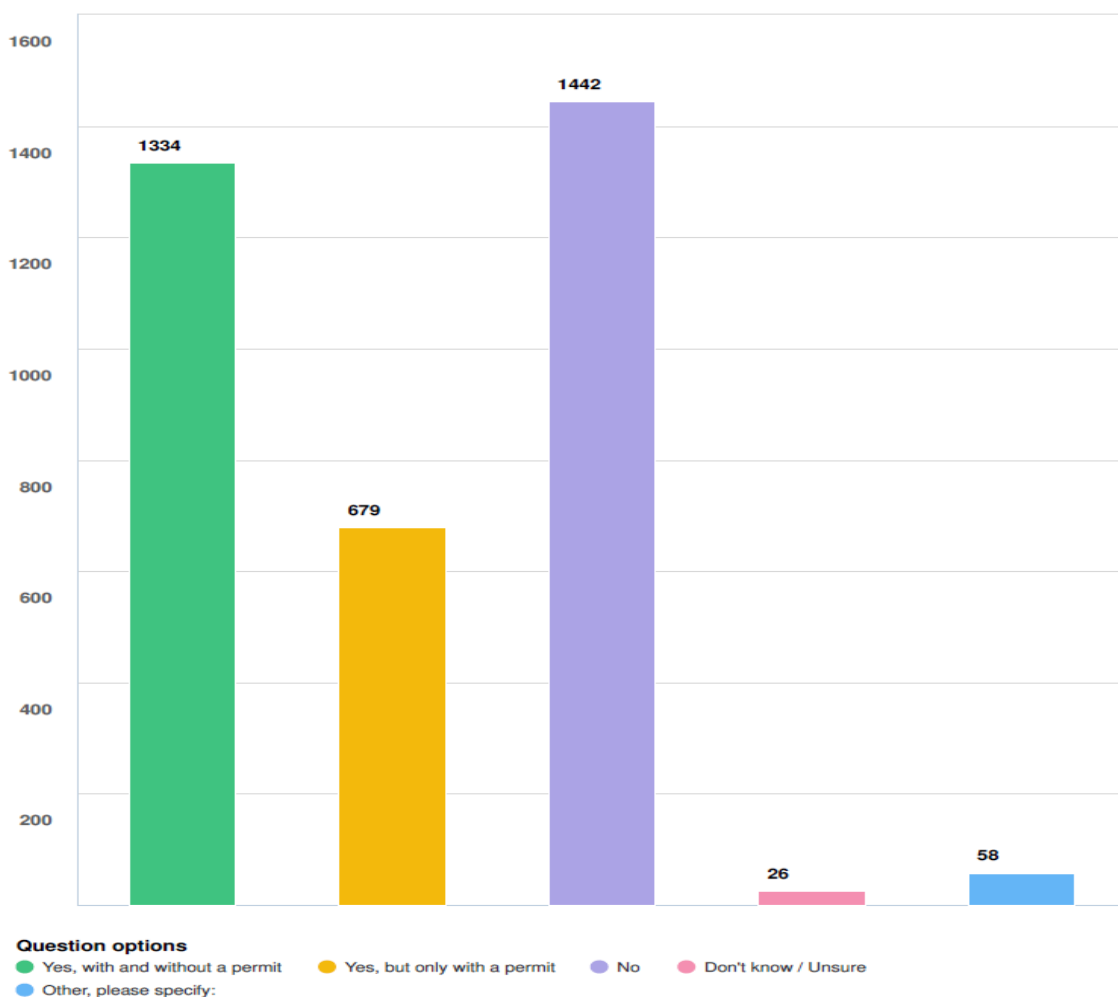


Public Survey

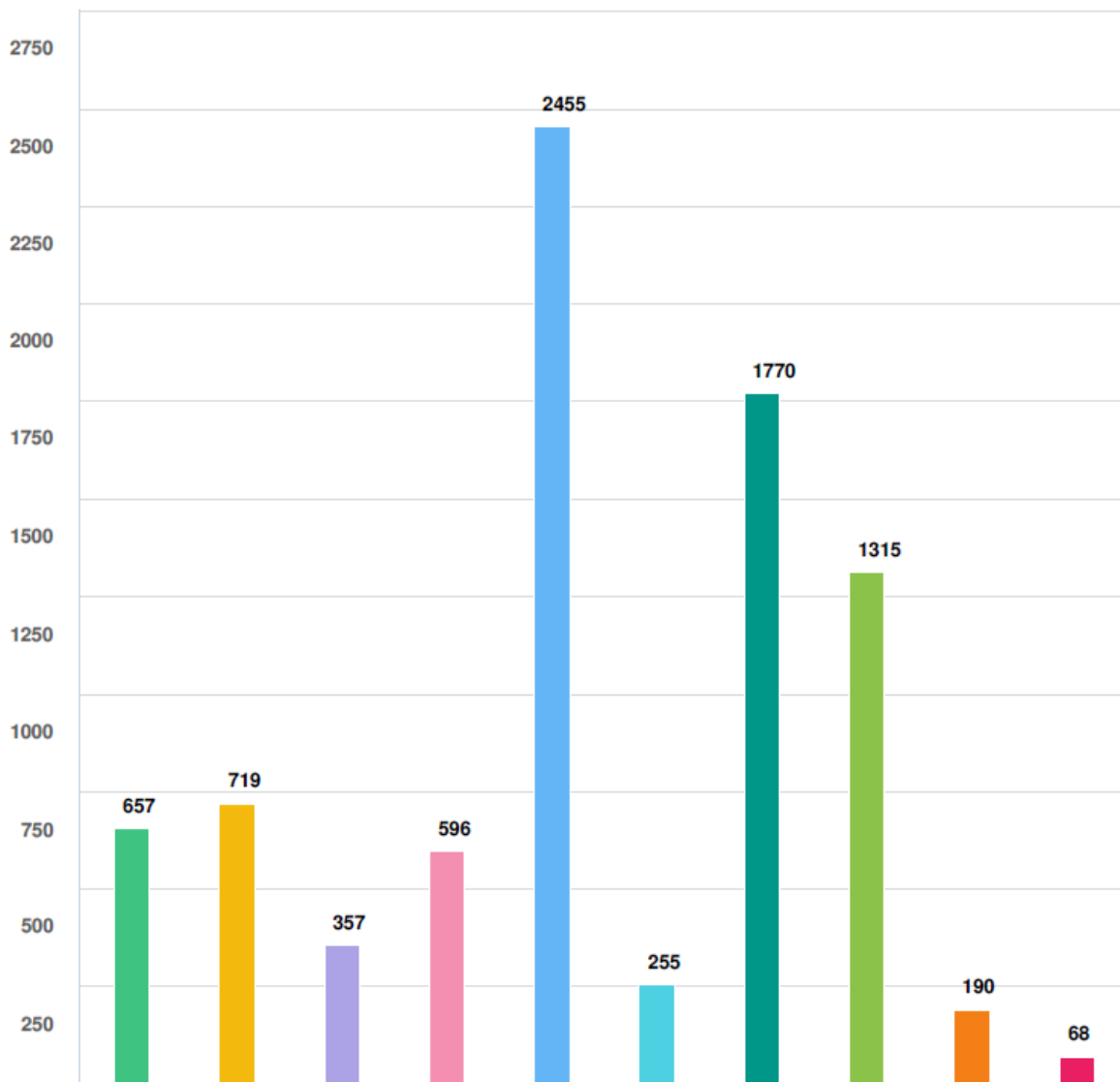
A public survey to gather feedback on the sentiment, experiences and viewpoints on fireworks use of residents and others in the City was launched for three weeks in March 2025. The City received 3,539 survey submissions of which 96% of respondents identified as residents. While 403 respondents indicated they did not know their ward, remaining respondents were more or less evenly distributed amongst the wards, except for wards 6 and 8.

Below is a summary of survey responses:

Q: Do you believe that the City should allow residents to use fireworks in Mississauga?

