 PM

Freedom to do as I please!!!

Anonymous

The largest issue is the impact of the explosive sounds on birds and

3/11/2024 08:02 AM

pets, people with PTSD (veterans, immigrants from war torn countries), and the second is the lack of respect for the constraints of the current bylaws. Every "official" permitted day is shouldered by 5 days of backyard enthusiasts blasting off fireworks well past midnight. Given the apparent inability to enforce the current bylaw, a total ban maybe the best, albeit likely an unpopular decision. Perhaps the next best option is to hold only one "official" display on each of the allowable days and make use of quieter fireworks.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 09:33 AM

Fireworks should be only set off by professionals/fire department in a central safe location.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 11:56 AM

I am most concerned about the safety aspect and I only wish there were steps that could be taken to strengthen enforcement. I worry that people who are already breaking the by-law are impaired when working with these potentially dangerous items. I came close to making complaints on several occasions.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 03:23 PM

Loosen up this strict regulation and allow people to celebrate their happiness

Anonymous

3/11/2024 04:38 PM

Fireworks we doing for only 3 times in year, this is really need it

Anonymous

3/11/2024 04:51 PM

Fireworks displays should only be allowed on the specific holiday at an organized fireworks presentation. No other time.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 04:54 PM

Fireworks in riverside park on Canada day only No sale of fireworks in the city No resident to have personal display See bylaws for Brampton

Anonymous

3/11/2024 04:59 PM

Love fireworks, but there is a time and place for them. We don't need fireworks going off past 11 pm.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 07:02 PM

I think times have changed, fireworks are not necessary anymore. They cause pollution and the noise effects people (seizures), pets, and wildlife. Some cities have drone light shows as an alternate. Fireworks were not sold how they are today, for the bylaw to work restrictions on selling them need to occur. Bylaw cannot enforce the bylaw as it's difficult to know where it is coming from and the time delay. I would be supportive of a ban.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 07:13 PM

Fireworks are ok but there should be timeframe where the fireworks are allowed and how many days

Anonymous

3/11/2024 07:29 PM

People do them wherever and whenever they want without consequences. Also with the poor air quality last year we didn't need to add to it with fireworks

Anonymous

3/11/2024 07:47 PM

Enforcement is almost impossible. You will never please everyone. But there needs to be stronger regulations especially in those new and or crowded subdivisions. Thank you for all you do.

Anonymous

3/11/2024 09:38 PM

If there is a specific holiday that is creating most of the problems, ban fireworks on that holiday. Don't punish everyone. Have some courage

Anonymous

3/12/2024 09:30 AM

Stop allowing fireworks for all occasions except for Canada Day. How are you going to enforce this bylaw when there is already problems enforcing other bylaws like parking, noise and now rooming houses (seen in the newspapers and CTV Kitchener news). No faith bylaw will be able to enforce anything. It will remain the same and nothing but angry residents who have followed the rules

Anonymous

3/12/2024 04:42 PM

I would like to know how you are going to enforce this bylaw. It is very difficult to catch people by the time you come people will have disappeared. Unless we are to submit photos and videos and you ticket them. There should not be "education" and should be straight to a ticket. Ban all fireworks except for Canada Day. No religious or cultural exceptions like the bylaw right now because it excludes everyone else's cultures and only includes Diwali. Why are they included? You have validated to everyone else's cultures that they are not as important or valued like Diwali. I don't care how big their population is it should be singled out and included. That is not inclusion what you have created is exclusion for everyone else. By only having Canada Day it signals we are celebrating the nation and where we live

Anonymous

3/13/2024 07:45 AM

Modern cities should not support fireworks. There is ample evidence that demonstrates their detriment to animals and wildlife. A ban on fireworks helps to protect the natural assets in our region.

Anonymous

3/13/2024 08:05 PM

Fireworks form an important role as a religious symbol and residents need the freedom to practice their religious beliefs.

Anonymous

3/13/2024 09:59 PM

You can increase the fine all you want but the bylaw literally are never working when the fireworks are going off and nothing ever gets done.

Anonymous

3/13/2024 10:21 PM

Stop wasting resources on being killjoys and do something about the drugs, homeless and rampant government sponsored pedophilia.

Anonymous

3/14/2024 06:27 PM

Fireworks add to an enjoyable celebration and my family enjoys watching the many neighbourhood displays although we don't light them ourselves. When done within timelines and with safety and consideration for neighbours, they usually aren't a problem. It would be nice if they could be let off on a Saturday or Friday night so kids and most people who work aren't disturbed.

