

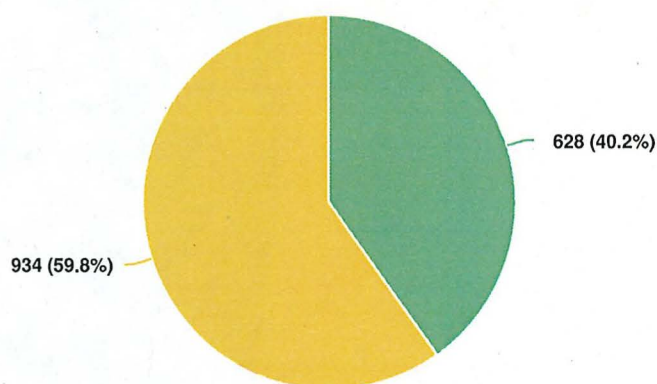
Project Report

Connect Whitby

Fireworks in Whitby



Do you know where to find safety information?



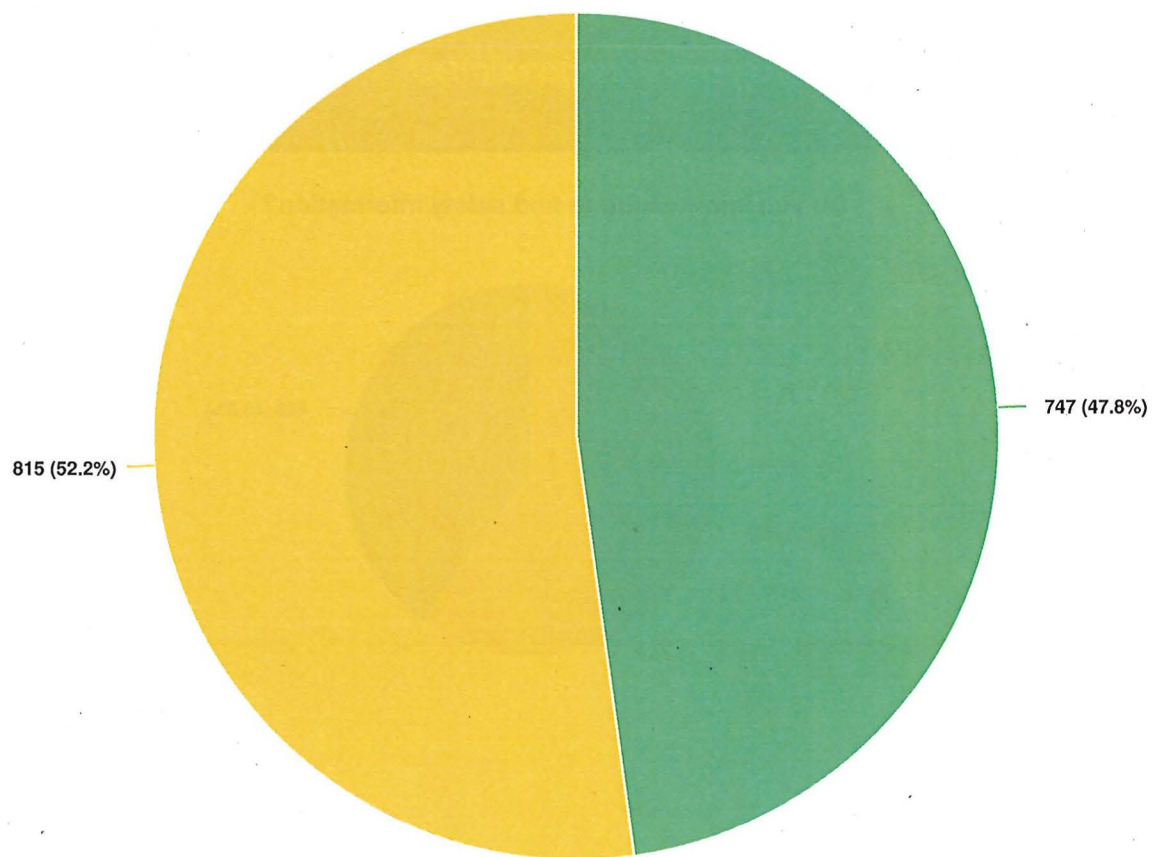
Question options

Yes No

Mandatory Question (1561 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Would you support a ban on the use of consumer-grade fireworks (i.e. residential/neighbourhood fireworks that individuals can buy from retailers)? This means that the only exception to the ban would be the use of display fireworks by a licensed pyr...



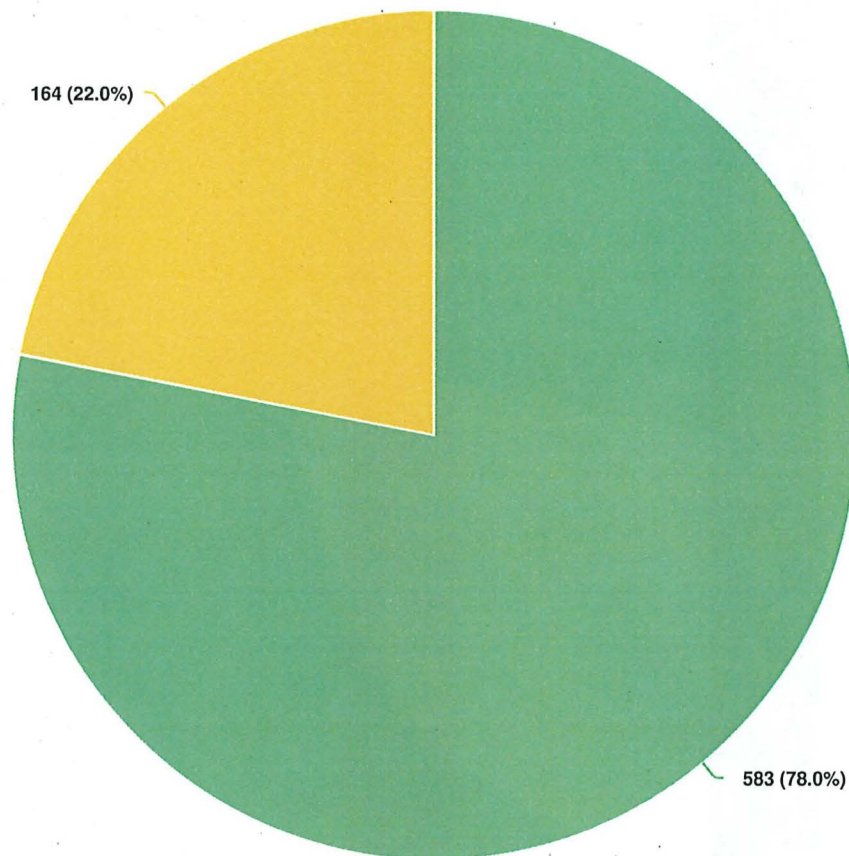
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☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (1561 response(s))

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Are you in favour of professional display fireworks at Town events?



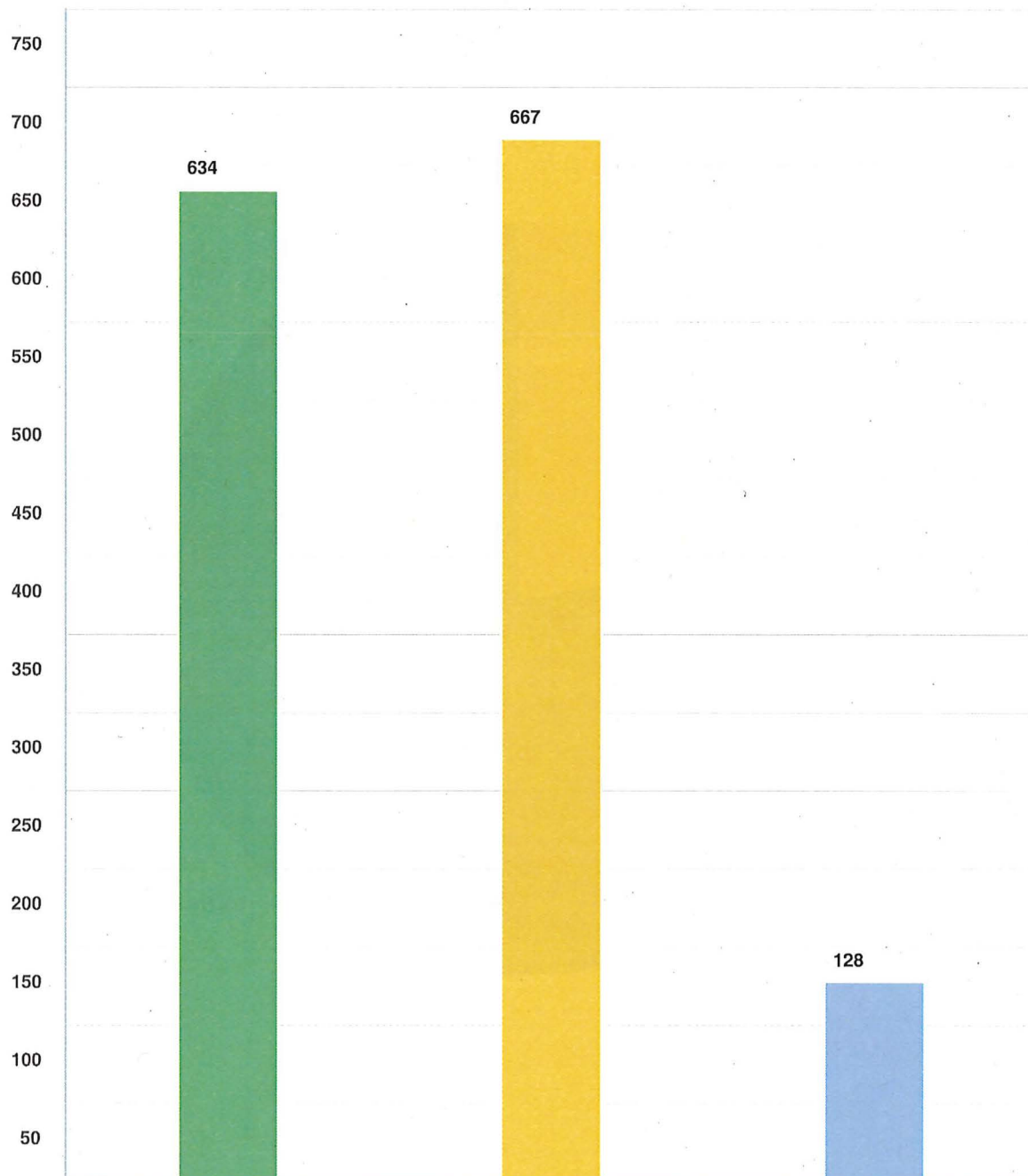
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (746 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Why do you feel this way?



Question options

☒ They are important for cultural celebrations ☒ They bring the community together ☐ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (815 response(s))

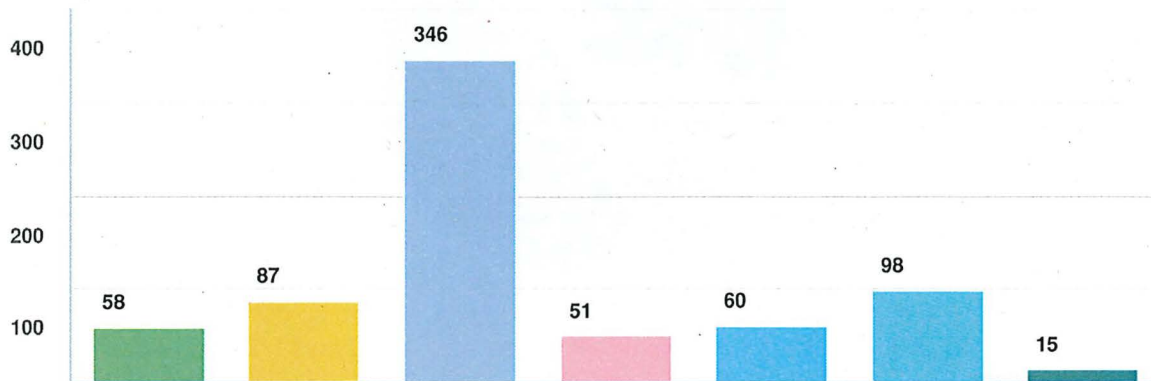
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ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Fireworks Survey

Visitors	1203	Contributors	651	CONTRIBUTIONS	659
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How did you learn about this community engagement opportunity? (select all that apply)



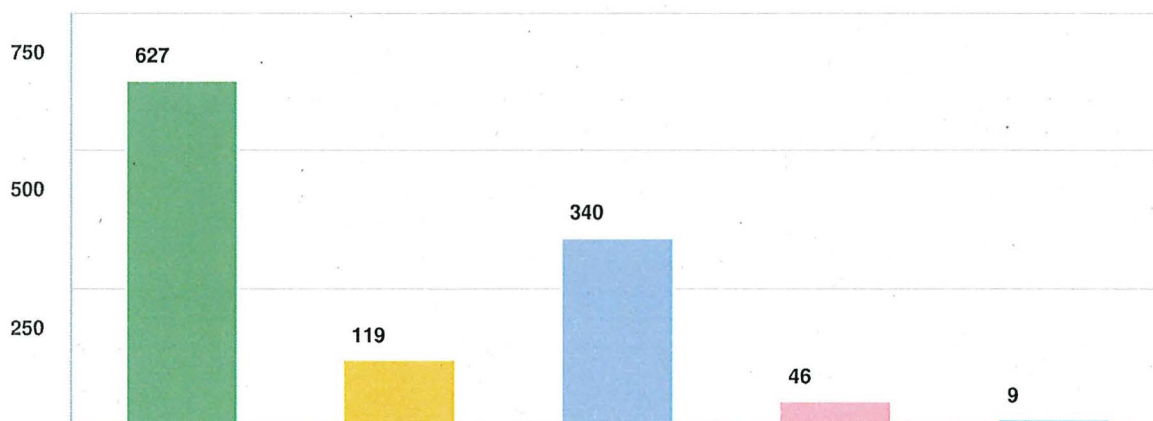
Question options

- Connect Whitby website (connectwhitby.ca)
- Newspaper ad
- Social Media
- Town of Whitby website (whitby.ca)
- Email/Town e-News alert
- Word of Mouth
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Do you...? (select all that apply)



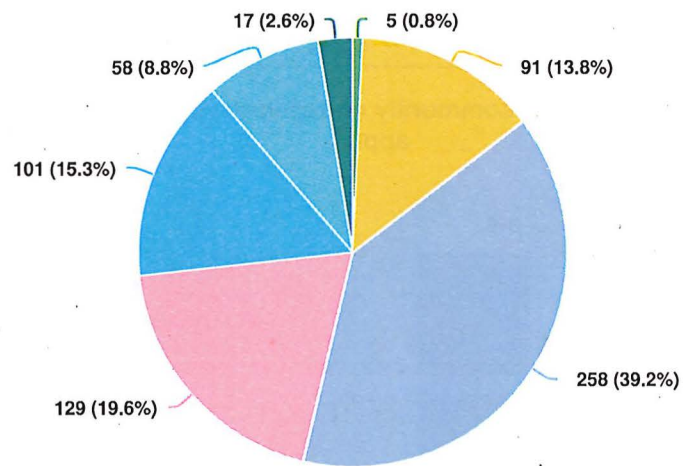
Question options

- Live in Whitby
- Work in Whitby
- Own property in Whitby
- Own a business in Whitby
- None of the above

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

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How old are you?



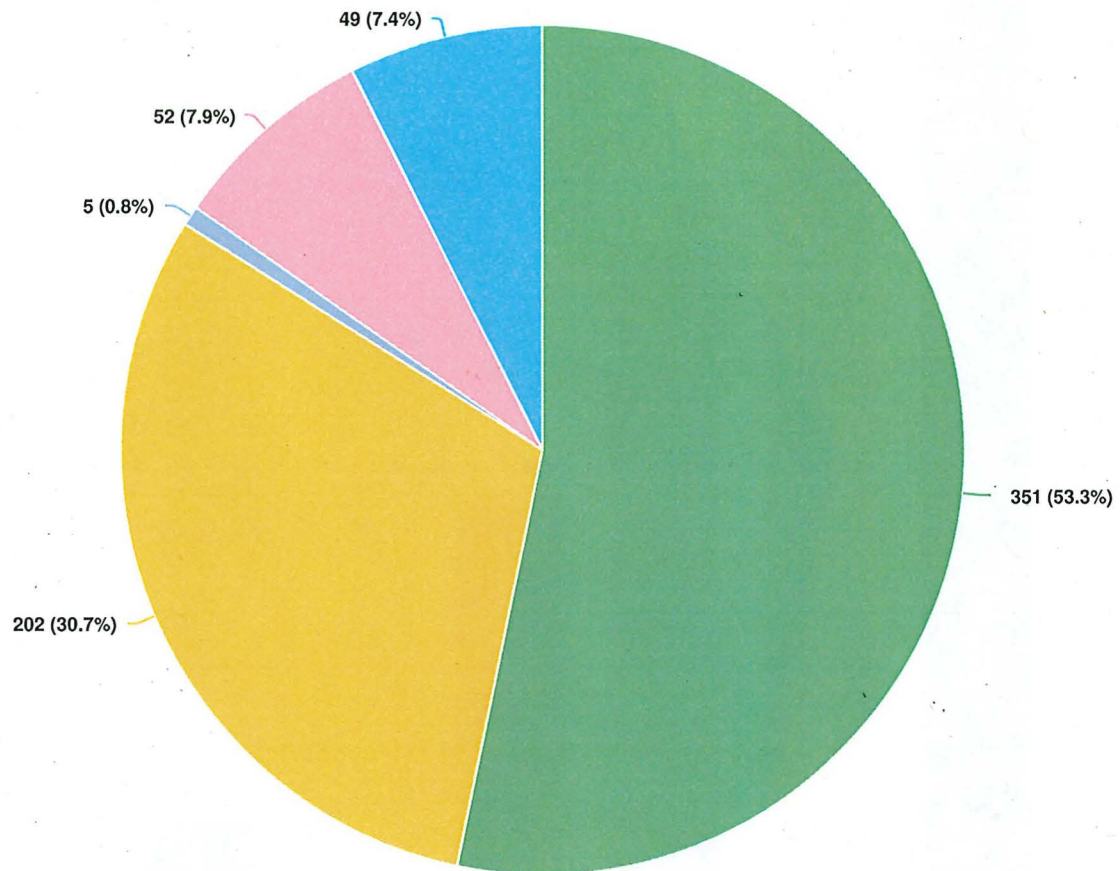
Question options

18 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65+ Prefer not to say

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Do you enjoy watching fireworks?