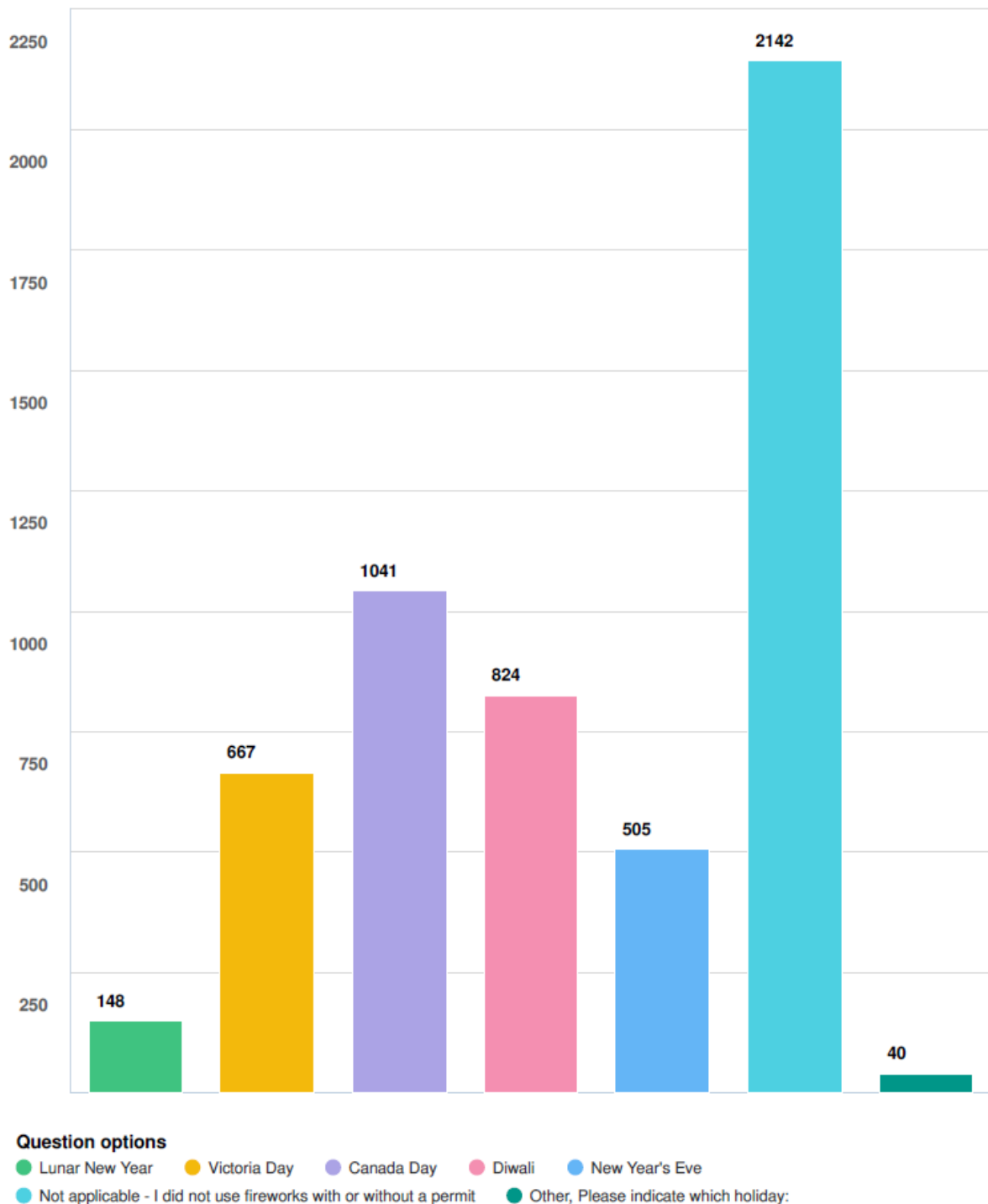


Q: Over the last year, what has your personal experience been with fireworks in Mississauga? Respondents were able to select all that applied.



