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Sent: Sunday, December 01, 2019 11:01 PM

To: Clerks < Clerks @burnaby.ca> **Subject:** FW: Fireworks Ban - Burnaby

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please be aware that as of this time of writing – 11:00 PM, December 1st – there are fireworks being set off in Central Park, and have been for some time tonight.

This is not an unusual occurrence as many weekends throughout November, including Sunday evenings, fireworks have become a common nuisance when trying to settle for the night for a busy week ahead.

Again, please work towards a total fireworks ban on sale and use of them in the City of Burnaby.

Best regards, Holly McCallum

Burnaby,

From:

Sent: November 5, 2019 11:47 PM

To: 'clerks@burnaby.ca' < clerks@burnaby.ca>

Subject: Fireworks Ban - Burnaby

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 <u>Halloween Fireworks Tips</u>. No fireworks shall be set off or discharged on public property without a permit from the Fire Chief.

Referred to:

Public Safety Committee (2020 Date to be Determined)

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir Public Safety and Community Services

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