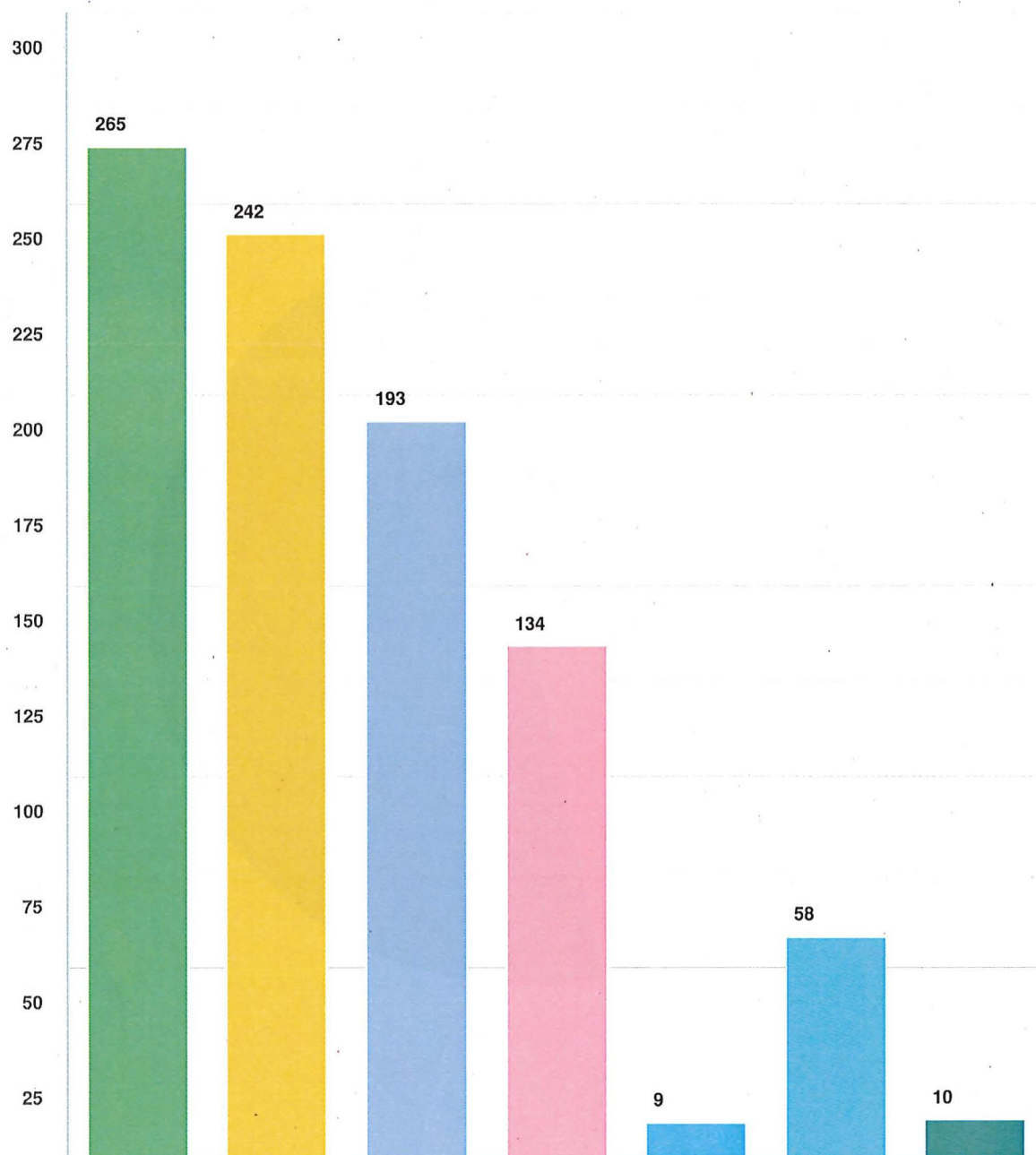
Question options

● Yes, a lot ● Somewhat ● Not sure ● Not a lot ● Not at all

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

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Where to you typically like to watch fireworks? (select all that apply)



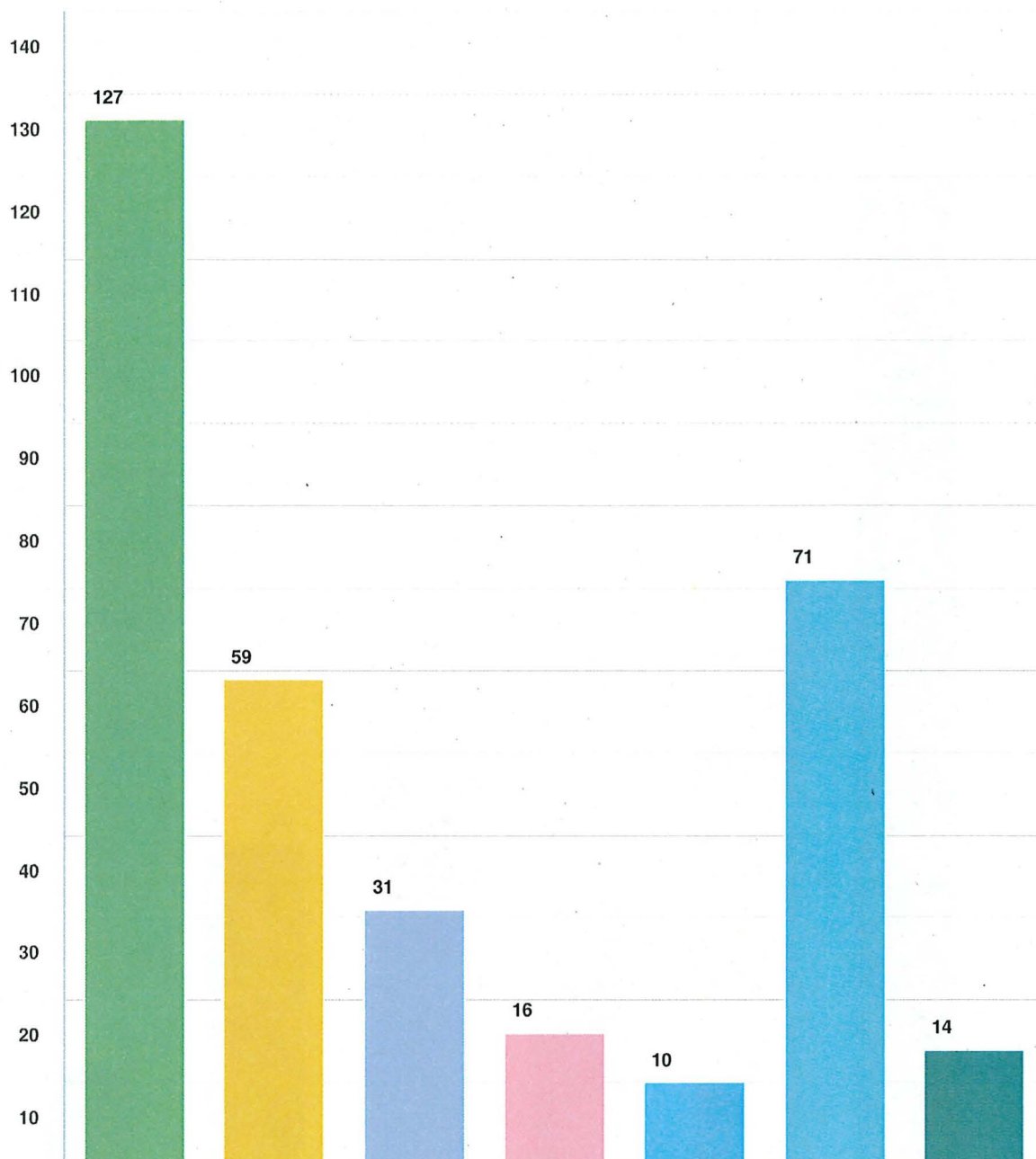
Question options

- ☒ The waterfront ☒ Local parks ☒ On my street ☒ At friend's houses ☒ Virtually
☒ Only at Town or Community events ☒ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (351 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

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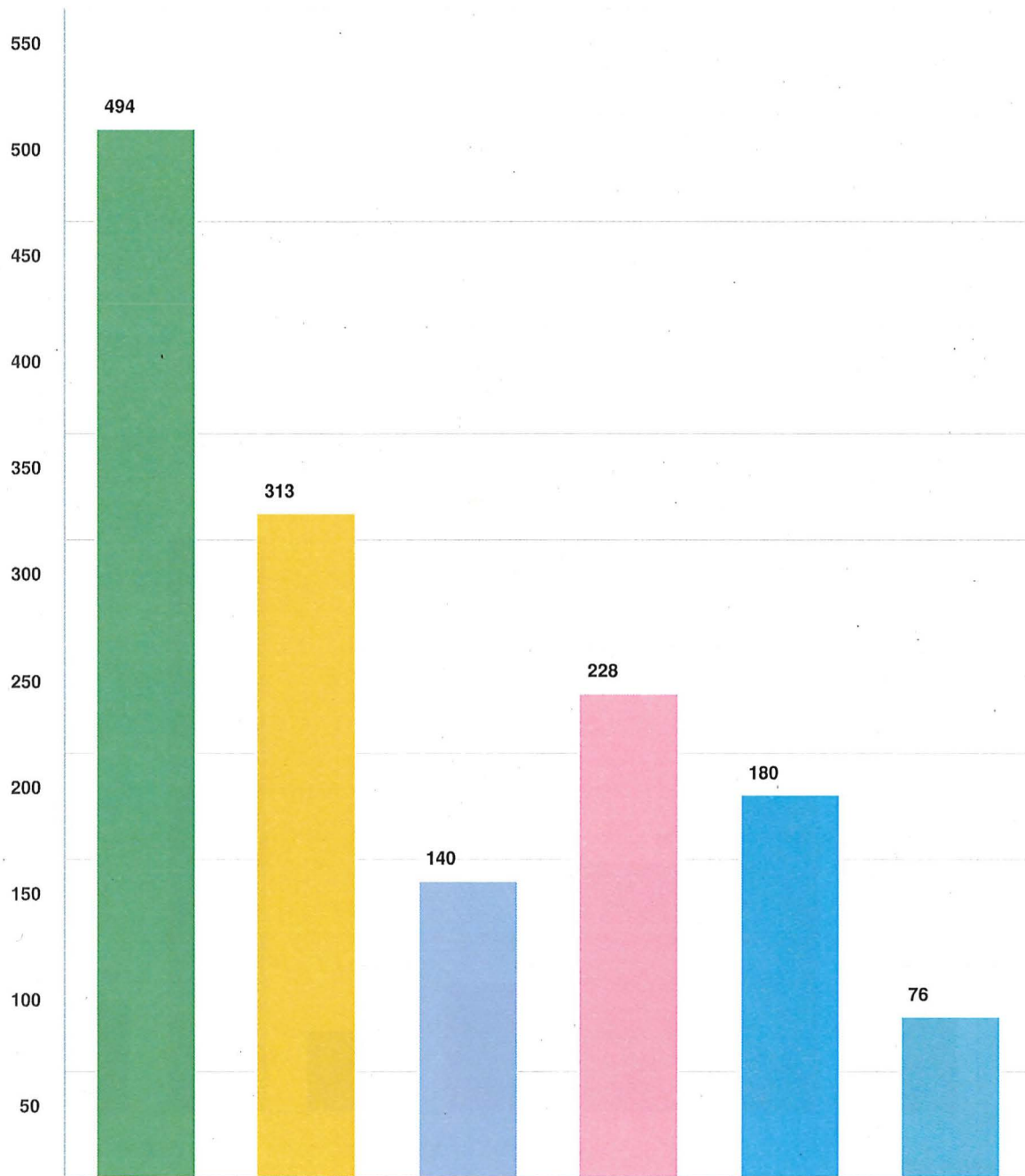
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Optional question (195 response(s), 464 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Who do you think should be permitted to use fireworks in Whitby? (select all that apply)



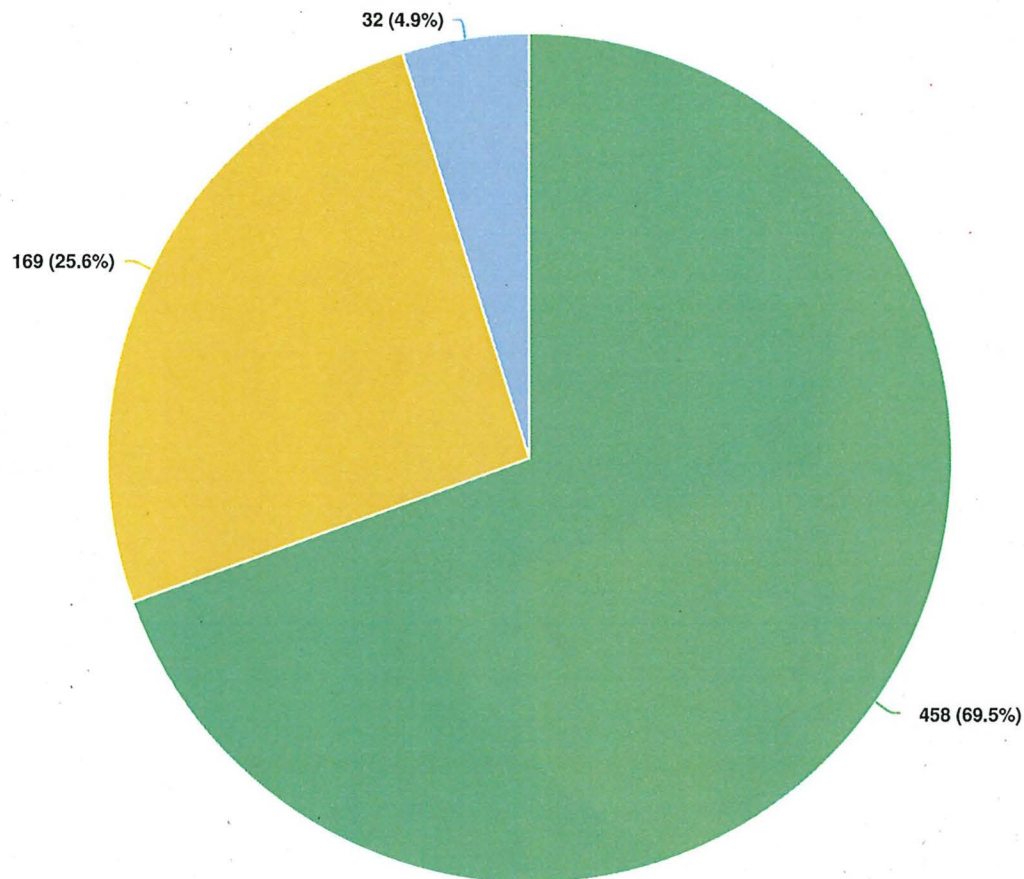
Question options

● The Town ● Community groups ● Businesses ● Residents ● Anyone ● No one

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Do you think the Town should limit on what days and where fireworks are allowed?



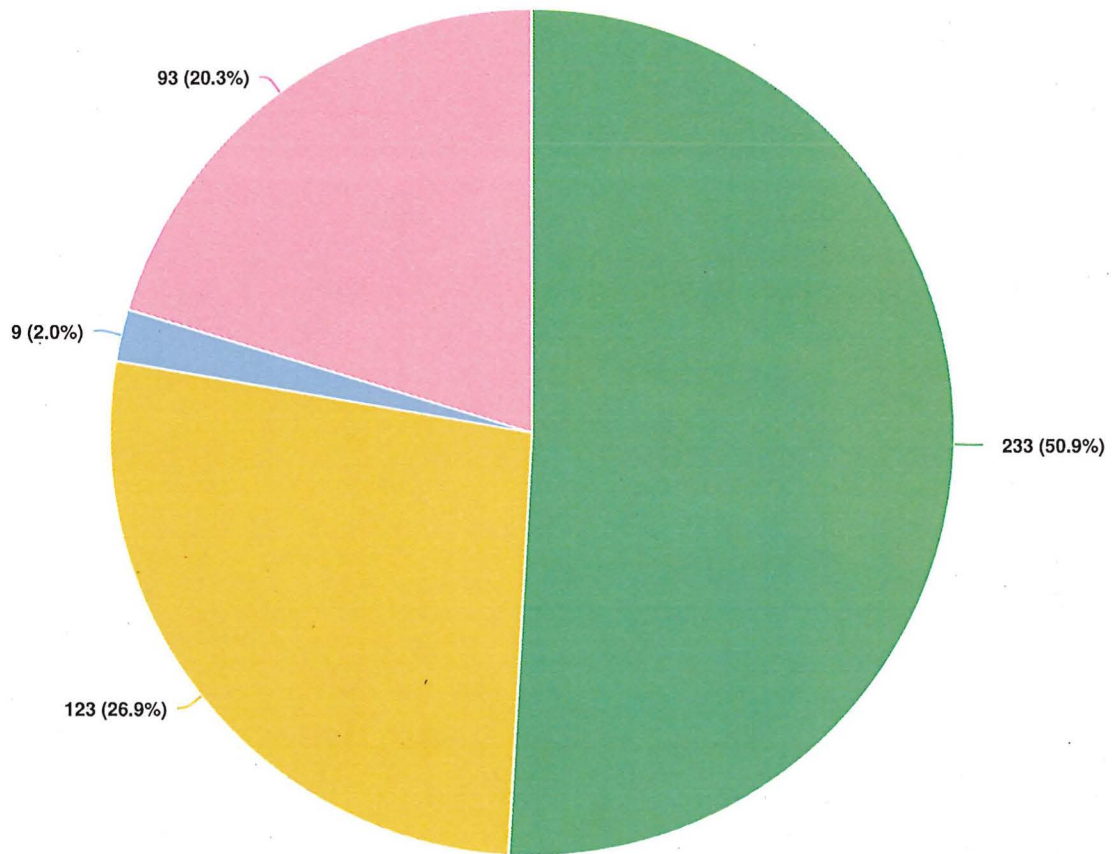
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Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Where in the Town should they be limited to?