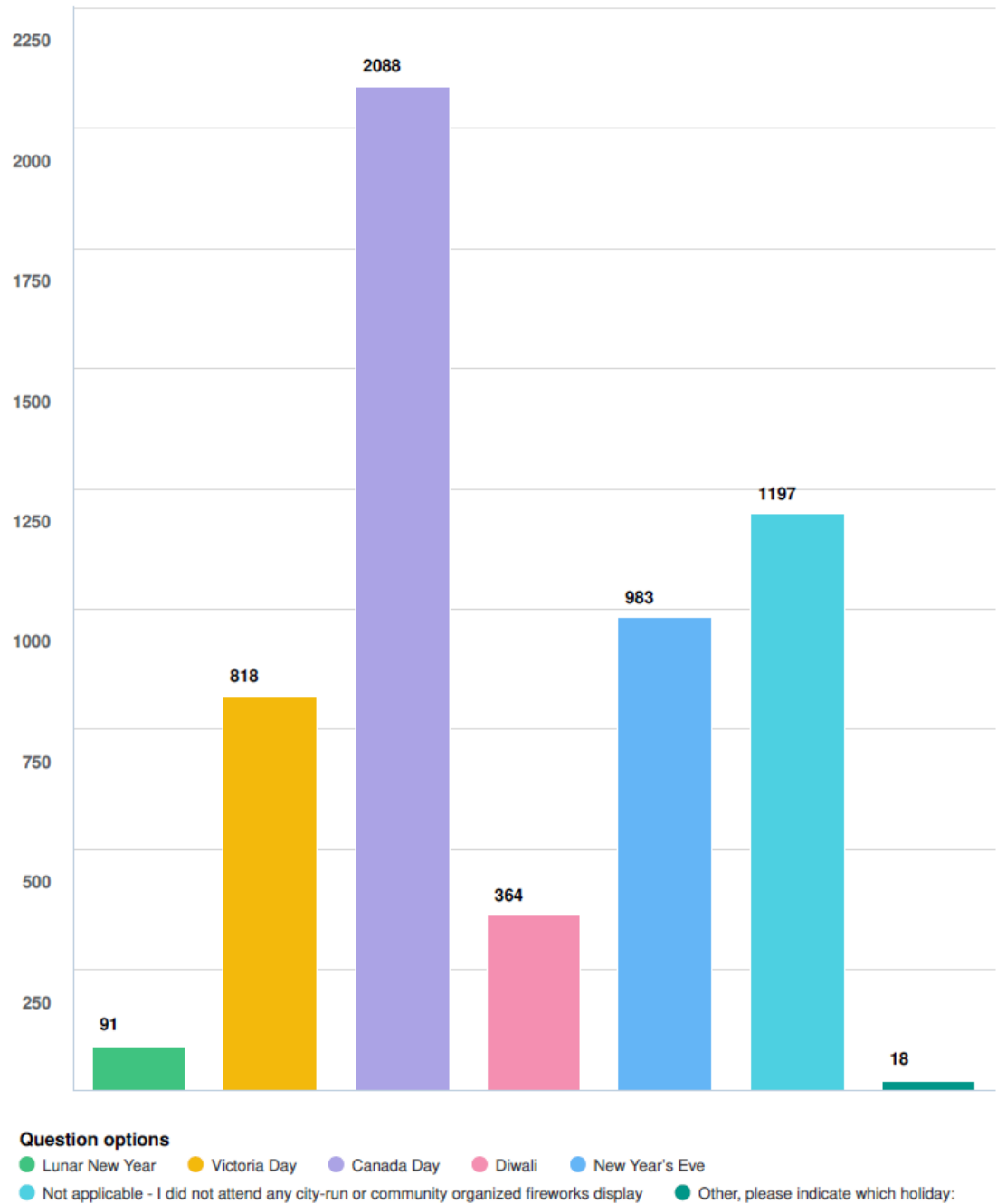
Question options

- I have purchased fireworks ● I have used fireworks on my own property
- I have used fireworks on the property of someone I know
- I have attended fireworks displays set off by other people on private property
- I have heard or seen fireworks set off by other people in my neighbourhood
- I have used fireworks on public property (e.g., parks, roads)
- I have heard or seen fireworks set off by other people on public property
- I have attended city-run or community organized fireworks displays ● None of the above ● Other, please specify:

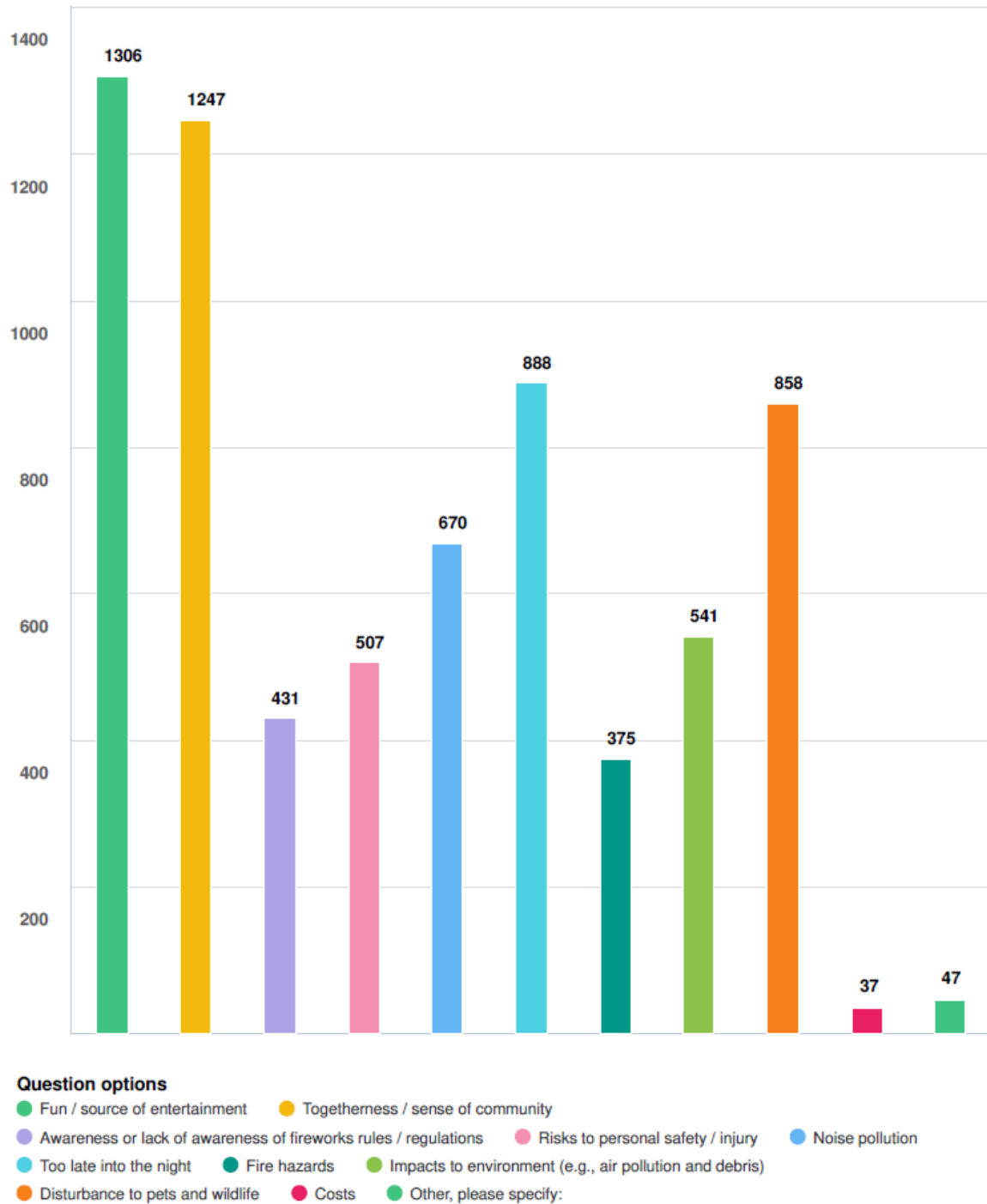
Q: Which holidays have you used consumer fireworks without a permit?

For those who chose “other”, fireworks use was noted to have taken place on non-designated days like Halloween or for special occasions such as birthdays and weddings.

