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**Current Regulations****Fireworks Use**

Currently fireworks are permitted without a permit for one day on the holidays of Lunar New Year, Victoria Day, Canada Day and Diwali. For Victoria Day and Canada Day, the designated date is the statutory holiday, while for Lunar New Year and the Diwali the date is set by the Fire Chief. If weather is inclement on the designated holiday, fireworks are permitted on the following day.

Residents are not permitted to set off fireworks in a street, public property (e.g. parks), a parking lot or any private property that is not their own. On the permitted days, fireworks can be set off until midnight. To use fireworks on private property any other day of the year, residents must obtain a permit from Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services.

**Fireworks Sales**

The sale of fireworks in Mississauga requires a licence issued by By-law Enforcement. Licensed vendors can sell fireworks in a store or temporary outdoor structure, but are limited to selling F1 class fireworks (also known as family or consumer grade fireworks). They are required to adhere to a number of federal regulations in addition to the relevant by-laws.

Licences are only issued for a 10 day period immediately preceding and including the holiday dates for Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and Lunar New Year only. Vendors cannot sell fireworks to anyone under the age of 18, sell restricted fireworks or sell fireworks during any time of the year except for the 10 day period preceding the holiday.

**Fireworks Enforcement**

Enforcement is a joint responsibility between By-law Enforcement, Peel Regional Police, Security Services, and Fire and Emergency Services. By-law Enforcement responds to complaints about unlicensed vendors or use outside of permitted times on public property. Peel Regional Police responds to complaints about fireworks on roadways or public nuisances while Security Services responds to complaints about fireworks on City property. Fire Prevention & Risk Reduction responds to inquiries about the by-law requirements, complaint process and the fireworks permit application process.

Since service requests are received by all groups, it is difficult to determine the true extent of the issue. It is estimated that the City received an average of 300 service requests annually in 2021 and 2022. However, it is important to acknowledge that most complaints would occur while 311 is not taking calls, so this is likely not a true reflection of the extent of the issue.

**Fireworks Use Complaints**

In May 2023, Enforcement began offering 24/7 centralized complaint in-take and response through Dynamic Portal. Between May 12th and September 18th, Enforcement received a total of 252 complaints from the public, Alliance and other agencies. This data revealed several

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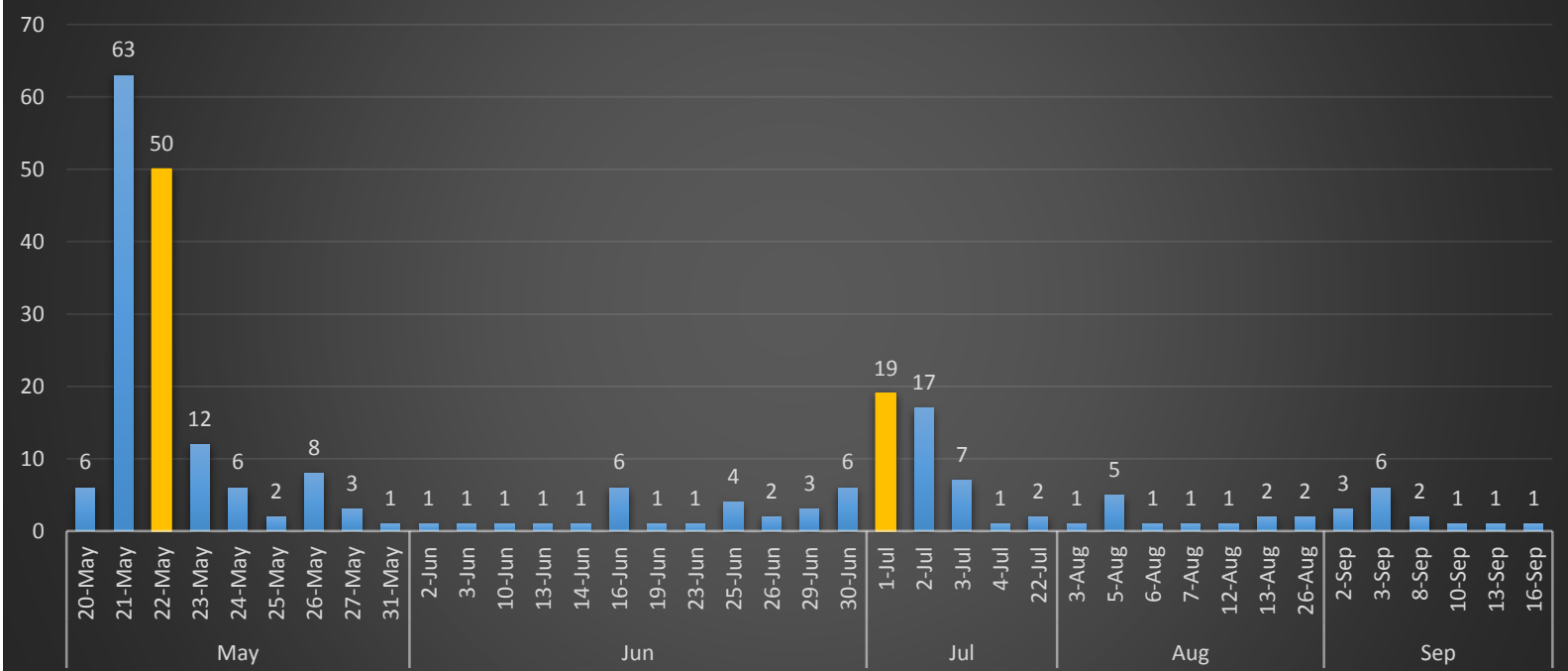
trends. Based on complaint data, fireworks are popular the evening before the holiday, particularly if the holiday itself is a week night. Over the Victoria Day weekend, there were 63 complaints on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, when fireworks were not permitted, and 50 complaints on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, when fireworks were permitted. This trend was not replicated on Canada Day, which occurred on a Saturday this year. Additionally, there appeared to be a greater acceptance for fireworks around Canada Day. Staff only received a total of 49 complaints between June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>, compared to 119 between May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>Firework Use Complaints by Month</b>	
May	151
June	28
July	46
August	13
September <sup>*until the 18th</sup>	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>

<b>Firework Use Complaints by Holiday</b>	
Victoria Day <i>Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	119
Canada Day <i>Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	49
Civic Holiday <i>Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday August 7<sup>th</sup></i> <i>*Not an official holiday in the Fireworks By-law</i>	7
Labour Day <i>Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday September 4<sup>th</sup></i> <i>*Not an official holiday in the Fireworks By-law</i>	9

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Firework Use Complaints by Date



\*Firework use permitted on May 22nd and July 1st for associated holidays.