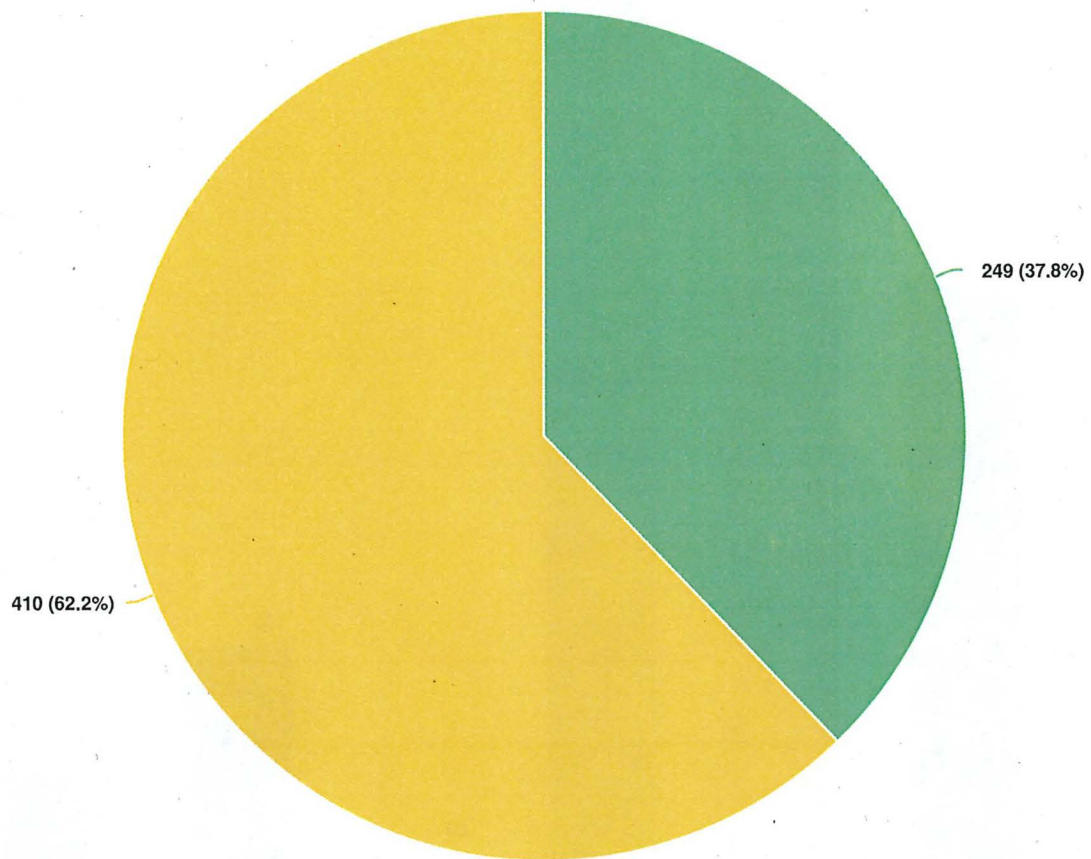
Question options

● The waterfront ● Local Parks ● Downtown ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (458 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Are you aware if people visit Whitby to watch or set off fireworks?



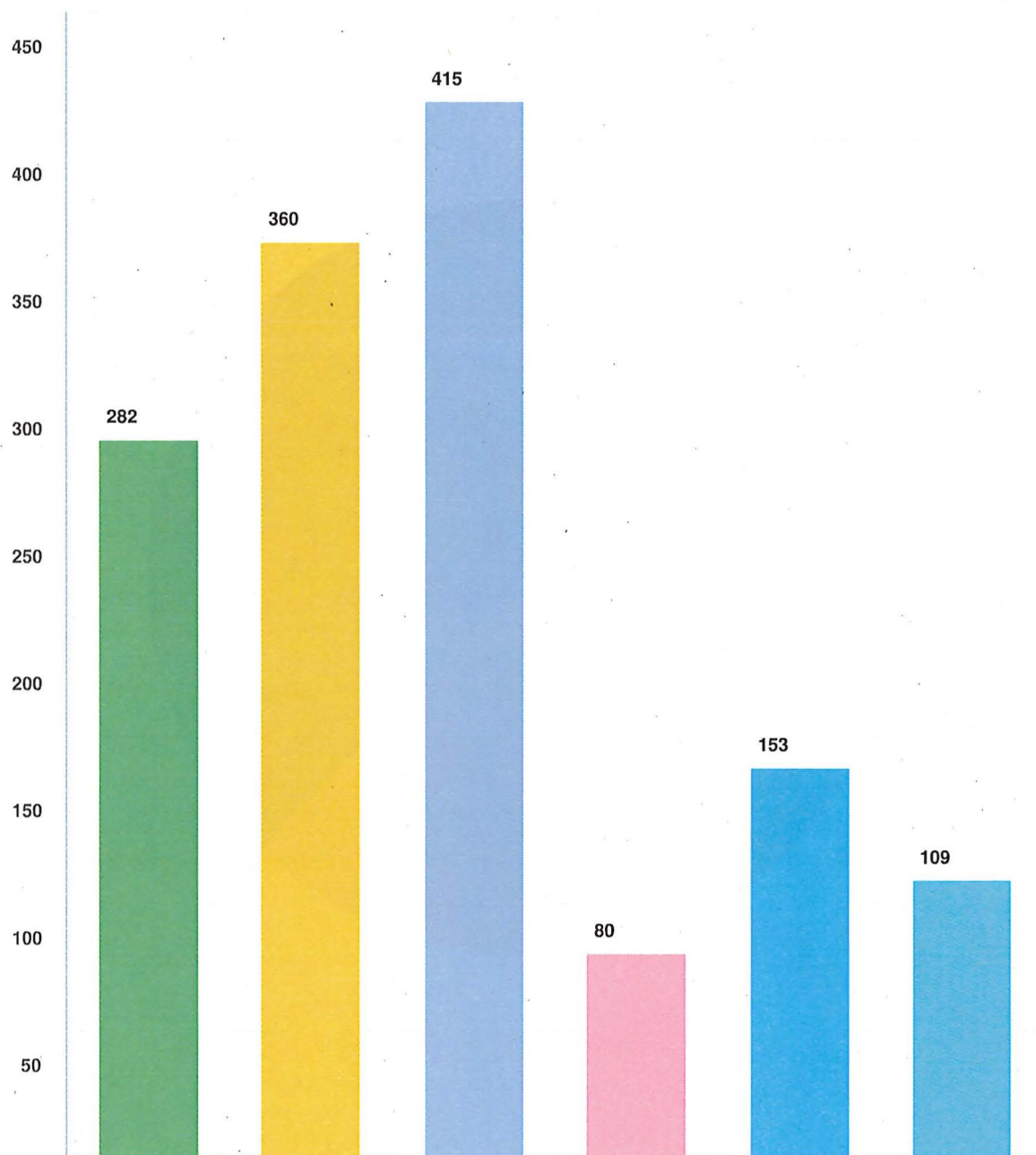
Question options

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Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**If you have concerns about people using fireworks in the Town, what are they?
(select all that apply)**



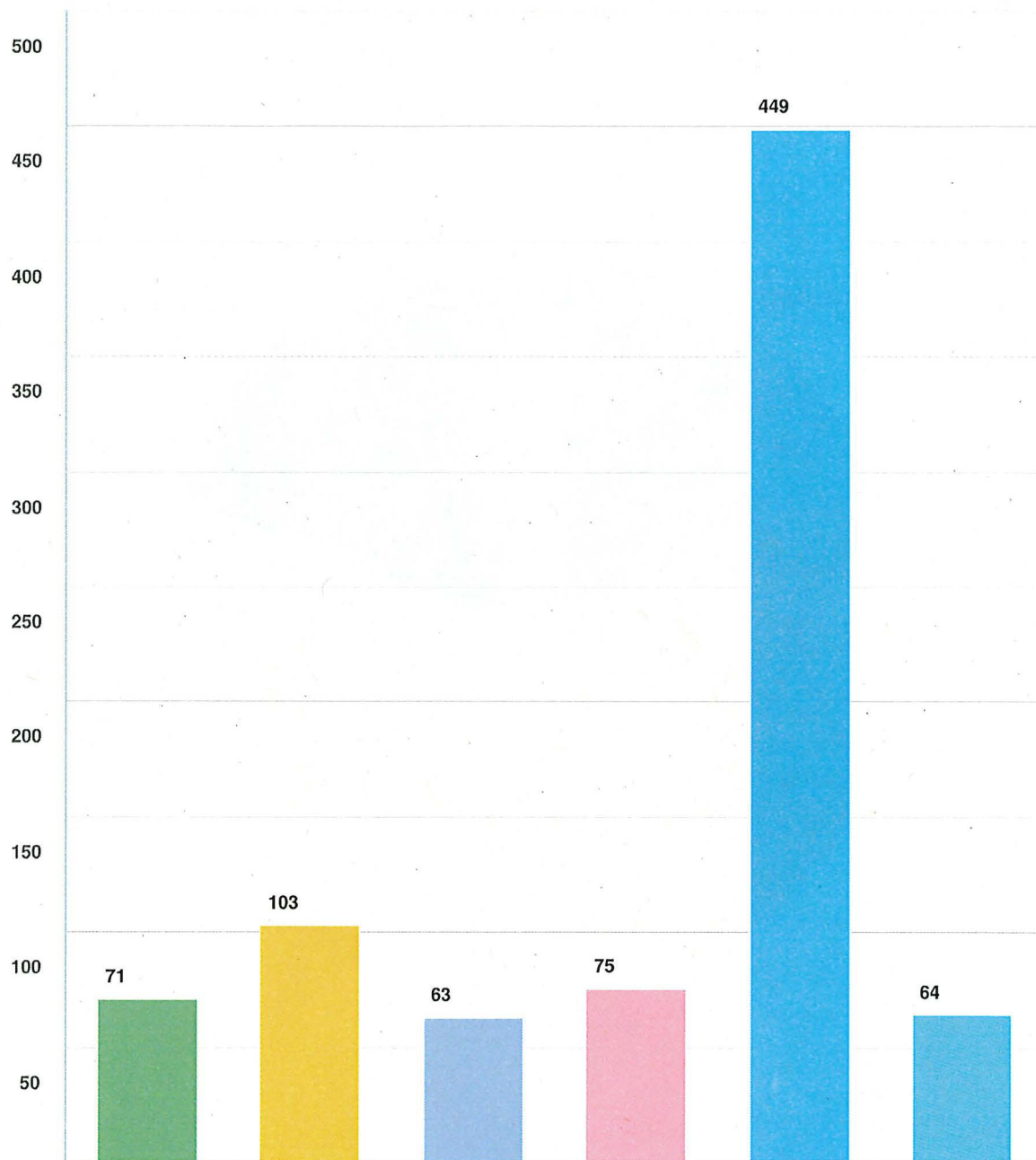
Question options

- Garbage ● Noise ● Safety/unsafe use (could result in fire, personal injury, property damage, etc.) ● Traffic/Parking
● No concerns ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Prior to the pandemic, the Town of Whitby typically held a fireworks show one day a year – on Canada Day. If you have concerns about fireworks set off by the Town of Whitby (organization), what are they? (Select all that apply)



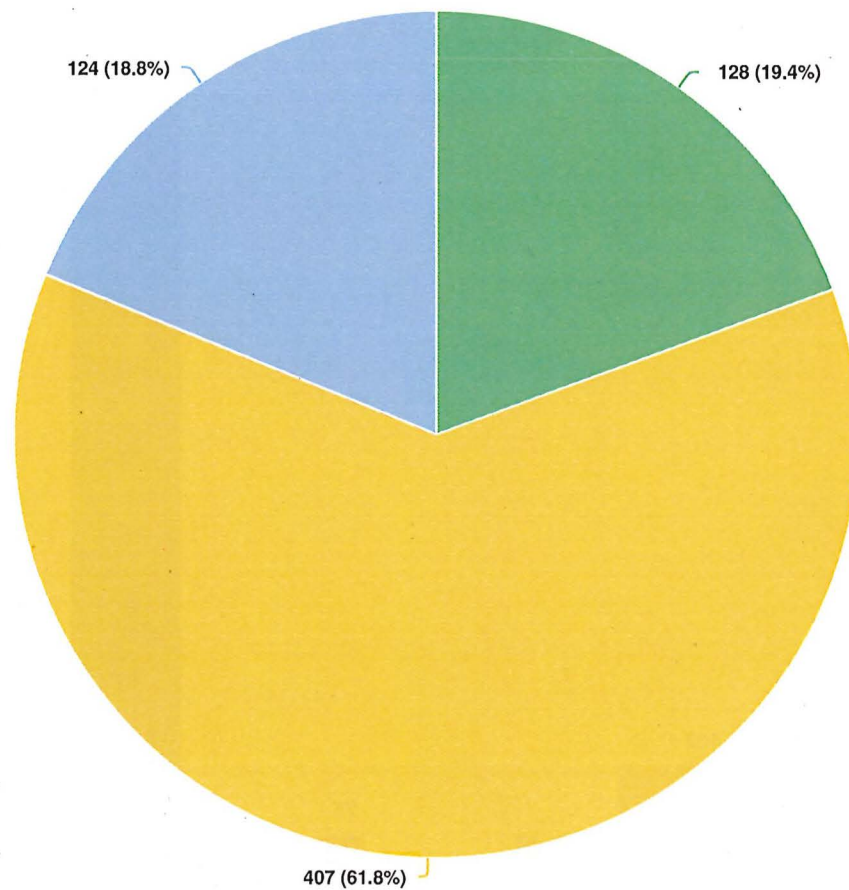
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Currently, fireworks are allowed in Whitby on New Years' Eve, New Years' Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day and in 2021, Whitby Town Council authorized an exemption to its Fireworks Bylaw to allow the use of fireworks on Diwali. Are there any other days ...



Question options

● Yes ● No ● Not sure

Mandatory Question (659 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 (Please elaborate on your safety concerns:)
Last year a fire that was started in a neighbor's backyard when their 16 year old son shot fireworks & lit the fence/trees on fire. I called 911 and my husband grabbed a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. Seeing how quickly the fire escalated made me realize how much damage and potential injury fireworks may cause. Having to call 911 on a busy holiday weekend to have the fire department show up and waste taxpayer dollars was not something to take lightly. This is something the Town should consider in this decision process.
I think if it was limited to businesses with large property it would help to ease community's safety concern.
People can safely deploy fireworks on residential streets permitting it is facing away from properties and shrubs (i.e. small ones that do not go up in the air or hand held sparklers).
Fireworks if not properly setup before ignition can have potential adverse effects.
The noise is very disturbing to animals and little children.
As stated above....fire, personal injury, property damage, garbage, children unsupervised useage, pets terrified...
Too many people handle fireworks carelessly, no consider to safety or the disturbance to fireworks every day of a long weekend and then some. I've had neighbours set them off in their backyards and this could result in fire and injury since, quite frankly, a lot of people are stupid.
The fire-works are sometimes set off by children who may not know all possible precautionary measures that need to be taken into consideration to avoid tragic consequences or disturbance to neighbours.
Many people do not understand the hazards with fire works. They have no safety plan and in most cases not even a 1st aid kit.
I have observed people lighting them too close to houses, and also children playing/running too close to the detonation spot. I am concerned for childhood injuries from reckless use and also for the potential fire hazards.
Dogs and young children might be afraid.
The visual aspect of fireworks is enjoyable but the noise factor is very disruptive and stressful to residents and their animals. Youth and teenagers generally do not abide by the rules and set off fireworks late into the night. They regularly use Roman candles as hand held projectiles which is a serious safety concern to human health and infrastructure.
All firework displays should be limited to professional displays approved by the Town.
One mistake, even with a small child's sparkler, and you have a tragedy.
unsafe use is a major concern, other than that, I'm fine with all the others for just a few days a
Improper use, lack of concern for safety
Burns and structure fires
Annoying all hrs of nite
-People shooting fireworks at each other in the park behind our house.
-Fireworks hitting our house again
Risk of fire or injury
Our local park and playground is strewn with the discarded remnants of fireworks after any screaming. They drive away at high speeds. In the morning I go to the beach and fill garbage bags with empty alcohol bottles, mountains of wrappers and fireworks. So dangerous to live here, i can't wait to get back to Toronto, I felt safer and more peaceful with a police force that cared.

Should be used in a supervised manor
I live in a townhouse complex and some of my neighbors set them off in the backyard which is way too close to any of our houses. People leave all their garbage in the park's, the noise spooks the dogs, and people set them off all days of the week not just the designated holiday
Disturb wildlife and pets and children who may be afraid of loud noises
Ppl need to clean up the mess they make, and set them off safely.. away from other ppl homes..cars.. etc
If used in a safe manner, and responsible people using them, we should not limit the use
Residents and their visiting friends and relatives using fireworks within residential parks, parking lots, backyards don't have any respect for people who work early mornings, even on Canadian holidays and weekends, regardless of the dates the city permits it, as they do not adhere to these regulations anyways. Additionally, these amateur fireworks are of significant fire concern to me, and should be for everyone, and since we (residents of whitby)cannot have an open firepit in whitby, i must assume its of major concern to city leadership as well, Lastly, fireworks are a significant problem for dogs and infants, who are greatly impacted by the noise. Fireworks should absolutely, and exclusively, be used by permit issued from the city, and exclusively near the waterfront, or central single location, to be avoided by people like me.
No safety precautions are taken, often there is drinking involved. Personal injury or fire damage can result when not handled properly. Minors often are setting off dangerous fireworks in neighbourhood parks.
In general, my concerns are usually alcohol is involved with people setting off fireworks, with noise until at least 2am in my neighborhood. Garbage is left all over our nearby park (Willow
Just need to be careful
Personal injury or fire damage to private property
No regards for dates or times
Safe distance from homes
Fire, injuries
Kids shooting them at each other, fires, dangerous storage
People setting them off through the night/early morning and shooting them at each other
I have witnessed neighbours carelessly setting off fireworks in the street and far too close to houses and then not clean up any of the debris
Safety concerns include damage to the environment, burning down houses, triggering hazardous fire events, children and adults could get hurt with fireworks and causing healthcare emergencies, houses are made of wood in Canada and can have severe consequences if the general public is allowed to use fireworks. It should be obvious that allowing fireworks to be used by anyone is dangerous
I am concerned with neighbours setting off fireworks in backyards, on neighbourhood streets and in community parks. Fireworks are dangerous, especially when handled by people with little to no experience handling them. In some cases they are being set off too close to other people and houses.
Injuries, property damage, fires
Teens and adults setting them off without water or knowing what they are doing
home. Fireworks are frequently set off on any good-weather holiday, usually every night of the weekend. Partying before, during and after the fireworks. Not much regard for safety, for the ones lighting the fireworks , spectators, or neighbours. Lots of garbage left for others to pick up next day.