Anonymous

3/14/2024 06:41 PM

Paying for surveys like this is a waste of tax payer money

Anonymous

3/14/2024 06:43 PM

Totally ban the use of fireworks

Anonymous

3/14/2024 06:46 PM

Ban them totally

Anonymous

3/14/2024 07:11 PM

Should only be in open parks twice a year.... Canada Day and queens birthday....

Anonymous

3/14/2024 10:40 PM

When used properly they are fun for everyone, so let them be !!!

Anonymous

3/14/2024 10:48 PM

There must be tighter regulation to where fireworks can be set off. A lot of streets have houses which are incredibly close together whether it be beside or across. This can pose a severe safety risk. Fireworks should only be allowed to be discharged in open areas with minimal structure in the surrounding area and not in neighborhoods.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 12:13 AM

People like to gather as a community and share fireworks for their kids to see more. By doing this they will more likely stick the rules, have them apply for the permit that requires them to clean up in the

morning (we don't need another kite event) churches have large parking lots easy to find garbage, just my 2 cents. Ps I don't light them but I like to see them

Anonymous

3/15/2024 12:14 AM

If bylaws are made they need to be enforced, not just selectively

Anonymous

3/15/2024 12:26 AM

There needs to be a complete ban on fireworks except for July 1st. All other days need to be banned. Diwali is the worst because people setting them off don't care about the safety, cleaning up after themselves, or the timing of the fireworks. It is all about their right to setting off fireworks. No consideration of neighbours and safety. I would like to know how you are going to enforce this and would like an immediate ticketing. Fire safety is not a light matter. One incident can cause houses to go up in flames or burn someone. You can't go back once that happens. Immediate and forceful ticketing needs to occur. None of this "learning opportunity" or "education". Please say that to someone who loses their home or family member to a fire because of reckless setting off fireworks.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 02:08 AM

Please ban fireworks all fireworks, mainly because of Diwali! I live near Witmer Park and after the celebrations were over there were many discarded fireworks left behind. Several fireworks landed in nearby residents backyards. Several hit cars and were far too close to homes. Many young children were in the park unsupervised with large amounts of fireworks firing them off with their friends. The fireworks went past midnight. Police did not come even after being contacted on the non-emergency phone line. Please ban fireworks all together because I don't believe the region/city has the resources to monitor this. Someone will get hurt!

Anonymous

3/15/2024 02:20 AM

Ban all fireworks, they are loud and those setting them off are far too close to my home and the street. Fireworks are typically discharged on the weekend and in the evening when by-law isn't working and you leave enforcement to the police. They do not prioritize these calls. Those setting them off will do so late into the evening, think until 1-2 in the morning on the weekend. In addition to the fireworks, those setting them off will scream and shout and I am unsure if someone is in danger. I am a person living with a disability and I struggle with PTSD, the noise makes me uncomfortable and I need to reach out to friends for help. The holidays are torture

Anonymous

3/15/2024 07:39 AM

The parks and parking lots are never cleaned up after fireworks have been discharged. Police should make visits to these areas and get

the names of the people setting off the fireworks and of the area is not cleaned up then a fine should be issued. Fireworks are set off In these areas bit people NEVER clean up.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 07:58 AM

There are three challenges that I see: 1. Finding who is responsible for lighting off the fireworks especially in residential areas can be challenging- one often has a general direction but if they're not a direct neighbour, it's hard to tell where. 2. By-law staffing capacity to ensure complaints. 3. If permits are required, the process should be simple and quick, and free, otherwise the process won't be followed anyways.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 10:15 AM

Fireworks should be left to special events and only be permitted by trained professionals. To much carelessness with people lighting them in residential neighborhoods.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 10:25 AM

We are far too close to farms and wildlife in thus area, to have fireworks more than a couple times a year. The impact on animals can be horrible.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 11:13 AM

Ban all fireworks except for Canada Day. It's not fair to allow Diwali while all the other cultures that are in Cambridge are blatantly ignored. Last time I checked that's not being inclusive but exclusive to one specific culture. You either allow every culture to celebrate with fireworks or only in Canada Day to celebrate the birth of Canada. Question keeps coming to mind is how are you going to enforce fireworks? Bylaw can't even manage enforcing rooming houses or parking issues as is now.

Anonymous

3/15/2024 01:22 PM

on street fireworks in neighbourhood should not be permitted.
FIREWORKS today are big and can cause property damage and fires.

Optional question (705 response(s), 928 skipped)

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