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DELEGATION

APPLICATION TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION BEFORE COUNCIL

An individual or a delegation may address Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting, on any issue, projects, or programs that fall within the jurisdiction of Council, each limited to <u>5 minutes</u>. The Committee of the Whole schedule can be found on our website at <u>https://www.esquimalt.ca/government-bylaws/council-meetings/meeting-schedule</u>

Please submit the completed application at least *two weeks prior to the preferred Committee of the Whole meeting*, by: (1) email to <u>corporate.services@esquimalt.ca</u>, or (2), mail or hand deliver to Municipal Hall, address as above. For further information, contact the Corporate Officer at 250-414-7135 or <u>corporate.services@esquimalt.ca</u>.

Name(s):Lavinia Rojas/ Andrea Miller

Organization (if applicable):

Daytime Phone No.:

Email:

Requested Date of Committee of the Whole meeting: December 9th, 2024 (Staff will confirm the meeting date once scheduled.)

Reasons for Wishing to Appear as a Delegation (Please Specify):

See attached document

Nov. 6th, 2024	Lavinia Ro	ojas
Date of Application	Signature	
Date Received:	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Date Presented to Council:
APPLICANT CONTACTED	Date:	Initials:
PRESENTATION RECEIVED	Date:	Initials:
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Current Challenges

Despite restrictions, fireworks are frequently used outside permitted hours, often for days before and after Halloween.

Online sales from retailers outside municipal boundaries undermine local regulations Existing permit systems and time limitations have not effectively curbed misuse.

Key Concerns

Public Safety: Improper use poses fire and injury risks.

Environmental Impact: Fireworks release pollutants and can harm wildlife.

Noise Pollution: Unexpected fireworks cause distress to pets, wildlife, and individuals with PTSD.

Expert opinions: Scientists, medical professionals, and firefighters have expressed support for the banning of fireworks regulations due to safety and environmental concerns.

Proposed actions

Through AVICC and UBCM union of BC municipal.

Promote the benefits of a complete ban

Allow professionals to display them on New Year and our Victoria Holiday. But even better would be to enjoy the beautiful light display.

Benefits of a Ban

Improved public safety and reduced fire risk

Decreased environmental impact and pollution

Enhanced quality of life for residents with PTSD and pets

Simplified enforcement for local authorities