We back onto Peel Park, where there are people setting off fireworks frequently. There have been long weekends when we have had 4 consecutive nights of noise - sometimes 4-5 hours at a time. They have gone on well after midnight many times. Quite often, they are set off on random days. I believe these are young people enjoying themselves but I doubt they have any safety equipment and there is no water available. Grass fires are a concern.
I've seen issues of fireworks hitting homes and parked vehicles in my neighbourhood. Huge issue if potential fire. In another municipality I've seen brush fires start.
Unexplored ordnance is typically left behind for kids and pets to pick up.
I have seen people setting off fireworks in an unsafe manner in residential areas.
We have seen damage in our parks due to fireworks. We worry about fires if the fireworks are too close to homes.
People gather while drinking, don't trust their competence. My house backs onto a park...I've had debris land on my property.
Residents using fireworks in communities. Issues with fireworks hitting houses, cars and more. Also it is very hard on pets.
Residents using fireworks in neighborhoods. Issues with hitting houses, cars and more. Also issue with the noise for pets.
Personal injury due to the inexperience of the handler. Also potential fire hazard also based on inexperience.
Fire safety from my neighbours setting off fireworks in the wooded area behind their house, close to our fence line. One mistake and my property could be damaged/destroyed. In the past two years, local residents have not honoured the noise-related time limits and have continued their fireworks shows long after midnight.
No one respect the 11pm dead line and bylaw is not enforced. With your kids those night when people use fireworks are nightmare.
Too close to houses
It happens for days before and days after the holiday and its Traumatizing and danger.
Can cause fire and I have seen it happen in the past
The noise, it's stressful on area animals, and pets. Knowing specific days and times allows a responsible pet owner to ensure their pet is indoors and safe
Some people appear to underestimate the danger and ignore safe and prudent spacing/distance from property.
The event at the waterfront is always amazing, but the exit process for drivers is not practical with streets blocked off. We would have to drive west to Ajax and then turn around on another Main Street just to get home, which is daunting.
People can be erratic, don't know how to use them properly and potentially injure someone, or set something on fire. Not to mention the distress animals go through.
My pet is terrified of fireworks. Particularly when there are consecutive days, it gets worse and worse. It's extremely stressful for him and us. We have them often in our neighborhood.
We have a baseball diamond behind our house that always gets used for fireworks. The garbage left behind is disgusting. No idea what kind of safety precautions are in place. A lot of pets get spooked by the sound of fireworks and it can cause a lot of anxiety in animals not to mention dogs that run off from their homes.
Fireworks should not be allowed in around residential neighbourhoods.
Have seen them done too close to homes or neighborhoods that are very condensed
People just let them off without taking safety measures around people and their property.

On and around firework permitted days I see and hear fireworks being set off inappropriately. People's small yards, next to people's homes, in public parks as people are walking by or walking a dog. It's clear they're not being used safely and consiterately by the general public.
I have witnessed fireworks gone wrong. No one was hurt, as far as I know but it was scary and upsetting to everyone involved. Put a damper on the night and traumatized my young daughter.
Unnecessary and can be very loud/upsetting for people for lots of reasons, but when people set them off then everyone else has to hear them.
Fireworks as part of a planned city function or in someone's house/street are fun and needed after everything we have been through with Covid. Fireworks in parks or heavily treed areas should require notice given to the town to ensure safety (fire).
Appropriate hours of use should be in place (none after certain time), but I believe groups should be allowed to set off fireworks.
People who uses them should be responsible and make sure they are used in a safety matter. Safety precautions should be shared with residents
Pollution and wildlife become very scared at fireworks and also may eat the waste. my dog must be sedated on all holidays already due to his fear of fireworks. i am okay with fireworks being allowed on certain days but the days must be limited
Personal injury
Garbage
It is also very distressing for our pets, not to mention people with ptsd. I live close to downtown whitby close to a park where kids park melted due to people lighting fireworks. It's a waste of money and it's dangerous.
Personal/animal injury, property damage
It causes pollution , noise and lot of waste
Unfortunately, fireworks are often not set up properly/safely and can cause injury or fires.
Please stop polluting the air. Next day after fireworks I cannot breathe properly.think about the wildlife and global warming. We should start protecting environment somewhere and why not start at whitby
gets done about it. We're surrounded by parks and schools and parking lots so whenever it's time to set off fireworks, it gets crazy, nearly uncontrolled. Just a huge fire concern and a garbage concern.
Could cause fires, cause harm to people and animals, property etc
Kids get burned
Fireworks are very loud and people don't abide the rules. On new year's, fireworks was still happening past midnight
It is noisy and disrupts. Sometimes in the evening hours. I am concerned about garbage people leave behind. I am most concerned about them hitting vehicles, houses, or injuring
Fire hazard, injuries
Sometimes fireworks aren't lit properly, dealt with properly or disposed of properly.
I live in old downtown Whitby. A number of years ago someone purchased a home across the street from us and decided to throw fireworks from the street, where the sparks etc, would fall on our 98 year old house. Obviously it did not happen again. Not to mention the stress on our neighbourhood dogs and area birds. I do not support fireworks at all
People set off fireworks whenever they like and the existing bylaws are not enforced.
Stray fireworks can be extremely dangerous.
Home fireworks are being used carelessly. Concerns for fire safety issues in out neighborhood.

Fire hazard
Follow safe practice
untrained people not aware of how dangerous they can be
The loud noises distrust baby and small children's sleep, as well as make pets
Have a family and cannot withstand noise due to firecrackers
I have seen them being set off on driveways or small front lawns, they fly over my yard and house. It's too close and dangerous if something we're to catch fire.
Fire or injury
Too much noise and unsafe traffic and ofcourse garbage
I have seen fireworks wars fought. Also people who set fireworks in their backyards where space is limited - I have heard the fireworks hit my roof after explosion.
Fireworks used by residents, many of whom are inexperienced, in locations which impact other residents of a community, are too often uncontrolled, unsupervised, and create nuisance
Be careful while working with fireworks
Fireworks yes but done carefully
My house backs on to Col farewell school. many times fireworks are set off at the baseball diamond on school property where houses are in close proximity The last firework display that was there a firework went wrong and fireballs were shooting towards my house and neighbours It was a scary situation. It is hard to control peoples actions but there needs to be bylaw officers available on call when these situations arise. Fireworks should not be put into the hands of just anyone. they are avery dangerous if not used correctly
I have seen people setting up fireworks without safety and getting injured
Exploded fireworks have landed 50m away on property with old growth trees and there is a concern of fire in dry summer season when foliage is very dry.
People start them early in the evening and do it on the street rather than in parks. The noise is very loud and affects the young children and especially babies and pets who are scared of the loud sounds.
Children under age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult.
People are not careful setting off fireworks when children are nearby
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Both extreme noise which not only scares humans but is very detrimental to animals. Also pyrotechnics are extremely dangerous if not handled properly and can set off fires. They should be BANNED altogether. Only the Town of Whitby should be allowed to handle fireworks as they do at Canada Day at Victoria Fields.
Sky rocketing or similar kinds should be used by professionals only and in open spaces
People lighting fireworks with inadequate safety (water, sand) or training (too large a firework for a small space)
If you could use the silent fireworks, this would be preferred. Animals are terrified by the sound, both domestic and wild. It's not worth the trauma. Children with special needs, such as autism, are also traumatized by the sound.
In this sub division they have had a detrimental effect over holiday weekends. Fireworks have been let off long into the early hours of the morning and disrupt pets and humans alike
Safety is always a concern. Many don't understand proper use of them.
Fireworks in subdivisions during a long dry hot summer seem to be a recipe for disaster and a potential cause of house fires. Residential fireworks need to be banned by the Town.
They are not good for the environment, and they are not good for animals.

Improper use
The fireworks should not damage property or cause injury to an individual.
I am concerned for the wildlife and pets. Fireworks are extremely frightening for them, also dangerous for people if they get in the wrong hands
Fireworks are great when the town puts them off at a set time and place. When random neighbors use them in parks near your home, they never abide by the 11pm cutoff time. Fireworks can trigger a severe response in people with PTSD, they wake up children and ruin their nights, and deeply disturbs animals. Again, fireworks are wonderful to watch when they are done in monitored situations, with time cutoffs, and not in small parks in residential zones.
Alcohol, drugs, fools and fireworks don't mix
People set them off in their backyards of suburban neighbourhood s, could damage our roof or property. Also they terrify my dogs
Damages to property
After hours use by youth who disregard safety precautions.
In my neighborhood people set them off in the middle of the street or in backyards
They should read the instructions in detail and follow it.
People not knowing how to correctly use them (eg pointing at people or homes or animals)
Idiots setting them off day and night without any training. Risk of fallout damage. Traffic is crazy, saw people almost hit as well as road rage. People in cars literally stop in the middle of the road and watch, some people literally park anywhere and leave vehicles in the way. There is no way will emergency vehicles get through that.
Safety of public and private property
People will light them in their street
Unqualified or underage use. I think an adult (21 or older) is mature enough to safely monitor and use basic "over the counter" fireworks.
The ongoing issues on firework nights in the parking lot of all saints high school. Numerous fights, violence property destruction. Need to be addressed but hasn't since we have lived here
Lack of safety education mixed with alcohol can create issues.
The fireworks can go in any direction and cause damage
I'm most concerned about how the noise affects pets and wildlife.
See above. People are letting them off near houses and parks at times outside of the bylaw without any consideration. With cornerstores selling them all the time they are easily accessible
People don't take proper precautions and know how to for new variety of fireworks. There should be some rules and laws around it for generic resident use.
Fire, young children
Noise is the biggest issue with fireworks because it is so detrimental to humans and animals
Could result in burns
Fireworks frighten pets, farm animals, and young children. I back onto a park and have seen some unsafe practices that have had me worried about fires.
Fire and injury
Fire emergency
approved locations away from structures. I always worry each time I see some random person with the kids in tow, setting off random works in their backyard! One Victoria Day a neighbour's teenagers had a party and were shooting them off their townhouse deck into the street!

Governments are working to limit our carbon footprint. In these times, we should focus on minimizing the use of fireworks and keep the environment and air in residential communities much cleaner.

There is no safe way to set off fireworks, if we want to ensure we are not directly causing harm how can you even propose to allow fireworks to be set off within residential communities? Do you not care about disabled people, are they lesser beings who are somehow less deserving of the ability to exist comfortably within the homes they pay for? What about the homeless that have to hide in dark, scary conditions to avoid charges? Are they not allowed to sleep without the trigger of excessively loud noises that mimic gun shots? When theres a long weekend i have had to spend hours consoling my animals & other human beings & myself. I have had to use my minimal resources to purchase accommodations to avoid having actual heart palpitations. What about human beings with heart conditions and trauma? Do you feel comfortable causing higher numbers of heart attacks and eventually, deaths?

I live with a park behind the house and have seen people setting off fireworks in an unsafe manor, even some of them shooting fireworks at each other and they always leave lots of

Concerned with residence setting fireworks off on residential streets

Fire

Fireworks are set off in the green space with the chance of setting fires in the community

Unorganized fireworks always leave trash around, fireworks go on and on in the evening. It's not planned and cause uninvited scare to our children and pets.

Environment and safety

Use of fireworks in private lots could result in a fire.

I do not think fireworks should be permitted. There are other ways to celebrate that do not involve such noise and create anxiety in individuals and animals. With the diverse population, fireworks are a frequent occurrence and they cause unnecessary stress for many.

fire and personal harm

concerned about house fire when used close to homes

We have seen errant fireworks at Captain Vandenbos school (from neighbours) go towards houses...not safe as people do not bring a bucket of water, etc..and parents with babies have issues as the fireworks scares them...

People setting off firework incorrectly cause damage, unnecessary noise that scare animals and people

Adults only should use them but still be safe.

Once or twice a year ok... Beyond that NO

Kids should be use crackers with the elders

Lately it seems that people are having fireworks for days on end surrounding a holiday. Then they leave all the garbage in the field behind at the rec centre.

Please ban them outside of waterfront. They are so disruptive to neighborhoods in so many

Many people set them off in fields/their backyards. There is a risk of starting a fire/hurting someone when inexperienced people set them off wherever/whenever they want. People should not be able to purchase them and set them off in Whitby.

could result in fire, personal injury, property damage, etc

have unsafely set off fireworks in their front yards. Neighbours are often using fireworks outside of the permitted days (I.e., during lockdown, fireworks were being set off every night of the week!) I also frequent Lynde Shores Conservation Area, and was appalled to see the amount of garbage and pollution left from fireworks, as well as the wanton destruction of protected wetland habitat.
I work as a Registered Nurse, and have witnessed horrific injuries caused by fireworks (including injury to innocent bystanders and young children!)
It only takes one unsupervised idiot to set fire to a house.
People in the neighborhood set them off on the street aiming at each other. Police did nothing whatsoever. Keep it to the parks and waterfront. Not in the street or too close to homes.
Fireworks lit in backyard can lead to neighbourhood fires. I would rather have people light fireworks in parks.
Childrens safety and improper use of them. Also the safety and well being of animals not just pets but also the impact on wildlife
There have been personal and community organized fireworks in College Downs Park behind our house. They did not have a permit. Fireworks material ended up in the back yard and eaten by our dogs which became ill. Material also ended up in an area around the house that led me to lead it landed on the roof and fell off over the front of the house.
Fire hazard
Kids fire them at houses and themselves
I'm in Williamsburg area, and fireworks go off all the time, NOT just those holidays mentioned. My family gets up early for work/school and in bed by 9pm. Fireworks start then and go until midnight, or 1am. ALL THE TIME. Canada Day? Yes.. the day previous and for a few days after as well. The noise, garbage and disruptions are unwanted.
Houses in our neighbourhood are close together and unfortunately, consideration is often lacking with the groups who set off fireworks. It doesn't make sense for the town to allow members of the public to set off fireworks in parks and yards when fire pits and open fires are banned. We have someone in our household with asthma and neighbours setting off fireworks and also having illegal fires in their yard are a huge health problem for us.
People and children can be burned and blinded by improper use of fireworks.
Recent years people have been setting them off multiple days in a row in the middle of the night disturbing residents sleep and impacting pets. There was a week straight where this was happening as well as random times throughout the year. Kids have started to shoot them off at each other and at other properties. The garbage is atrocious and impacts wildlife.
Stupid people do stupid things. Luckily I don't know if any incidents.
Poor safety practices. Parking concerns. Garbage left behind.
When the fireworks happen at the park behind my home, my dog gets VERY SCARED and agitated- he is EXTREMELY hard to console. Furthermore I have to be careful when I let him out in the night for a potty break
Concerned about people using it unsafely manner.
Property damage and fireworks going off too close to houses
Teenagers shooting fireworks at each other in our neighbourhood
As long as people use a proper base to set them off in and make sure they are safely distanced from buildings and people
Current rule only allows fireworks at residence. With such a dense population I don't think it makes any sense as it will definitely lead to fire incidents.

Using fireworks close to residential areas. Should have permits to use fireworks and only do it in big open space such as parks
not cleaning up, use that could cause fire or hurt others.
There is a park behind our property and we have found firework remnants in the back and front yards after fireworks were lit in the park. Our dogs ate some of it and became ill.
Not accessible to children
I have concerns about people setting off fireworks in their yards/streets without proper safety precautions. If they are unregulated, the risk of dangerous behaviors increases, including risks of young kids getting hurt, accidental fires, injuries, with no safety plan.
If young kids get a hold of fireworks they might not know how to use them properly and can result in property damage or injury.
Currently people in neighbourhoods set them off at all times of the day and night regardless if there is a holiday or not. Fireworks should not be available to the public to buy
There was a fire on school property in the middle of the night due to improperly handled fireworks last year
People setting them off unsafely, leading to fires.
During Diwali. People of all ages set off fireworks including minors/underage children with a lack of supervision. This will result in unnecessary accidents and waste of resources.
i've seen a lot of close calls with fireworks. they're dangerous traffic/parking is why we go to fireworks in Ajax rather than Whitby. Whitby events are a hot mess.
Close density may cause debris to light surrounding houses on fire.
Having fireworks on non designated canadian holidays created all sorts of problem. People using them are not prepared, trained and have no consideration for their neighbors and use local parks to create chaotic situation for other local neighbors.
If someone sets off fireworks of any kind, they are posing an unnecessary risk to first to themselves, others in the proximity and first responders. First responders are better utilized in real emergency situations, like car accidents, house fires, etc. Fireworks are only good for momentary joy. Other activities could offer us humans that joy.
Individuals often set them off in their backyard or on the street. They are not trained in use or handling and would certainly not have insurance should someone be seriously injured or homes burned.
Untrained uninsured individuals should not be setting off fireworks. If you need training and permits to store and sell fireworks you should require training and permits to fire them.
Should not be allowed in community parks. Garbage always left in park and, in particular, pieces of the fireworks for small children to accidentally pick up in the park the next day or for dogs to pick up. Also, in the past firework debris left beside the garbage container which melted the garbage container.
Burns leaving garbage & debris behind, it is unsafe for animals that may try to eat the garbage.
As well as the panic it causes for most animals.
People are not allowed an open fire on their property yet anyone can buy and set off fireworks. I am not in favour of either.
That cleaning to be taken care of post activities.
Safety measure to be in place of course..

Armatures, who could have been drinking all day, with explosives.
There have been incidents in recent years of improper firework use in
holiday seems to have turned into multiple nights - it is significantly disturbing to my dog who experiences extreme illness after and this is not tolerable for multiple nights in my community. I am sure it is also not good for wildlife either. These should be controlled events on one specific date.
Concerns re: effect on environment pets, and use by people who don't have the right knowledge or expertise.
I am concerned on how the noise pollution effects animals (pets and wildlife) as well as young children. Living near a park, we see first hand how dangerous the fireworks can be and the garbage strewn about town property post festivities.
Williamsburg subdivision - fireworks start on Thurs pm until Sun / Mon on a holiday weekend. 9 pm, 11 pm, 2 am. They just don't stop!
Use in residential neighbourhoods and lack of concern for injury
Last summer alone I have heard of two safety incidents with firework use (that could have led to fire if someone hadn't happened to wake in the night).
Typically residents tend to take advantage of long weekends and have fireworks all weekend. It's loud and very disruptive. Every long weekend there are fireworks from 9 am to after midnight. This is beyond ridiculous.
HEALTH ISSUES: Shift workers- sleep, babies- sleep, PTSD- military, police Dogs- many do not like the flash/ bang sound ALSO many people have noise sensitivity and having a Mental Health facility, should be addressed also.
A neighbour seems to celebrate anytime and last July extended to 6 nights AND one night lasted until after 1 in the morning! Don't know where these people get the fireworks but they seem to be lighting them off often!
I am concerned about fire, property damage, personal injury and garbage.
On every long weekend through the summer people are setting off fireworks at all times and all through the weekend. It is very frustrating when they are set off for hours every night of a long weekend. It should be restricted to one day and time or by professionals only.
fire pollution
Noise, timings, pollution
Shooting at houses at 1am country lane and Taunton area
To much people in one area shooting off fireworks could be problematic
Some people are clueless with fireworks. I was a teenager once, firing roman candles out of my hand or taped to my car. We can't fix that. But they shouldn't be fired over houses or buildings. An empty ball diamond or soccer field, aimed away from structures and spectators, is relatively safe. Chinese lanterns need to be banned completely - they're a floating fire hazard. And people need to be reminded to properly dispose of their garbage - take it home!
People leave garbage and don't clean up after
I have young children who are very frightened by the loud noise of fireworks. This is especially difficult when fireworks occur after dark when the children are trying to sleep. I also understand fireworks are particularly scary for dogs. For these reasons I think fireworks should be limited to only a few public gathering areas where the noise is less likely to impact residents.
Indiscriminate use throughout the community, often teens.
See above. The displays are set off everywhere. They go on late at night. They're being set off unsafely I. My dog and others are terrified by the noise.

