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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 NOVEMBER 20


FROM: DEPUTY CITY CLERK

FILE: 02410-20

SUBJECT: FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS
NEW BUSINESS, COUNCIL 2019 NOVEMBER 18

Under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2019 November 18, Council referred to Item N) and O) of the Council Correspondence Package received up to 2019 November 14 from Holly McCallum and Nikolay Pashenkov regarding fireworks complaints.

Arising from discussion, Council **REFERRED** the items to the Public Safety Committee.



Blanka Zeinabova
Deputy City Clerk

Copied to: Fire Chief
Director Public Safety and Community Services

Section 3 Council Correspondence 2019.11.14

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Living by Central Park, the fireworks start a week prior to Halloween and continue for at least a week later - as I write this at 11:32 PM on November 5th, there are fireworks going off in Central Park.

On Halloween night, the continual explosion of fireworks in Central Park was unacceptable. Sleep was disturbed until 3:30 AM. Some of the single fireworks sound like a bomb exploding, and then others are continual for several minutes. Pets are frightened, not to mention the park animals and birds settled for the night.

The City of Burnaby's rules are pathetic:

Fireworks on private property may only be set off or discharged on October 31, with the consent of the owner of the property. For more information on how you can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween, read our [Halloween Fireworks Tips](#).

No fireworks shall be set off or discharged on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief.

In discussion with the Police on Halloween night they were very frustrated as well with the problems of fireworks and the difficulty of stopping them in such a large setting as Central Park.

Please follow the lead of the City of Vancouver and bring to the next agenda discussion on banning the USE of fireworks in Burnaby.

Each year I write this letter, and each year, this request is ignored.

Hopefully, with City of Vancouver taking the lead, our City Council members will finally take the fireworks concerns of the citizens seriously.

Best regards,

Holly McCallum

Burnaby, BC

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Public Safety and Community Services

Fire Chief

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From: Nikolay Pashenkov
Sent: Friday, November 01, 2019 1:21 PM
To: Clerks <Clerks@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Loud fireworks in Burnaby Oct 31, 2019

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To Mayor and City Council,

Hi,

You may have already got a few letters from people in our building on Willingdon avenue about fireworks last night. It's truly sad some people don't realize how disturbing it is for others when they start shooting fireworks at 12:30am. Not sure what exactly, but something needs to be done about it. Probably some sort of ban for fireworks after maybe 11:30pm?

Thank you,
Nick and Elena, residents of "Parkside Manor",

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