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Hi Sarah. Please pass this material to the Council. Thank you

Lavinia Rojas
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On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 12:27 PM L. R.S. [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Sarah: I would appreciate passing the following to the Council: <https://bc.ctvnews.ca/b-c-cities-intend-to-crack-down-on-halloween-fireworks-1.7093297>

"Authorities across the Lower Mainland are preparing to crack down on Halloween fireworks.

Vancouver, Port Moody, Coquitlam, Surrey, and other communities across the region are warning residents of the risks and penalties associated with fireworks use.

In Vancouver, the sale and/or use of fireworks are punishable by a \$1,000 fine.

Data collected by Vancouver Fire Rescue Services shows that damage from Halloween fireworks has plummeted since the fireworks ban and fines came into effect three years ago.

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Surrey hikes fireworks fines ahead of Halloween and Diwali

One of the last remaining places to buy fireworks imposes new ban

Girl shot with firework, burned during unruly B.C. Halloween gathering

Figures show 17 incidents in 2020, three in 2021, and two in 2022. VFRS did not provide numbers for 2023.

"Thankfully, I think a lot of people are understanding the impacts of having explosives from people who are not trained," said Matthew Trudeau, the fire department's public information officer.

Surrey has also banned fireworks and increased fines this year from a minimum of \$100 to \$400 per offence.

"The maximum fines have gone from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for serious violations," said Jas Johal, the director of bylaw in Surrey.

Johal says a serious violation would be a firework setting a home on fire or pointing fireworks at a house or vehicle.

Port Moody will also have stricter rules and fines relating to fireworks this year.

The city has amended its fireworks bylaw to ban all fireworks – including their sale, possession and discharge – unless a resident obtains a permit from Port Moody Fire Rescue.

Local police told CTV News that authorities will be out enforcing the rules, with \$500 fines for offences.

In New Westminister, the city's website reads that "no person shall, at any time, offer for sale or sell low-hazard fireworks anywhere within the city."

However, low-hazard fireworks may be possessed and set off within the city between 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 28 and 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 1.

“Low-hazard fireworks may be set off only on private property with the consent of the owner, or on public property with written permission of the fire chief,” reads the website.

“No person shall use, set off, or discharge Roman candles.”

The website lists other rules such as not pointing fireworks in the process of explosion at people, animals, buildings or vehicles. Also, no one under 18 can possess or set off low-hazard fireworks."

As well this pdf from the police

Thank you very much

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On Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 11:31 AM Sarah Holloway <Sarah.Holloway@esquimalt.ca> wrote:

Hi again Lavinia,

I can confirm your delegation presentation for the December 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and is in Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road. You will have 5 minutes for your delegation to present.

Should you have any further questions you can either contact me below or contact corporate.services@esquimalt.ca or 250-414-7177.

Best Regards,

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Hello Sarah. I hope this works.

Thank you,

https://www.esquimalt.ca/sites/default/files/docs/Delegation_Application_Template_-_2022_fillable_1.pdf

I am writing to request that the municipality submit a resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) regarding a province-wide ban on fireworks. This resolution aims to address growing concerns about the impact of fireworks on public safety, wildlife, and the environment.

Proposed Resolution

Province-Wide Ban on Consumer Fireworks

Whereas the use of consumer fireworks poses significant risks to public safety, property, and the environment;

And whereas fireworks cause distress to people suffering with PTSD, pets, wildlife, and individuals with sensitivities to loud noises;

And whereas many municipalities have already implemented local bans on fireworks, creating a patchwork of regulations across the province;

Therefore be it resolved that the AVICC and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to implement a comprehensive, province-wide ban on the sale and use of consumer fireworks, with exceptions for certified professionals conducting authorized displays.

Rationale

This resolution aligns with our community's commitment to safety and environmental protection. A province-wide ban would:

1. Enhance public safety by reducing fireworks-related injuries and property damage
2. Protect wildlife and domestic animals from stress and potential harm
3. Improve air quality and reduce fire risks, especially during dry seasons
4. Create consistency across municipalities, simplifying enforcement efforts

I respectfully request that Council consider this resolution for submission to AVICC before their February 6, 2025 deadline. If approved, this resolution could be forwarded to the upcoming AVICC Convention for consideration by member municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lavinia Rojas
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December 11, 2020

Ms. Lavinia Rojas

Via email

Ms. Rojas:

In response to your email of November 5th to Chief Manak, thank you for reaching out to the Victoria Police Department regarding your efforts to ban fireworks in British Columbia.

The municipalities within our service area have bylaws that prohibit the possession and use of fireworks without a permit. The introduction of these bylaws resulted in an improvement in the number of fireworks-related complaints received by police; however, we continue to receive complaints from the public. Between October 1 and November 5, 2020, we received at least 60 reports from the public that relate to the actual or suspected use of fireworks. In many of these cases, members of the community are concerned about the noise they create and others are concerned about dangerous use. In a few of the cases, fireworks have been confused for gunfire.

The Victoria Police Department is actively looking for ways to reduce the incidents of calls for service so that our officers can focus on the most serious public safety priorities. We support the exploration of legislative changes that result in improved community safety and well-being.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of our communities.

Sincerely,



Colin Watson
Deputy Chief of Administration