Where there is fire and explosives, there is always a risk of injury. I know someone who was badly burned by fireworks that were set off by inexperienced neighbours.
People losing fingers or hurting themselves or setting homes on fire.
Risks of personal property or personal injury. Fireworks should be limited to experts.
Residents using fireworks in neighbourhoods with little to no awareness of safety issues.
Fireworks affect wildlife, many household pets are terrified
Fire, personal injury, property damage, pet trauma
People setting them off too close to homes or roads, or too close to where wildlife lives
Fire risk, ingestion of waste by animals
Potential for fire
access to hose to put out potential fires isn't available. Both also send debris into backyards of neighbouring properties and could also light up dry brush or cause fire damage to outdoor furniture.
Lack of access to hoses
Being done by people that have been drinking - risk of personal injury to self or others.
Local residents on Brooklin had hosted and set off fireworks at a local park on Canada day. We decided to take our kids to see as it seemed like a fun event. We sat around a soccer field not knowing how close they would be setting up. During the event some of their fireworks fell over while lit and shot horizontally along the ground on a couple occasions. One of those times a fireworks flew by me (with my 6 year old daughter on my lap) by about 20 feet, and exploded about 40 feet away.
This was EXTREMELY dangerous and uncontrolled. These are so fast there would be no way to avoid them... And it passed by only 20feet! Another degree it 2 and we probably would have been hit. Had it hit us and exploded on us I am sure the injuries would have been severe if not fatal. And who is held responsible in this instance?
This event has traumatized my daughter to not want to be anywhere near fireworks, and has panic attacks when she hears fireworks.
So my stance is that fireworks should only be run by licensed and insured technicians (preferably hired by the town), at a venue that allows everyone to be at a safe distance.
Very unsafe in residential areas with houses and vegetation that can easily catch fire
The amount of days fireworks are allowed by the Town, needs to be greatly reduced. Whitby currently allows fireworks on New Years' Eve and New Years' Day (pick one day). Victoria Day and Canada Day (pick one). Many major places around the globe have banned fireworks due to air pollution and impact on the ecosystem. I appreciate we do not want to take all of the celebrations away, but we need to greatly reduce what is allowed due to the harm fireworks have, and ensure when they are being used it is in a controlled environment. Residential Safety was a concern as well. We had several homes in our area set off fireworks in their backyards or on the front street, for all 3 days on long weekends. The greatest concern was fireworks near roofs, backyard trees and the stress to pets, wildlife and some residents.

weekends and holidays.

In terms of safety, I've seen people light fireworks from their backyard in a residential area and this is unsafe to other residents who live on the street. I am concerned about property damage and fire.

Some fireworks are too strong for the area they get used and they get into other people's yards, which can be a fire hazard.

Non sanction / non TOW events careless discharges from property as example backyard deck in middle of a residential area or front lawn.

For non town events - parks should be authorize for use by application/ permit with a safety action plan and provide applicant with 'no go zones' and safe zone to set them off

I am concerned at the ecological impact. Animals are very easily frightened and stunned, from domestic to wildlife.

Noise scares children and pets

I have seen them set off in small backyards, too close to houses.

1.too close to residences, audience/people

2. People setting off are either careless or ignorant of safety methods

We live on conversation and last year theee we're people in the conversation area lighting them off as well as people directing them toward the conversation area. In other cases they are very close to homes. A few years ago a stray firework landed beside our pool heater!

Not being used properly, too close to houses, trees

Teens using without regard to safety. Psychological impact on people from areas of the world where fireworks could trigger traumatic memories of violence/threat to safety.

Fireworks pollute the air, water, and land. Fireworks have injured and killed people. I think all Fireworks should be banned in Canada. Fireworks were used by the extremists, racists, and misogynists, to torture the residents of Ottawa during the February 2022 insurrection of Canada. If the Town of Whitby do not ban all Fireworks in Whitby, then the Town of Whitby stands with the terrorists. If I hear any Fireworks in Whitby from this day forward, I will petition the governments of Ontario, and Canada to immediately seize the Town of Whitby's bank accounts and assests, just like they have done to supporters of the Freedom Convoy 2022.

Shells falling on homes.

Lighting in tiny backyards. Not safe enough space.

I have seen people set them off in areas where they clearly don't have the space or clearance between houses to do so safely. Perhaps a permit like a fire one can be done that has certain requirements for distance to homes etc, and that permit is good for the year

I feel that allowing anyone to use fireworks on any given days pose safety risks and noise pollution issues.

There are no regulations for a homeowner to set off firecrackers. Inexperience and partying(alcohol) in holidays esp can cause lack of judgement causing safety concerns for

If the firework angle changes towards a residence (or similar) there is possibility of fire.

Many animals are very stressed at the noise, some get out and run away.

Persons suffering from PTSD can be re-traumatized by the noise.

There is evidence that fireworks are harmful to both wildlife and domesticated animals. Effects range from disorientation to physical/chemical damage and possibly death, especially young animals. I have included an article complete with references: <https://www.animal-ethics.org/how-fireworks-harm-nonhuman-animals/>

I also have a neighbour who sets off fireworks on random non-holiday dates on our street late at night, which wakes up small children who are sleeping (not my own). Bylaw officers did not care when my other neighbour reported it.

Many people are using them on multiple non eligible nights, often several nights in a row and well past midnight. This is very stressful for family pets including dogs and cats as well as small children trying to sleep or adults trying to sleep who have to get up and go to work the next morning. Teenagers walking down my street between midnight and 3 in the morning shooting off fireworks and firecrackers has occurred. Also, many people are using them at parks, on baseball diamonds and soccer fields and then leave the garbage including used and unlit fireworks, used metal sparkler wands which are dangerous to the kids using the parks and diamonds. This garbage is usually not cleaned up by the Town prior to a scheduled youth league game or practice the following day or two.

In residential areas, fireworks can cause a fire or injury. Especially when houses are so close together.

Some fireworks sound like gun fire, not used properly, fire hazard.

Often shot off after 11 pm curfew, disturbing children's sleep

Fireworks used by untrained individuals and groups in unauthorized, unmonitored spaces are safety hazards, can damage hearing and mental health and well-being and impact domestic animals and wildlife.

Dangerous for starting fires during hot dry weather!

The loud noise can be very disturbing to sensitive hearing people

People setting off fireworks do not clean up after.

Unknown people seen at paths with a convoy of cars during these times

There is more smoke than beauty in most fireworks.

People not respecting them and the damage they can do to one's self. Setting fireworks off in residential areas could lead to destruction of property or even serious bodily harm

Safety of people living in houses, neighbor bringing fireworks can come to the next door also the smoke and the noise it creates is not pleasing.

When I find leftover fireworks in areas that they should be set off in, as in the waterfront beach. It's disgusting what gets left behind

on our roof or damaging our pool cover. Last year neighbours set off fireworks around midnight in the middle of the road (a quiet crescent) and the garbage from the fireworks was left in the road.

Fireworks must be allowed in open space, small firework can be allowed in drive way

Drunken people and fireworks

Setting off in yards too close to home.

Danger to spectators if not set up pr

The injury to children or property from irresponsible individuals setting off fireworks

Improper use, not prepared with water or a proper launch area

Experienced someone nearly being hit by a firework, have also witnessed someone having a seizure due to the lights
Residents in tight subdivisions are using them at the end of their driveways. This is really unsafe due to a lack of general knowledge about firework safety and handling procedures. Also property damage is a concern.
The noise sounds like gunshots in residential areas causing frustration anxiety and unsafe
A person two doors down from our home let off a firework in their backyard that came down in our backyard almost injuring 2 people.
people set off fireworks in park behind us. this summer had to go out and watch for embers/ash hitting our gazebo.
also, fireworks set off at 1:30 am new years eve. a large display
The noise from fireworks frightens family pets as well as the local wildlife, I personally have found the spent casings of rockets on the roof of my house and in my backyard from neighbours that were setting them off, one street over. The one that landed on my roof was of special concern as it could have been a fire hazard. What if one of these landed in someone's garbage or recycling box and started a fire.
What is there to elaborate on? Safety concerns: fire safety, personal injury, property damage, etc. I have witnessed young people lighting/ setting small fireworks out the passenger window of their moving vehicle. I have seen firework packaging not disposed of appropriately. Instead of in the garbage, left on the beach front, community parks, etc. Homes are so close together and I worry about fire and property damage. Sure we have insurance, but that's not the point!
I have anxiety of fireworks in subdivisions Please Dont allow
I am a home owner I have the right to feel safe in my home.
Fire works should only be handled by the fire dept. not individual people
Usually people are reckless or intoxicated
After permitted use holidays, for several days after people will use up leftover fireworks, this is often done in an unsafe way.
compounds such as barium or aluminium that can have negative impacts on animal and human health.
Additionally, to produce the oxygen needed for an explosion, many fireworks contain oxidisers known as perchlorates. These can dissolve in water, contaminating rivers, lakes and drinking water. https://www.sciencefocus.com/planet-earth/are-fireworks-bad-for-the-environment/
and more over the last decade people have been letting off fireworks in their back yard. HUGE SAFETY issue. All it would take is a spark to land on a neighbour's house and lead to a fire. Not to mention the rain of ash that lands on neighbouring hoses, backyards, patios and decks and all over.
Not to mention safety for kids and pets (a neighbour set of bottle rockets against the wooden fence - with sparks hitting our dog who was in the yard).
dry, parched rooftop! As well, cats/dogs are terrified at the noise. These should only be allowed under the Towns supervision in specific parks or waterfronts and should also not be sold for public use.

We worry about fire on our property and neighbours. People who do not have any regard for safety, set these things off. Its amazing we haven't had at least brush fires here but we also worry about fire landing on our roof.

People getting hurt or homes being damaged

Risk of fire and damage.

Scares animals and people

There are always risks with fireworks but with good education and some monitoring or easing of restrictions I believe you could inform people how to use them safely.

Personal injury and property

Children sometimes throw fireworks

people trespassing in Lupin Park after hours, setting off fireworks for HOURS directly behind my house. The group arrived in cars and parked in the school parking lot so I presume they did not live in the neighbourhood. They accessed Lupin Park by walking down the adjoining hill with their "supplies" - supplies that did NOT include water for fire safety, but did include a case of beer. One can only assume that they were untrained and unlicensed (?) because they were also drunk - that is if the beer, foul language, cigarette smoke and loud idiotic laughter was any indicator. A spreading fire could have broken out in the dry grass at any moment. They themselves could have been seriously hurt by a delayed explosive - and then what - go to Emerg in a Pandemic for self-inflicted burns. yeah that.

Full disclosure: they left for about 15 minutes around 11:00pm but returned and remained in party mode until after midnight at which point they staggered their way up the hill to the parking lot and started setting off fireworks over the school. FYI: I called the police - a waste of time. To make matters worse, in various private home locations near and around me there were hours of what sounded like machine guns and the elongated whistling explosions of bomb/grenades going off until well after midnight.

It was horrible.

The stench of sulphur hung in what had previously been sweet summer night air. I was literally surrounded by the sounds and smells of explosives for hours. No where to go; no where to hide.

And it happened again the next night, and the next - think about that. 3 days of torture

They did it because they could.

I cannot possibly be the only one who was adversely affected.

IMO the selling and the purchase of fireworks for private displays set off by individuals with no pyrotechnic training, no fire safety training or equipment standing by, in random backyards and parks at random times should be illegal.

In a neighbourhood setting like mine there is literally no escape from the burning, acrid smell hanging in the air and the blasts of intense light and unbearable, yes unbearable, violent

Kids are now putting them off all over every weekend in the summer.

Ban from neighborhoods- safety concerns; fires,misuse,extended hours, setting off on Non Holiday events etc

Generally when people set them off, there is alcohol invovled and very poor decisions are made. Combine that with young children running around its an accident waiting to happen. So the safety concerns are : fires, personal injury due to careless handling of fireworks, improperly aimed fireworks, and hearing and vision loss due to being to close of proximity to the person or people setting the fireworks.

We are adamantly opposed to allowing fireworks in residential areas due to safety concerns. I've had firework debris land very near my roof in past years - terribly dangerous.
People's pets/dogs who are terrified of them and the damage and stress it causes to wildlife
People light off fireworks any time they want all throughout the year. Nothing is enforced. Canada Day/Victoria Day becomes 4-5 straight days of fireworks, not a single day. It's disruptive and exhausting for those of us who get up early for work/school. People light them off in their backyards of subdivisions - it's incredibly loud when people are trying to sleep and dangerous that they are lighting them all so close to other's homes. It seems like people feel they can disrupt other people's lives any time they want, with no enforcement of the by-laws. Very frustrating! I'm also a parent of young kids who go to bed early and get woken up...
Too close to houses, if they aren't too close to homes I wouldn't mind.
fire hazard
obviously backyard fireworks could cause all kinds of unsafe situations and should be banned..
Lack of training on use Indifference to potential hazards Idiocy of people
People in my neighbourhood set fireworks off on the street or in a local park. I'm concerned that they are doing it too close to houses. When they are set off, they are so loud, so they sound really close
Home fireworks seem to be set off for any reason now, doesn't have to be a major holiday. Children get woken up from their sleep, scared. Most dogs are extremely scared of fireworks. My dog gets severe anxiety, it is not a fun time in our house when fireworks are set off. Not fair to children and our furry friends.
People use fireworks on our street and in our neighborhood it's dangerous and they are going until 2 am in the morning. Also not necessarily the day of. They purchase and set off fireworks for a week surrounding the date fireworks should be set off.
They should be handled by professionals
Home fireworks are extremely dangerous. Safety concerns of property damage or harm to individuals is not taken into consideration when home fireworks take place
Generally, there is a lot of garbage left by people who come to see fireworks. The noises are loud and terrify pets. Lately there have been accidents and even deaths associated with
We have a dog that is extremely terrified of fireworks. This New Year's Eve a neighbor a few houses down set off fireworks till one in the morning. As well, we did not like the idea of fireworks going off near our house as it could be a potential fire hazard.
Fireworks are set off on my street/court and afraid of roofs catching fire
They should only be handled by professionals
Setting off fireworks in residential areas too close to houses
sparks may lead to fires affecting property and living things; many pets are traumatized by the noise; humans suffering from PTSD may be triggered by the sight and sound of fireworks
some people are setting off fireworks in very small backyards that are very close to neighbors. This past year was particularly bad with fireworks almost every weekend and some displays that were professional displays in a community neighborhood.
People are NOT adhering to the allowed dates for fireworks. We have a very large dog that has significant anxiety with fireworks and we will plan to be away on the stated allowed weekends but it goes on all summer every weekend in the neighborhood at Rossland and Anderson. It has gotten out of hand. We can't even enjoy our own home

They need to be conducted by professionals in this and be in a controlled setting.
If a burning piece from firework drops on the dry bushes, people's houses, people who are walking in the streets can cause fire to properties and burn or hurt people
All firework shows Professional, should be monitored and controlled by otherized personal
Fireworks being set up incorrectly, flying over homes and even hitting windows etc.
Some go off so close to our house and I don't feel most ppl are fully realizing the potential
Using the then in enclosed areas and too close to things like hydro lines
I have witnessed reckless use of fireworks a few times over the years and have concerns of personal injury or fire.
fireworks.
I'm also concerned about the effects of fireworks on wildlife, water and air quality. Fireworks can kill thousands of birds. I posted an article below to look at with lots of suggestions. The heavy metals and gases from the fireworks are hazardous to all living creatures. I enjoy fireworks very much. I do honestly think it might be time to re-evaluate and see if there is a non-lethal alternative (like a light show?).
Inexperienced people set them off too close to other peoples homes - fire hazard. Loud noise scares animals.
Noise concern for pets.
Fireworks should be banned. Animals (domestic and wild) have experienced heart attacks and died! Yes - DOGS too - which have recently been in the news - again! ...and dogs have taken off out of their leash and become lost because the noise scared them SO much. People AND animals with PTSD (yes...animals experience PTSD too)...cannot endure fireworks. It is a CRUELTY to animals to make them endure fireworks!!! The elderly have an extremely difficult time enduring fireworks, and particularly CIVILIANS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE WARS experience horrific PTSD during fireworks. Don't make them endure that AGAIN and AGAIN! Young children and BABIES have an extremely difficult and upsetting time enduring fireworks. BAN FIREWORKS which create noise in WHITBY. Mental health is at all time high and rising as a result of the pandemic and now with the state of the world and the noise of fireworks affects mental health and PTSD. There are noiseless fireworks but these need to be properly and carefully investigated first. BANFF banned noise fireworks.
As a dog owner, I don't appreciate people setting off fireworks on any given day at random hours. Even if I wasn't a dog owner, I would not appreciate it, especially during early morning
Late at night - loud
Fireworks are dangerous and residents shouldn't be allowed to freely set them off where they chose. If the Town organized a firework celebration at the waterfront or at Pringle Creek like in the past and as suggested below, I think this would limit personal/individual celebrations. Fines should be set for fireworks and police should be patrolling on New Years Eve, Victoria Day, Canada Day, etc.
Children have been injured by rogue fireworks.
Harmful to animals and environment.
Fireworks set off close to trees
I am concerned about garbage and animals
People have been regularly setting off fireworks in their backyards throughout the summer. Restrictions on sales of fireworks would ensure a safer environment as I imagine that the most regular fireworks users are also drinking while setting them off.

With fireworks there is always possibility of injury costing health care money and could permanently disfigure a child.
Uncontrolled use on local streets can pose a fire hazard
This is very triggering for pets and people with mental health issues. It's also annoying to those with young children or who's sleep is disturbed. There seems to be no effort by police or bylaw enforcement to shut this down.
Small lots - vinyl sided homes, many with fabric awnings in backyard.
Inexperience in lighting fireworks - all contribute to safety issues
I have animals who get very distressed even when inside people set them off at stupid times waking my children
Have a fire truck on call
Fireworks are often used much too closely to homes and are oblivious to the hazards
Fire, injury, property damage
Damage to my home, damage to park grounds, fires, debris or forgotten unused paraphernalia found by children in parks
Concerns for wild life if over used
concerned about injuries, as well as upsetting to dogs
People shooting them at each other and strays finding their ways in to people's properties. Also not having proper safety appliances(fire extinguishers) near by.
People are going to set fireworks off whenever or wherever they want, bylaw or not. Last July 1st, fireworks were going for 6 straight days lasting until 1 am a few nights and nothing was done about it after many complaining.
Having them on residential streets near trees is a concern
I'm also concerned about the negative impact that fireworks can have on pets and wildlife.
Fireworks that go on every night before and after July 1. Fireworks that go on past 11 pm. Fireworks that are multi day celebrations like Diwali much too long and always exceed time permitted
many residents who use fireworks on their property do not know how to properly handle fireworks and should not be allowed to use them - presents a danger to the public - many houses are too close to each other to allow fireworks to be used safely
air pollution, scared dogs

trying to sleep or enjoy their evening peacefully when people set off fireworks all night long for days on end. People come from everywhere else, go down to the Ontario Shores waterfront and Yacht Club beach, and set off endless fireworks, one group after another after another - from before dusk often to 3 or 4am, any day they feel like it. They do NOT respect the days and times fireworks are permitted, and no one enforces the bylaws. When these people do clean up (rare), they leave the fireworks garbage, food garbage and liquor bottles and cans by the garbage bins along the Waterfront Trail for others to pick up, and until it is, those of us trying to enjoy the Waterfront Trail have to see these piles of garbage. Cars are parked in the yacht club parking lot at the bottom of Gordon St. and revelers yell, rev their engines and race along Gordon Street when they're done assaulting the neighbourhood's ears. Fireworks are just a loud, rude, obnoxious excuse to party along waterfront neighbourhoods. Some people, like me, work for a living. I get NO sleep for nights on end because of the fireworks, and have to go into work sleep-deprived. My own pets and the animals along the waterfront are frightened out of their minds with the nightly barrage of noise amplified by the water. People have no respect or consideration for their community or neighbours, and don't care about the neighbourhoods who have to hear explosions in their homes as loud as bombs and gunshots at 3am. And they know they won't get caught because no one enforces the bylaws. When I contacted the town, I was told that bylaw enforcement "doesn't work those hours". DRPS likewise has no interest in enforcing the bylaws or policing the waterfront for people who use fireworks all night long, night after night. Thanks for letting me rant!

The private use of fireworks in residential areas should be banned at all times in back yards, front yards or on the street. Careless use, accidental failure and just plain non-compliance and ignorance of safety precautions will cause property damage or injury to themselves or others.

I personally feel only people that are experienced with fireworks should be allowed to set them off. I don't think it's safe for just anybody to handle them, much less be setting them in

I have witnessed fireworks that have gone astray in a group in the field on Bassett Blvd

My house backs onto a park. Residents are using this park to set off fire works. They leave behind their garbage, (Even though the Town provides 2 Garbage cans in the park) They are set off with no concern for safety and at times outside of the Bylaw. (esp at New Years)

There is no regard for numerous residents who are shift workers.

Youth are careless and could be injured, or injure others, and damage property. Noise is VERY upsetting to pets, and many people.

People use fireworks during summer droughts when the grass is dry, risking fires in residential areas.

Some people have no safety concerns for the environment or other people.

People let off fireworks on residential streets in close proximity to houses and in parks. Danger of fire and injury from improper use.

I've witnessed "private" fireworks landing on residential roofs (fireworks being mishandled and way to close to houses/trees), and frankly being set-off at all hours/days.

I live across from a park. People drive here use the park to set off fireworks sometimes dangerously/in the direction of homes and often until 12-1am or later. Most often leaving their used fireworks and garbage everywhere.

I worry about fireworks being set off in back yards. They often fall onto the roofs of others.

Fireworks are set off not only in the park by us, but also in backyards and go on till past midnight. Some people have young kids/pets and the fireworks keep them up at night and scare them. They're so close and so loud. Not to mention the danger of them being set off close to trees. It's an infringement on OUR rights as well.
When used in backyards potential for fire. Young people having Roman candle wars firing at one another
They might be dangerous if done by inexperienced people
People let off fireworks in their backyard without regard to pieces landing on neighboring
People set off fireworks behind Anderson Collegiate and in our little park on Bradley at the bridge. There is no organized group just random people. Last July 2021 someone let off a massive amount fireworks for an over an hour behind Anderson Collegiate. It was extremely noisy and long. I doubt the school board gave permission to do so on their property.
they have been fired off in backyards or streets, and no safe use training is provided that I am aware of.
Also a concern of late night usage, as some residents in our Whitby neighbourhood fire off fireworks up to midnight.
Being let off in street too close to houses..worry about setting place on fire.
I think people who use fireworks outside of holidays (May 24, July 1, Dec. 31, other religious holidays that require fireworks) should be able to apply for a simple permit, outlining safety and community concerns, with a nominal fee.
Family pets are traumatized. Homeowners starting them by 4 pm -- not even dark outside!
Noise pollution - some of the fireworks do not have a visual component, they are just very noisy explosions that remind one of being in a warzone. And there's the potential for injury to persons who don't really know what they're doing. At spring events, there are many animals that have had or are having their young, and it's dangerous for them.
Large fireworks should only be done by someone qualified not just anyone that buys them from a trailer in a parking lot
People buy fireworks all summer, and let them off every weekend, sometimes pointing them at things.
Sometimes they are loud, and sound like gunshots.
Have seen fireworks in the streets near large trees without it being secured properly and without sand and water precautions

Q14 (Please elaborate on your safety concerns:)
Anyone can purchase them now almost anywhere and set them off without safety precautions.
Can cause fire and I have seen it happen in the past
Personal fireworks in neighbourhoods with neighbours/nearby houses and trees and children and pet are a safety/fire hazard and nuisance.
noise pollution is a problem and fireworks also cause air pollution
Same as above
As long as the Town of Whitby is safe and isn't too excessive, fireworks can be greatly enjoyed by the community. As long as the crowds of people aren't impeding/damaging local property.
People don't follow any safety procedures.
Noise pollution
Unsupervised, unregulated use by residents is an invitation for disaster.
Could result in burns if not properly used
Pollution
There is no safe way to set off fireworks, if we want to ensure we are not directly causing harm how can you even propose to allow fireworks to be set off within residential communities? Do you not care about disabled people, are they lesser beings who are somehow less deserving of the ability to exist comfortably within the homes they pay for? What about the homeless that have to hide in dark, scary conditions to avoid charges? Are they not allowed to sleep without the trigger of excessively loud noises that mimic gun shots? When theres a long weekend i have had to spend hours consoling my animals & other human beings & myself. I have had to use my minimal resources to purchase accommodations to avoid having actual heart palpitations. What about human beings with heart conditions and trauma? Do you feel comfortable causing higher numbers of heart attacks and eventually, deaths?
fire and environment
fire
Noise and fire hazard
While the town doing them should eliminate other people being stupid with them and control the time better, I still have deep concerns about the impacts to the environment from the waste and discharge from the especially to waterways, and noise and waste impacts to wildlife.
Mental health disruption; sleep disturbance for shift workers, children, ect. Terrorizes local wildlife and pets.
fire

Local residents on Brooklin had hosted and set off fireworks at a local park on Canada day. We decided to take our kids to see as it seemed like a fun event. We sat around a soccer field not knowing how close they would be setting up. During the event some of their fireworks fell over while lit and shot horizontally along the ground on a couple occasions. One of those times a fireworks flew by me (with my 6 year old daughter on my lap) by about 20 feet, and exploded about 40 feet away.

This was EXTREMELY dangerous and uncontrolled. These are so fast there would be no way to avoid them... And it passed by only 20 feet! Another degree it 2 and we probably would have been hit. Had it hit us and exploded on us I am sure the injuries would have been severe if not fatal. And who is held responsible in this instance?

This event has traumatized my daughter to not want to be anywhere near fireworks, and has panic attacks when she hears fireworks.

So my stance is that fireworks should only be run by licensed and insured technicians, at a venue that allows everyone to be at a safe distance.

Fireworks pollute the air, water, and land. Fireworks have injured and killed people. I think all Fireworks should be banned in Canada. Fireworks were used by the extremists, racists, and misogynists, to torture the residents of Ottawa during the February 2022 insurrection of Canada. If the Town of Whitby do not ban all Fireworks in Whitby, then the Town of Whitby stands with the terrorists. If I hear any Fireworks in Whitby from this day forward, I will petition the governments of Ontario, and Canada to immediately seize the Town of Whitby's bank accounts and assets, just like they have done to supporters of the Freedom Convoy 2022.

Fire caused by fireworks in dry weather

Safety is a huge concern...I recall 1985 Fireworks at Wonderland going into crowd ..imagine what could happen if anyone sets fireworks off. Trained professionals have less accidents Most cases

<https://www.sciencefocus.com/planet-earth/are-fireworks-bad-for-the-environment/>

No concerns if held by the Town in supervised and specific areas - not public use. Fireworks are unsafe and a huge fire factor and property damage when in the hands of reckless residents who just want to show their children and have no consideration of their neighbours, especially seniors!

People's pets/dogs who are terrified of them and the damage and stress it causes to wildlife animals

Fireworks should be banned. Animals (domestic and wild) have experienced heart attacks and died! Yes - DOGS too - which have recently been in the news - again! ...and dogs have taken off out of their leash and become lost because the noise scared them SO much. People AND animals with PTSD (yes...animals experience PTSD too)...cannot endure fireworks. It is a CRUELTY to animals to make them endure fireworks!!! The elderly have an extremely difficult time enduring fireworks, and particularly CIVILIANS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE WARS experience horrific PTSD during fireworks. Don't make them endure that AGAIN and AGAIN! Young children and BABIES have an extremely difficult and upsetting time enduring fireworks. BAN FIREWORKS which create noise in WHITBY. Mental health is at all time high and rising as a result of the pandemic and now with the state of the world and the noise of fireworks affects mental health and PTSD. There are noiseless fireworks but these need to be properly and carefully investigated first. BANFF banned noise fireworks.

Fireworks are dangerous period.

Fire truck on call

Q16 (Which days/celebrations?)
Labour Day, May 24 Weekend
Any other cultural days not mentioned (i.e. Lunar New Year).
Chinese New Years/ Lunar year
Days/celebrations other cultural groups have on which they would like to use fireworks.
labor day
August holiday
Wedding event
Eid holidays (Muslim celebration)
Friyays Saturyay and Sunday funday.
New Years!
There should be no exlusions to when fireworks are permitted.
Weekends
If there are other multi cultural/ethnic holidays where fireworks are appropriate they should be
5th of November
Long weekends
Diwali (6 days), Dassehra. Ganesh Chaturthi
Diwali should be yearly, skip New Year's Day the party is New Year's Eve,
Christmas or Labour Day. It would be a nice celebration for end of summer and before children go back to school
Any celebration, who are you (or we) to decide what determines a celebration. Fireworks contribute to happiness, happiness heals.
Any religious festivals
Labour Day and Civic Holiday
I would say year round, but that might be a bit much. A compromise might be any long weekend with exemptions for community groups to celebrate a special occasion.
Please continue Diwali Fireworks bylaws. Thank you
Last day of school/first weekend of "summer" to celebrate graduation/etc.
Civic holiday. Start of March Break.
Any summer long weekend.
Deepavali/Diwali
Up to the resident
Weekend following diwali because mostly people get together during the weekend following
Chinese New Year, others as requested
Family day would be fun
Labour Day week-end
Memorial Day to honor our veterans
Family day would be fun
Memorial Day to go our veterans
Any day that is meant to celebrate a person, community that is being done in memory of
Labour Day week-end
Diwali
Dusshera
Diwali
Summer

Any day; people shall be free to choose when they want to do fireworks. People shall clean up after, is all I ask.
Fireworks to be allowed on Diwali day
Diwali all day
Birthdays, weddings, other celebrations
Any other days that other ethnic groups celebrate , fair to all or have none.
Diwali
Chinese New Year
Easter, Christmas and all public holidays
Diwali
Diwali
When a permit is procured and there is a reasonably large celebration occurring. This applies to personally acquired fireworks and not professionally detonated. Large scale professional fireworks should be advertised well in advance when planned for days other than those listed in the Bylaw.
I don't have specific dates but I do feel the above permitted dates are not reflective of the cultural diversity in our committees. I would suggest looking at other celebration and if fireworks are traditionally apart of the experience. The fact that the town made an exception for Diwali tells me that the town may have white washed the initial list of dates and it should be updated with an anti racism lens.
Diwali
Any long weekend.
Diwali
Diwali
Diwali
I am a Captain for Whitby Fire, and have attended Diwali celebrations. The individuals who celebrate Diwali should be allowed to celebrate just as any other resident would
Diwali is celebrated for 3 days so It should be allowed for 3 days of Diwali. Atleast bare minimum like small ones at homes for 3 days.
Cultural celebration based on the population demographics, eg diwali, eid, Christmas
Diwali
Labour Day
New Year celebration
Chinese Spring Festival evening till midnight
Diwali
Special celebrations for unforeseen events. This may require an application to the town.
Durga puja.It is now recognized at UNESCO
All stat holidays and all religious days that are applicable
Any day
Diwali
If groups have legitimate and specific requests then they should be considered.
Similar to 2021 fireworks should be allowed on Diwali in future to promote inclusiveness.
Chinese New Year
All of them. We have other laws to deal with excessive noise, if it ever came to that. But people set them off, and they're done 20 minutes later. Let's let people celebrate things.
Divali

Last day of school, any holiday, my birthday (ha ha)
Any celebration, any day. Weddings, graduations, birthdays, etc.
On Christmas day
Diwali and weddings
Any other holidays
There should be a limited permission to use fireworks on any day only at large open public places and for very limited hours. This ensures safety of people and limits noise pollution. Even without permission you can hear fireworks when there are games etc.
Labour's Day, Family Day
Birthday party
Retirement party
Lottery wins
To protest government
if its going to be opened for beyond Canada Day, New Years, and Victoria Day, it should be open for anyone anytime. trying to compile a list will always fail. you'll always miss something
Lunar New Years
Family day Diwali any other religious events celebrations concerts
Lunar new year
Diwali
Lunar new year
Neighbours seem to set them off whenever, in fact I heard them not too long ago! Why bother to have a bylaw, people are going to set them off whenever they feel like?
Diwali - Hindu festival of lights
Allow them any weekend, as long as they're used safely and not late at night. Put heavy fines on their misuse and actually lay fines on offenders. If Whitby is trying to encourage it's multicultural residents, then you can't just pick celebrations. Every culture has multiple days on their calendar that are important to them.
Eid
Any other cultural celebrations where fireworks are traditionally included.
Any cultural holiday such as Chinese New Year
People should be able to apply for a firework permit on other days for special celebrations like a wedding etc
Labour day
.labour day weekend
Wedding/birthday
Labour Day weekend
Any stat holiday
Christmas
Diwali celebration
Fireworks is rooted in Hindu culture and is part of Diwali celebrations, allowing during Diwali will create great enthusiasm amongst Indians and children will be able to relate to their culture.
Lunar New Year
Diwali- Indian festival
Eid el Fitr
Civic Holiday and Labour Day
Lunar new year and any other cultural celebration that traditionally uses fireworks

Civic Monday, Labor Day, Family Day
I think it should be expanded to all long weekends and allow it on each day of that weekend. Limiting the fireworks 1 one day isn't always enjoyable if there is work the next morning.
Labour day weekend
Civic holiday weekend
Diwali Every year
Lunar New Year at a minimum. It appreciates and recognizes our multicultural community but is held in January so participation will always be too low for retailers to bother opening. The Lunar New Year will have fewer participants than New Years Eve which sees very little action already. Personally I'd also like to see Halloween, St Patricks Day, the list goes on and on. Restrictions only make people buy fireworks online or bring them illegally from the United States which are much bigger than fireworks here.
Lunar New Year
Anytime
Lunar New Year or other religious celebration.
All long weekends
Diwali
Lunar New Year
Muslim EID days.
I don't know specific days bit other cultures should be allowed to celebrate their special days should they choose to.
Special occasions
Any day
National Aboriginal Day, st Patrick's day
Labour day, Diwali. Lunar New year.
Lunar New Years!
Lunar New Year + should also consider any other culturally significant holidays
Labour Day weekend before the kids go back to school
not have a holiday for Diwali . we gather in the weekend with friends and family and would like to have the opportunity to light fireworks during thay weekend. Thank you for valuing our feedback
Lunar new year
Eid day for muslims
Random Tuesdays. The odd Thursday.
Maybe include labour day

Q17 (Any other suggestions or feedback that you would like the Town to consider related to fireworks in Whitby?)

I think time and place should be enforced. Four or five consecutive nights of fireworks starting anytime and going on til after midnight is a bit much since I live close to Baycliffe Park.

Enforce the rules ... there are fireworks throughout the spring and summer months on any given day...annoying noise and no reason for them.

Please do not expand fireworks use. It is already disruptive enough. It is dangerous, especially to children.

Further, it produces excess waste and garbage. This seems counterproductive to our Canadian and Global efforts of protecting the environment.

Dogs and young kids might be afraid of fireworks.

Prohibit the use of noise making fireworks, limit the hours, increase enforcement after hours in local parks, etc. Consider a permitting system to purchase fireworks to increase accountability.

Make Whitby a progressive town with singularly rigid firework policy. Ban the use of consumer fireworks.

need to be more flexible and understanding.

I have a small child and a dog and we are okay with fireworks. We are also close to the waterfront where they have been set off and have no issue with it.

They will be very hard to regulate. As a parent with young children, it's a little frustrating to have loud bangs outside well into the night, and to have to watch out for the debris left behind in the park, but at the same time, people will still obtain them, set them off, and be gone before any enforcement can take place.

I wish the city cared, we have complained so much between the loud vehicles and fireworks. They don't get away with this in Toronto.

Let the people celebrate, if you want to celebrate a birthday, shoot some fireworks. Gender reveal party, shoot some fireworks. Grandma just died... shoot some fireworks. Ban on fireworks, you guessed it, shoot some fireworks. Honestly I think most people are responsible and wouldn't be silly enough to be setting off fireworks on a weekday (outside of holidays) but fireworks are fun. But I don't have a dog or ptsd. So yeah. 🐕👉

Put simply fireworks use/sale/purchase, of any kind, should be banned within city limits, for everyone, regardless of the date/holiday, with exception of professional displays put on by the city or organizations, scheduled and by permit only, supported by trained professionals, Whitby fire services, and organizers.

The existing laws should be enforced when broken. That isn't happening. Fireworks are going off many nights before and after actual permitted day. We all know it's going to happen, so why aren't there officers stationed near parks to enforce the laws?

Apart from Public holidays like New Years' Eve, New Years' Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day, lets not include other days like Diwali or any other religious days to allow use of fireworks. The 4 days of use allowed are national holidays and should be maintained. Additional days are not required.

I really feel that the only ones who should be settling off fireworks on holidays is the Town of Whitby staff. That way it is done safely, by experienced individuals, in the proper location for all to enjoy. I have attended the fireworks on July 1st down at the waterfront and they are terrific! When people set them off in neighbourhoods and community parks they are just noisy and disruptive, not to mention unsafe.

Offer fireworks run by the town or organizations in multiple venues throughout the town.

I'm not sure if people are aware that they are only allowed certain days of the year. Perhaps more signage, public education, and enforcement would help.

I suggest that Diwali be removed from the bylaw. Or open it up to every religion and cultural celebration. Do it for all or do it for none. Don't discriminate.

I'm ok with their use on statutory holidays.

You may wish to review Victoria Day due to impacts on spring migratory birds.

Would the town consider drone shows as an alternative 🤖

Fireworks set off on New Year's Eve are always done after midnight. When done in residential areas, this wakes children and scares animals.

Designated park/area in each neighbourhood, with a specific area for setting off fireworks.. maybe a special disposal bin available on the designated holidays? I know people complain about finding used fireworks lying around the playgrounds.

They are loud and a mess. They scare the birds and very little respect for neighbours. Get rid of them.

I greatly enjoy fireworks shows and have no objections to the general public using them in safe locations. I do have an issue with people setting them off in backyards of residential neighbourhoods. I would like to see enforcement of the fireworks rules, and stricter regulations on allowable locations.

Reduce de days they are authorized

If fireworks are to be permitted for use by anyone, bylaw should not permit use in streets, only in parks with safe distance from property.

Let people be. This world has taken so much from us all already, it needs to stop. Being concerned about Fireworks is ridiculous. There are plenty more important worthwhile items that can be addressed- like why every street I drive down bottoms my car out because of all the potholes and that's just one small issue, there are bigger ones.

People already do not follow the rules around fireworks. Enforcement should be considered in this strategy. Fireworks have many negative effects for pets, children, the elderly, veterans or people with PTSD. Having strong policies and controlled firework activities can help those they affect in a negative way to prepare themselves accordingly. When neighbours set off fireworks during non-designated times, people can't properly prepare themselves and it can cause stress, anxiety, trauma or worse.

We loved the Canada day celebration down at the marina!

It would also be acceptable if the town hosted a celebration in the field behind Vipond arena in Brooklin. This would eliminate a lot of Brooklin residents setting off their own fireworks.

Last summer I would say almost every park in Brooklin had fireworks going off one night.

While it was lovely to watch, I couldn't help but think how much more incredible it would be if it were just one large fireworks display, held between a specific time, and free for all residents.

Allow fireworks. There is nothing wrong.
Stop regulating everything so much of the petty stuff. Maybe concentrate on things like parking on one side of the street and actually plowing snow
There has been an incredibly large increase in the times of year that people are using fireworks. While I generally don't have an issue with some use, it's becoming far too often during the warmer months, as any weekend with some sort of holiday there are multiple nights of usage. It's well above the 4 days you lost above. Last summer alone I could safely say there were 10 different nights between Victoria Day and Labor Day I also have animals that are incredibly sensitive to the very loud noises they create.
Prohibit personal fireworks
We came to Whitby from Brampton. People let off fireworks all night for most celebrations without considering other people's vehicles and property. The mess on our property was terrible.
Please restrict fireworks to city use only. Fireworks by the general public are loud, polluting and dangerous. Many places are banning them. There's no good reason explosives should be set off by the average person. There's a multitude of reasons they should be done just by the city, in a controlled, safe fashion for the public to enjoy.
Fireworks safety class either virtual or in person by town to help residents make safer use
I think fireworks should be allowed on the days you have specified, but not any other and charges should be laid for people to put them on almost every weekend
If neighbourhood displays are to be allowed at all these different occasions, could they at least be restricted to one particular night and within a two-three hour time span. Fireworks going off unexpectedly after 11pm mean a very disrupted night's sleep for the dog, and as a result, me.
COVID has caused a great deal of mental health concerns for children, special events including fireworks are needed to lift our youths spirits this calendar year.
Please keep it as planned days so we can sedate our pets
I don't think that anyone should be able to set fireworks off at any time. As a pet owner it is frustrating sometimes just to deal with firework happening on holidays (but since we know about it in advance it is easy to prepare). Not to mention people with babies and small children who will also be disturbed by the noise, and potentially afraid.
Let's bring them back as they have been cancelled for COVID. Let's residents use them but communicate Tempe safety precautions and where they can use them. A park is safer than close to homes
Noise scares pets - planned days make it easier to plan sedating pets
Always allow on diwali.
If they are not going away please consider silent fireworks as used in Europe countries.
No fireworks
Fireworks should not be allowed to be fired off from people's backyards, no matter what the size of fireworks or event. And enforcement should be readily available to ensure safety of all residencies of Whitby.
You have the laws, you need to actually enforce them
Pets are scared
Thank you for considering everyone's beliefs
Absolutely do not regulate this activity. The municipality should create a By-Law to ensure safety but hold those accountable should they create any of the hinderances noted above.

Not sure how it gets enforced. Fireworks were lit many times on random evenings late at night which was extremely frustrating, but of course nothing happens to the kids being inconsiderate. I don't know how it can be enforced at night when there are no town officials working to report it to.
Please do not stifle what has always been a fun family neighborhood enjoyable time. We have enough problems and controls and negative things happening please let's enjoy and be safe.
Stop fireworks, they are traumatic to our pets and local wildlife, they are a vocal nuisance and a waste of money. Let's have local gatherings and promote local purchases instead of wasting money on terror for our animals
Enforce the bylaws. Currently, fireworks are set off on most long weekends, and well past the 11:00 curfew. Safety regulations are not being followed. I've seen fireworks pointed at homes.
Fireworks should not be allowed in residential areas after 9pm.
Fireworks private sales should be banned in Whitby and Durham Region. They are being used in careless manner. Scaring pets and wildlife. Further they cause PTSD to some folks who have recently settled in our neighborhoods from war torn countries.
Ole allow fireworks during the Weekend following diwali because mostly people get together during the weekend following Diwali
laser fireworks put to music, no banging
Please stop firecrackers on Diwali as there's a lot of people misusing it and bursting crackers in the middle of the night.
Just let people have fun
My greatest issue isn't a planned firework display, but rather the setting off of random rogue fireworks for a week prior and a week after a holiday. The pandemic seems to have increased the spread of days. It is difficult to sleep, pets are terrified, wildlife is disturbed. I'd rather see them only happen on select days and then we can prepare for it.
Do not allow fireworks on any other except designated canadian holidays such as Canada Day, Victoria Day.
I think that people should not be allowed to set fireworks in residential areas as space is limited. I believe going to local parks is acceptable. Also people don't just set off fireworks on the specific days of long weekends - it's all weekend and at all hours with no concern to others.
Fireworks days should be kept as it is. Kids enjoy a lot.
Residents should only be allowed to set off fireworks at local parks
Diwali need to be permanently added
Clear messages sent ahead of time to residents about time frames for permissible and safe use of fireworks including minimum distance permitted from structures and trees.
Should be restricted to specific locations
Please allow the fireworks on Deepavali
There's always Fireworks being set off on the days around these events, not just on those events. The noise terrifies my dogs. Sure, allow fireworks but only up until say, 10pm, then cease. There's often fireworks being set off in the early hours of the morning, especially on Canada Day.
Please consider silent fireworks.
Please ensure that they cannot be set off in subdivisions by the general public

Fireworks are an anachronism in today's world. They represent martial displays of gunfire and explosives and they burn carbon and trace metals. There is NO PLACE for fireworks EVER in today's world.
Setting up sage firework spaces in park with garbage collection
This survey is a waste of time and money. They are more pressing things to address than fireworks a few times a year. There will always be those for and those against. You wont make everyone happy.
Fireworks are amazing! Citizens should be allowed to set them off on the days the town has permitted! They bring such awe and joy to children and adults! I have a dog that is scared of the noise they create so he goes to the basement or bathroom and we comfort him in between so he if fine after. We usually leave the tv or radio on and it helps. I don't think any changes need to be made. Thank You.
Please consider people with PTSD, especially those who have served our country. They do not deserve to be triggered by 'celebratory explosions' in the sky, unless they choose to go and watch them. Young families suffer as well when fireworks wake children up at midnight or later and ruin their nights. Please consider these.
Have transit to venues, set times and dates for use,
I understand people enjoy fireworks, but the town needs to be stricter and regulate/enforce the days that people are allowed to set them off so that I can prepare. As an example, in my neighbourhood they are set off the days before and after the designated events.
The issue with fireworks are those set off after 11pm. If youth are caught participating their parents/guardians should be liable in extreme or repetitive infractions with disturbing the peace or other criminal code violation that fits.
Too much at the waterfront...it's getting crazy. Last year there were big pop-up fireworks down here with no police. Fallout fire damage was noted in several locations around the waterfront. Bad enough for residents...horrible for wildlife and pets.
A cut-off time. When there are fireworks permitted, there is no need to be setting them off after 10pm or 11pm. Personally I don't mind 11pm but I can understand some preferring 10pm.
Allocate space in each park for local residents to do fireworks
The noise could be mitigated by including drones in the display and if there was a set time and date, pet owners and farmers would know when to expect the noise and maybe do something to keep their animals calm. I don't think they should allowed to be set off at all hours by private citizens.
Bylaws to regulate when the retail stores sell fireworks. We have had fireworks going off in our parks/empty parking lots/neighbourhood regularly throughout the year until 2amin the morning
All fireworks should be of the silent type and the times/locations they are permitted to be set off should be strictly regulated.
At the site of fireworks, safety aids like water buckets, first aid should be provided
We have really enjoyed watching the show from our boat docked at Whitby yatch club on Canada Day

Please think of people who do not hold the same privileges that you do when making decisions for them.
Let people enjoy without interference. No more rules!
Grammar mistake on question 5
be understanding that some of these fireworks happen on a school night. It keeps us awake, some scared and alert for the entire night, needs to respect the restriction to 11pm or earlier. Thank you.
I do not think fireworks should be permitted. There are other ways to celebrate that do not involve such noise and create anxiety in individuals and animals. With the diverse population, fireworks are a frequent occurrence and they cause unnecessary stress for many. They are too noisy, dangerous and make a lot of garbage to permit residents to use them
purchase silent fireworks
they are available
Vote to keep fireworks!
People should have to fill in a form that conveys safety information and location of fireworks being set off
Too many fireworks days... Often with no reason
Fireworks bring communities together, I love the fireworks at the lake but it's often hard to get to. I love the fireworks in our neighborhood parks. I think if you limit fireworks to the specific days listed above it doesn't get out of hand. There will always be people who complain but it's only available several days per year and brings community together!!! We need that more than ever!
You can put all the bylaws in place. I will still have fireworks on my property.
Start enforcing the people and kids who are setting them off for no specific reason. Lots of times going off when it's still light out.
For question No 8 I also want to be allowed on the water front
I think this is a great initiative and really appreciate the town asking for it's residents opinion.
Yes, it would really be nice if you mandate silent fireworks. Dog owner would be very happy, and people could still enjoy the display. Noise is totally unnecessary. And the 11:00 pm bylaw is a complete joke. We had fireworks going off until 2:00 am. Guess bylaw officers were tucked in bed.
Please continue allowing fireworks on Diwali.
Fireworks should only occur during special occasions, hosted by the city and in specific areas farther away from residential areas. There are people who are seriously affected by the noise from fireworks (whether it's people on the ASD spectrum, people with PTSD or people with noise sensitivity). It also has an impact on nature and people's pets. I'm also very concerned about the people who can buy them from a trailer in a parking lot and set them off in their backyard as they please; this is very dangerous and creates a noise disturbance in neighborhoods.

I truly believe that the use of fireworks should be better regulated. Perhaps those seeking to use fireworks for private events could apply for permits to ensure the safe and ethical use of fireworks. As a Registered Nurse, I have seen the serious health risks that they can pose. They are dangerous and have the potential to cause both grave environmental and physical harm, and should be treated with respect and caution.
I miss when the fireworks used to be held at Cullen Central Park.
I think watching fireworks is a great family activity. However, setting off fireworks should be limited to a number of special days throughout the year.
We need to be inclusive so allow them for other festivals however they should only be allowed in designated area and citizens need to be educated about where and when they can light fireworks and until what time.
Fireworks are really bad for the environment and are often set off week into the evening past the bylaw time, it's hard to enforce rules and people often do them whenever they want
I love love love fireworks! We need more!
I live on Bassett Blvd. Many people have been abusing the law by doing the firework beyond the allowed time. I woke by the noise many times. Really annoying
for the LOVE OF GOD, have the cut-off time by 10pm so folks that need to sleep can do so. ENFORCE the rules for time ... some kids in my area would set off fireworks on random days, for hours with zero repercussions. Williamsburg Facebook Group is on the ball with the regulations, but no one in the area ever does anything about it. No one is allowed to have a fire pit in their backyard because it is "too dangerous", but any punk ass kid can go out and get fireworks and set them off, (apparently) whenever they like at all hours. Most of us adults are trying to sleep because we work the next day, and parents with small children, pets and veterans' have no say and can't stop it, nor regulate the hours.
Fireworks are such an environmental hazard. The pollution from smoke, ashes, packaging and garbage is a concern. Wildlife suffer ill effects. Forward thinking communities have banned fireworks altogether.
Fire worms should not be permitted on Victoria Day
Whitby should continue with the fireworks, it brings life to Whitby.
I enjoy the fireworks.
Please don't take away people ability to celebrate. As long as it's done in a safe way there should be no issue. If the town has concerns perhaps have more by law people around during these celebration times .
Safety for kids
Allow only Professional Event Organizers .

I wish there was more done about the illegal use of fireworks and more control on time of day. In the last couple of years the summers have been exceptionally difficult with people setting them off whenever and where they want resulting in many sleepless nights (especially in a row) and very angry neighborhoods. Many babies/children are woken up and many pets have anxiety filled nights and there are residents who have sensitivities to noise (like some with ASD). Its one thing to mentally prepare for the nights that are scheduled but its another to never know when and where its going to happen. Residents will lose faith in leadership when nothing is done to curb it. Its sad that a few delinquent people are allowed to completely terrorize neighbourhoods for their own pleasure all summer and leave the majority of voters sleepless, damage to property, Whitby littered with trash and endanger wildlife and wild spaces and impact those around us with sensitivities. I would happy if fireworks just went away -they are a complete waste of money. Way more problems than they are worth.

I don't mind them during holidays but in Williamsburg they seem to be ongoing most of the summer. It sucks trying to keep babies and toddlers asleep when it happens every night

Do not restrict fireworks, add more city fireworks to support community

I think people should be less worried about fireworks unless there is a direct issue to their property ie parking garbage etc. Fireworks are loud but not being done every day.

Other alternatives, light shows, air shows other ways to celebrate would be nice.

Allowing Diwali fireworks is not necessary. This is a ridiculous exemption.

There should be a strict fine which should be enforced for non compliance.

I strongly encourage the town to consider banning fireworks altogether. They are highly traumatic for many pets as well as folks suffering from some forms of PTSD or sensory sensitivities. In addition to that, I find many fireworks users are inconsiderate and leave the remnants behind on the ground after the fireworks are set off or do not adhere to your time limitations. We have heard them being set off well after 11pm many times, not to mention the fact that they don't just get set off on the holiday but the ENTIRE long weekend of a holiday, which I'm sure you can imagine is extra stressful for those who have a hard time with the noise. They relive that trauma all weekend long.

But it's highly unlikely you're going to ban them entirely, let's be honest with ourselves. At the very least, stricter guidelines and more vigorous enforcement could help to at least minimize the effects.

Banning fireworks would be the most ethical thing to do for mental and physical wellbeing of both people and animals

Mind your own business

As with any other noise, adherence to the bylaw limiting how late they can go would be okay but I understand how difficult that is to enforce

Would appreciate if bylaws were strictly enforced. Fireworks have been going off for several nights in a row around the specified holidays not to mention at all hours of the night.

1. Ban fireworks from anyone other than the town.
2. Only town events on Victoria Day and Canada Day.
3. Set stronger bylaws and ticketing to those who don't comply.
4. Increase fire protection which discussion of the dangers of fireworks at schools.
Allow for paper lanterns to used as well in safe zones.
Only allow fireworks on NewYear, Canada Day and Victoria Day.
It is 2022. Time to abolish fireworks given all of the cons. The singular pro is momentary joy and awe. We must consider our fellow citizens and nature, given the delicate state of our planet.
In general people should not be allowed to purchase for back yard use which happens in my neighbourhood. They are let off at late hours. Noise disrupts sleep and dogs are scared.
Low noise fireworks.
Don't listen to Karens.
It would be interesting to see the number of emergency services calls that are related to fireworks and the added burden there.
please don't limit the firework even more in this town.
Diwali goes on for multiple nights - one dedicated night in a central location would be preferred.
Bans don't work so implementing a ban on fireworks won't work.
It would be helpful if on Diwali, there could be an organized fireworks display for all to enjoy rather than individual households adding to the negative effects. Would love to see a Diwali Mela (fair) hosted giving chance to local businesses to showcase their stuff (food, decor, clothing and much more).
Also, it will be nice if the Town can look into other options such as light show with music for all to enjoy, rather than the usual fireworks.
IF the town of Whitby could invest in silent fireworks, I'd be far more interested in supporting fireworks throughout the year.
Require the retailers to be certified so they are trained on safety and proper use
The use of fireworks in residential neighbourhoods days before and after the allowed holiday exemption...and late into the evening and early morning.
Individual Residents should not be permitted to set off fireworks in a residential area, especially surrounded by trees. Fireworks should be done in an open area by professionals.

Possible suggestions: Citizens buying fireworks (explosives) need a permit to ensure they follow safety rules and set off times or could be charged for not doing so. When purchase, buyers must give location to be set off and time with address and contact info so if complaints and sign that they would abide by that.. eg. had to put out a fire in one of my trees as neighbors set them off too close to trees.... Not everyone is a fan of fireworks and maybe By-Law enforcement before , during and after dates of fireworks dates if to continue. Most people locally dont follow safety rules. A one event would be better then individual days. Canada Day would be the best one day a year event in a more new central location. Sellers of fireworks also need to be more accountable and educate purchaser. Thanks for your time.

See above.

I would like residents to stop setting off fireworks year round. It is very stressful and harmful to the domestic and wild animals. Plus they are setting them off very late at night.

They bylaw should widely advertised so people are informed as to when and where they are allowed to use fireworks and should be strictly enforced.

More bylaw enforcement is needed. Fireworks are set off the day before and after the allowed days and to all hours of the night.

Whitby countrylane and Taunton neighborhood shoots off fireworks every single weekend in the summer needs to stop

Silent fireworks are a reasonable compromise. People with some kinds of PTSD, and some pet owners will benefit.

Resume canada day fireworks

Government is too intrusive. Unless something bothers a majority of residents, let it be. You focus too much on the vocal minority of whiners. You can't please everyone so stop trying to please the few.

Police patrols please to shut down the rowdy parties that go on well past midnight with the fireworks. A response when you call about fireworks going off on not authorized days. And an environmental assessment of the impact of these being released

Diwali should be included in the list permanently. With the increasing south asian community in Whitby, it was a decision that welcomes all of us with open arms. We would love it if Diwali gets a permanent spot.

Let's think globally while we act locally. Most fireworks are manufactured in developing nations by people who make meagre wages, often children. Safety regulations in these fireworks companies rarely exist. Let's have some fun once a year with fireworks set off in a controlled environment by skilled handlers. This minimizes environmental impact as well as exploitation of those who risk their lives in unregulated factories. I would much rather see one (or a few) big community fireworks shows rather than extend permission to more people and groups to use them at more celebrations.

Apparently silent fireworks exist so it would be great if town events could shift to those.

Reduce the dates and times they can be used. It's not uncommon to hear them well after 11pm. It's totally out of control.

Not allow fireworks to be set off in residential neighbourhoods - specifically backyards. Require permits for fireworks to be set off in parks or other areas.

Anyone should be allowed to apply for permission to use fireworks at an event example a business grand opening or a gender reveal party, but the event / reason has to fit within guidelines such as enough space to do the fireworks, before 11 pm etc

They should not be allowed everywhere. People do their own fireworks. I would rather they didn't happen but if they do in a contained, controlled environment
Only the town should conduct fireworks displays. None should be set off locally in subdivisions. Country estate properties, maybe. Organizations at parks maybe.
A permit should be required for all fireworks. Even neighbourhood displays. Should have to display it. If they can't then the public should be able to call police or fire (non emergency) for them to address it. These need to be shutdown. So many drunk people setting off fireworks after they've been drinking all night. Start at 11pm and then set off randomly into the early morning hours.
No use of public school parking lots or parks. No fireworks in backyards or on streets.
During the last 2 years there seem to be more people who have decided they can set off fireworks wherever and whenever they want, including residential areas where this becomes a nuisance with the amount of noise it creates at odd hours when many people or children are trying to sleep.
I am far less concerned about the noise from fireworks a few times a year than other noise violations. Getting assistance about outside dogs constant barking or loud music at all hours is next to impossible and I would like to see that improved more.
Ensure fireworks are only set off on one day of each long weekend and finished by 10pm. My kids and pets are negatively affected by firework noise and end up suffering 4 nights of EVERY long weekend. Some fireworks are still going at 130am at Guthrie park!! And because it's dark the garbage is just left in the park often on soccer fields where kids have to train/play the next day.
Diwali should no longer be an exemption. It should be equivalent to new year's
You asked if we wanted more fireworks, but conveniently did not allow us to ask for less. To recap, less fireworks, more controlled environment.
Perhaps there should be safety regulations.
Please consider mandating the use of silent fireworks instead of loud ones.
I think it should be limited to city run and permits. They are loud, disruptive, terrifying for most pets and babies and impossible to opt out of because of the noise. Not to mention wildlife.
Though I have enjoyed city run fireworks in the past I honestly feel that they are an outdated way to celebrate. If you open it up to other holidays, as one should in this day and age, then there would be fireworks all the time.
I have no use for fireworks. Noisy and dangerous
Safety is paramount. There are too many instances of people using these in and around houses
Already there are too many firework celebrations. The amount of noise generated by these is consistently disturbing, and I'm not even old!! :)
Fireworks is such an important past time after losing so much. It would be a shame to change the policies.
Glad this is being examined.

Given recent events in our nation's Capitol City of Ottawa, and at our border crossings to the USA, Fireworks must be banned for the safety and security of all Canadians. Firework displays are a symbol of White Supremacy. The Town of Whitby, and the Government of Canada must show leadership and ban all Fireworks to disavow White Supremacy in Canada. Anyone found to have purchased, used, or attended, a Fireworks display must be held accountable, retroactively, and punished severely with sanctions and jail time. I call upon the Town of Whitby, and the Government of Canada to apologize, compensate, and begin reconciliation with the citizens, (and their families), that have been tortured by Fireworks for centuries.

Less firework days.

Fireworks only on Canada Day

Limit the days surrounding the holidays permitted - currently seems like a week earlier & after they go off

I would hope that if the Town of Whitby exclusively organized fireworks, it would implement safety measures to protect wildlife and domesticated pets.

Time limits needs to be set and addressed. Fireworks should not be going off in residential neighborhoods well past midnight multiple days in a row. I am talking past 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. There needs to be some limitations and by-law communication and enforcement of this if possible. Perhaps a portal to file complaints for violations. I realize this is a challenge for the Town, but the situation the last few years has gotten out of hand by numerous residents.

Ensure compliance of fireworks by-laws with mandatory signage where fireworks are sold. Advertise fireworks by-law around the time when fireworks are typically bought e.x. Victoria Day, Canada Day.

The fireworks set off by private groups/people have gone on recently without any enforcement of the existing permissions/bylaw. Neighbours have had pets spooked away from home (lost) and distressed (physically affected for longer duration than the fireworks) as a result. Many people consider pets as family members and find fireworks upsetting. If the fireworks are predictable and relegated away from homes, this allows the pet owners to either leave for the duration of the event with their pets or provide comforts needed for the pets to get through the noise. The enjoyment of small groups of people should not unduly impact the many residents that are impacted by the event.

Limit fireworks to Town displays on Canada Day and Diwali only. Prohibit use of fireworks on streets and in backyards and on any public land, especially parks and green spaces.

You guys are doing a fabulous job. Keep it up.

Purchase fireworks that are quiet. The noise kills many animals or confuses the wildlife.

Even for Diwalis firework should not be done on the streets or on the driveway of the people. Please give them some dedicated space to fire it so that it is safe for pets and kids. Most of the people don't even clean the road after the firework, its a disaster to see this mess in the community.

Let's go back the time when it wasn't a free for all, meaning I will set fireworks off anytime I feel like it.

Think about the Town's drive towards sustainability and climate change, etc. Fireworks do not align with the Town's values now and in the future.

There is not enough bylaw on holidays and outside the workday hours to allow for enforcement. Fireworks are set off on days when not permitted, especially in parks, and nothing is ever done to prevent it. I don't mind if it was 1 or 2 days a year, but fireworks will be set off 2 days before and 2 days following the days allowed.
It is fine with any citizen to use fireworks. If you set bylaws restricting celebrations, you are overstepping
The use of fireworks should be limited to permitted use only, and only on the aforementioned civic holidays. Keep them out of residential neighbourhoods, via by-law with appropriate enforcement follow-up. This would include the local small parks that are in residential areas.
Fireworks are entertaining and fun
Fireworks should only be allowed on the specific holiday ex. only on July 1. They should not be allowed on the day before or the day after the holiday. And they should not be allowed to be set off later than 11 pm and not on residential streets at all.
please do not cancel the fun of fireworks!
Do to noise and safety reasons I think only the Town of Whitby should be allowed to use Fireworks. All citizens of Whitby should be banned from their use.
Should anyone besides the town or government choose to organize or set-off a fireworks display, they should need to be issued a permit and have a certified business that they hire be responsible for the firework presentation or at least in compliance with the permit be sure to follow strict rules on location, distance from properties, etc.
Consider harsher enforcement for use of fireworks on non-permitted days. Or at minimum prominently advertise fireworks are not permitted except on those specific days.
Consider an alternative such as a laser show. http://lasershowcanada.com/
Please REMOVE the bylaw allowing residents to let off fireworks within the township, in communities and subdivisions. As Whitby rapidly grows, if this is not addressed, we fear the consequences of numerous people taking fireworks into their own hands.
Keep it strictly to Canada Day, Victoria Day and New Years Eve - only by the township.
Again, only in supervised parks/waterfront by the Town of Whitby and not reckless residents backyards! The radius of the sparks descending can cover 5+ home rooftops and it only takes one spark to start a fire. Fireworks should not be sold to the general public as most people are unaware or not concerned of the dangers of fireworks.
Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion. I hope that someone listens.
More promotions for events
Seems like through covid people have been lighting fireworks for every single occasion and it's been horrible.

Please stop all fireworks displays. Or barring that, at least dedicate a response team for complaints, or strike a committee to create new guidelines and penalties, whatever. Please at least address the problem of extended, multiple days of backyard fireworks displays and do something to stop them or better yet, prevent the perpetrators from easy access to the explosives in the first place. Sure, fireworks used to be fun back in the day. But in 2022 they are an outdated, unnecessary, dangerous and highly invasive practice.

It is one thing to stage an official celebratory town of Whitby event on a designated day, at a designated time, in safe surroundings far from populated areas, manned by experienced pyrotechnic specialists with professional fire safety support standing by. It's another thing altogether when multiple random backyard Fireworks displays pop up on random days at random times polluting and terrifying. Frankly, these entitled fireworks displays belong in history. IMO in 2022, fireworks represent a past era of obliviousness to noise and sound pollution, and one of climate change ignorance. Fireworks help no one and harm everyone, yes, even those who still enjoy them.

If the majority feels differently, so be it. I have had my say.

Please, at least bear in mind that Fireworks should ONLY be allowed in the hands of Pyrotechnic professionals, at pre-warned/informed designated times to be set off as far from woodland, wetland, and populated neighbourhoods as possible.

FYI: apparently it is may be possible to use compressed air instead of gun powder

In closing, it is my opinion that no private citizen should be permitted to set off Fireworks from a backyard, or private boat, or a public park. Not ever.

Thank-you for asking. Thank-you for listening. Be well.

Many dogs are very afraid if them. Last summer my dog spent whole evenings in the cupboard shaking

Point of sale and distribution;by law enforcement /fines on non- holiday dates.

Education and public announcements to the general public about the safety issues that surround the use of fireworks. Inevitably when the property damage and personal injury happens the liability will in the hands of the lawyers and insurance companies. I'm not against people having fun and enjoying the show, but it takes the one person who uses poor judgement to ruin it for everyone.

Addressing the use of fireworks by residents in the summer months specifically on non-holiday weekends.

People's pets/dogs who are terrified of them and the damage and stress it causes to wildlife animals

While I personally love fireworks, I do have concerns for wildlife that are disturbed, and family pets that are affected.

Designated area only. We have them going off at our local park for every holiday.

Garbage left behind and the noise, not for us but for all the dogs that are scared by them.

perhaps only that wildlife sensitive areas are not used

It should be clear If residents can do fireworks on driveway and backyard.

If fireworks have a set day to be done, then stick to that one day. Having a 3-5 night occurrence for Victoria Day, for instance, is disruptive in a residential area. If fireworks continue to be allowed in residential areas, I would truly appreciate a limit on the day that they can be done as well as the time. It is not uncommon for fireworks to be done after 11 pm in my area.

Less fireworks is better. Have no problem with Town Fireworks but home fireworks have gotten out of control.
Fireworks should only be done on days listed above. People should not be allowed to do fireworks in any other days. In order for this to happen I feel the trailers selling fireworks should not be allowed as these are the places where people are purchasing fireworks and setting them off for several days and very late into the night.
Home fire works happen all the time, even the 4th of July. Home fireworks should be banned and only organized Town event or those with a permit from the Town conducted in a safe location should be permitted
Prefer to not allow fireworks at all but would accept limiting the use to the waterfront. Ban any residential use.
Stop having fireworks
Last summer fireworks were going off any night - very noisy and annoying
Italy has managed to produce fireworks that do not produce any noise . Has the city not done the research regarding the effects on pets and wildlife. The animal deaths and abandonment caused by fireworks .
I recognize that fireworks do present a business opportunity, however due to existing limits on the use of the product, the benefits of that business are likely narrow. Considering the earth's failing health, it seems reasonable to sacrifice the fleeting enjoyment fireworks may provide. If we in the developed world are unwilling to give up an activity that provides nothing but casual amusement, what hope do we have of saving the life of the planet and ourselves.
Need to enforce that fireworks are only allowed on Years' Eve, New Years' Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day and Diwali. There are fireworks every weekend behind my house and year over year it is just getting worse.
The effect on animals is deplorable.
I like the town provide a field or a place far from dwellings that people who want firework can go there and play year round. Otherwise it is better the fireworks be banned any other day unless by the town in event days.
No fireworks on Diwali. This is Canada
Please look into the cost of insuring parks. We all know that residents use the parks contrary to the bylaw but that is because it is the safest open space for larger safer gatherings to take place where spectators can sit appropriate distances away from the explosives and far away from residential homes and other property.
As nice as fireworks are to see unnecessary noise that upsets animals who dont understand.
Fireworks need to be used in an area far away enough from residential areas.
Aside from the noise and safety concerns, they also have a huge impact on pets. I have to medicate mine because they are terrified of fireworks
Would love to have it only allowed on the actual holiday. Canada Day, for example, should only be allowed on canada day...not the couple days before and after the holiday. Seems to be getting worse each year. I would also love to see an earlier time on the end time. 11pm end time...usually means 12 or 1. Earlier time would be better.
None

It's been a very hard couple years. Fireworks is a socially distanced activity that everyone of every age can enjoy. Virtual fireworks are terrible and I don't know why anyone would ever watch them. Let people have fireworks, if safety is a concern have fire departments run them and ill gladly donate to the men and woman running it. It's such a simple joy to watch. Please do not rely on facebook comments for this decision. Facebook is basically a complaint board. Go ask the elderly, and go ask the teens and kids.

More bylaw enforcement as some people set them off at various times throughout the year for no particular reason. My main concerns are unnecessary anxiety for many dogs and the environmental concerns around fireworks, although minimal compared to fossil fuels.

Educate and make people aware of safety precautions, then lets people enjoy the celebration.

Read this article please. Good suggestions are made.

<https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.forbes.com/sites/grrlscientist/2017/12/30/how-do-fireworks-harm-wild-birds/amp/>

People don't clean up afterwards at Carnwith Park.

Please ban all fireworks in Whitby

Fireworks should be banned. Animals (domestic and wild) have experienced heart attacks and died! Yes - DOGS too - which have recently been in the news - again! ...and dogs have taken off out of their leash and become lost because the noise scared them SO much. People AND animals with PTSD (yes...animals experience PTSD too)...cannot endure fireworks. It is a CRUELTY to animals to make them endure fireworks!!! The elderly have an extremely difficult time enduring fireworks, and particularly CIVILIANS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE WARS experience horrific PTSD during fireworks. Don't make them endure that AGAIN and AGAIN! Young children and BABIES have an extremely difficult and upsetting time enduring fireworks. BAN FIREWORKS which create noise in WHITBY. Mental health is at all time high and rising as a result of the pandemic and now with the state of the world and the noise of fireworks affects mental health and PTSD. There are noiseless fireworks but these need to be properly and carefully investigated first. BANFF banned noise fireworks.

There should be no exemptions. There should be a complete ban on fireworks. They are not necessary and they are costly (approx \$1000/minute for pyromusical and a 1/2 hour show would cost approx \$30,000. Taxpayers money can be put to better use.

Is Canada Day and New Years' Eve not enough? Fines should be imposed for people setting off fireworks in backyards on any given day at any given hour.

Have a light display without noise

I visited Pringle Creek for fireworks celebration when I was younger and it was a big community affair, which brought hundreds of Whitby residents together. This needs to be brought back!

Refugees, war vets, small children and animals are terrified of the noise. People often set off the fireworks days before and after the main event in our local parkettes.

Use drone visual displays

Police patrol and enforce ticketing

Fireworks should be a thing of the past like girdles.

Any cultural celebration/holiday

Limiting location to waterfront would be nice.

Please enforce when fireworks are set off on unapproved days.
Some people don't even follow the by-laws. They use fireworks beyond 11pm until 3-4am in the local parks. This noise is disrupting elderly and children's sleep.
Enforcement for current bylaws should be implemented. So many times over the last few years fireworks have gone off on random nights, this not only affects people with PTSD but also pets. There is currently no respect for when fireworks are viable
Fireworks are often used on days surrounding these holidays not just on the day itself, so it is difficult for families to prepare when they have members with PTSD, or animals etc that require special care. The enforcement is non-existent. Fireworks should not be allowed in residential communities. As a nurse, or other first responders, police etc that work night shifts it can be very hard to be rested for a shift when these are let off close to our homes, sometimes next door. And it's never just for one night.
People are going to light fireworks whenever it seems. How will this be monitored?
There is no need for fireworks on New Year's Eve or Day. I also think there should be a limit on how late they can be used. Fireworks in residential neighborhoods cause disruption for sleeping children, shift workers, etc. and often people set them off late into the night.
Fireworks in neighbourhood homes for no reason or celebration sounds like gunfire
Please do not ban the only fun we have had since the pandemic started.
People who set off fireworks for days on end, all night long, because they feel entitled to do whatever they want whenever they want and know they won't get caught, need to STOP. The privilege of resident use of fireworks is abused and bylaw enforcement of use during certain hours and on certain days is non-existent. Sadly, when it comes to fireworks use, we can't rely on people's common sense, respect for others and community consideration any more. These days, those things don't exist.
Your survey seems to be driving at events of large public gatherings where there is structure or organization for the event. I have no issues with that type of controlled setting. I think there is a huge problem with families or individuals setting off fireworks where ever and when ever they want. This is a problem and it's getting bigger every year!
Use of noiseless fireworks
Limit the purchase of fireworks to community groups and authorized town staff.
Fireworks in my neighbourhood are going off ONE WEEK for each special occasion. They start early (before dark) & continue late into the night. They should be more controlled in one gigantic area like the lake/old Cullen gardens/town property ONLY!!! MY DOG IS TERRIFIED OF FIREWORKS!!!!
People let off fireworks well past 11 pm which is very inconsiderate and also it means I cannot walk my dog or let her out as she is terrified.
Don't allow the sale of or setting-off of "private" fireworks within the town and enforce it.
It would be good if Diwali firework exception can be given for the weekend of Diwali. As we do not have a holiday for Diwali, we gather in the weekend with friends and family and would like to have the opportunity to light fireworks during that weekend. Thank you for valuing our feedback
People often use fireworks outside the permitted days. For simplicity and control designate the town as the only group that can set off fireworks. Ban the sale of fireworks in the town.
Bylaw enforcement or reminders to residents on appropriate locations, or time restraints for usage (ie; not past 10pm, etc)
Need a permit

Only allow fireworks on the days you mentioned. The problem for me is how often fireworks are used. I don't want to hear them all the time. 4-5 times a year is enough.

Stop wasting your time policing fireworks.

Too many fireworks set off by residents. Starting before dark. Family pets and animals are miserable.

My poor dog hates loud noises (ie Fireworks) and I know I'm not the only person with this issue. During covid neighbours would get fireworks during availability, keep them and set them off weekend after weekend. I don't have a problem twice a year, I can medicate my pup. But weekend after weekend is unreasonable. The local government of Collecchio (Italy) has made a law that fireworks in their town must be silent, and have created such silent fireworks. Fines for excessive noise and litter could easily be handed out for such individuals.

Fireworks are being let off at least a week before the approved date, and up to a week afterwards! And some of them aren't pretty at all, they are just horrid, horrid sounds. They, frankly, sound like bombs. Stores should not be permitted to sell them at anytime, only on the days they are permitted.

Fireworks should not be sold to the general public without a permit from the town, a permit for an event on one of the 5 specified days; these permits should be available only to adults, and the sale of fireworks should only be permitted during a limited time period leading up to the event (e.g. two weeks).

I hear fireworks going off literally every weekend all summer, and sometimes during the week. This is a fairly recent phenomenon that began about two summers ago.

Setting off fireworks on any day other than one of the 5 allowed celebrations should be subject to some sort of law enforcement measures, such as for a noise law violation.

The shows by the waterfront we have always enjoyed, I know in the condos next to it people watch it from the roof. It is a great way for everyone to celebrate

The way the police had conducted the traffic was perfect in my opinion

We enjoy driving down and watching it as a family