Q: Which holidays have you attended a city-run or community organized fireworks display? Respondents were able to select all that applied.



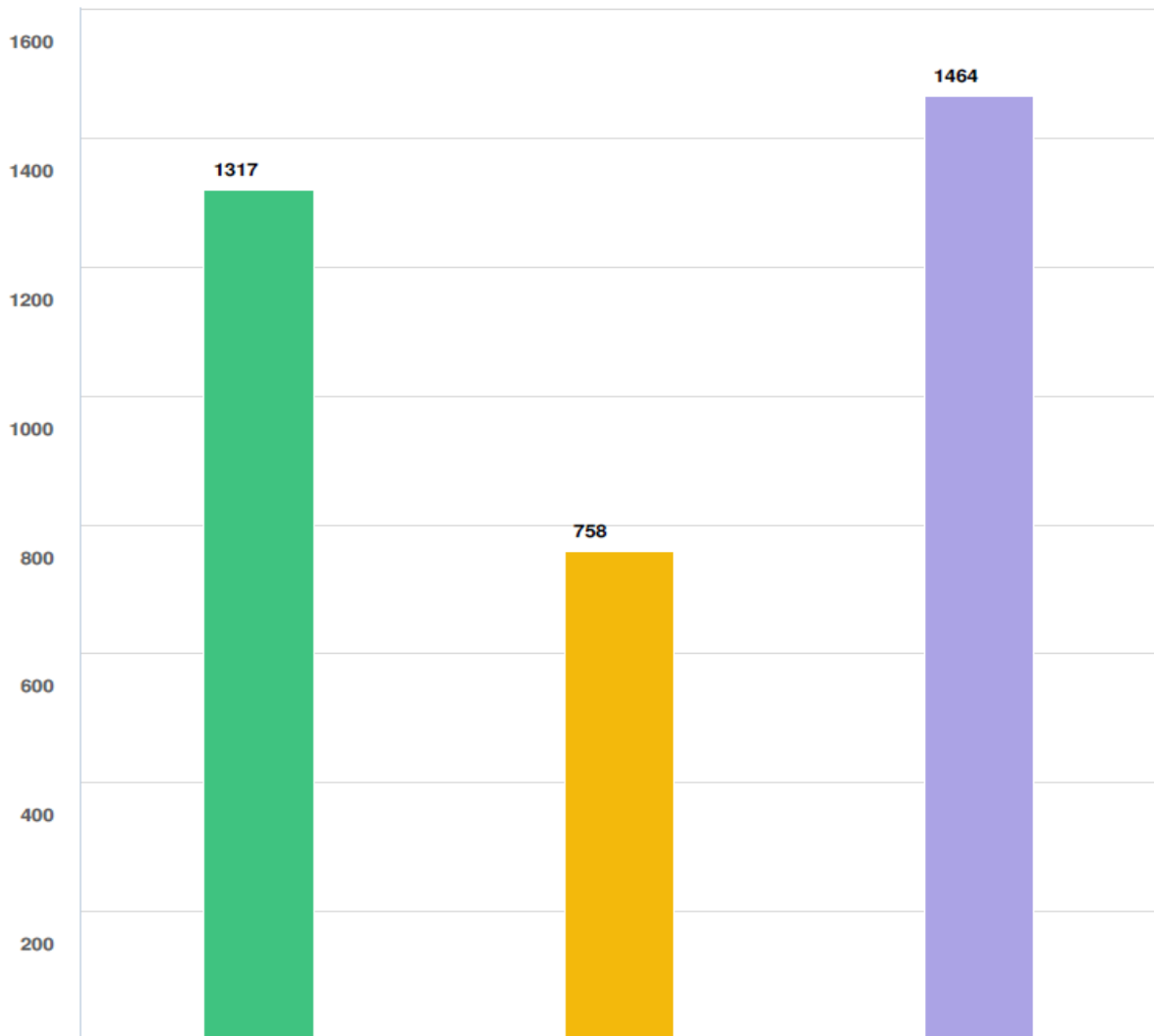
Q: When you think of the use of consumer fireworks, what are the top two things that come to mind?



Other concerns that emerged from the “other” category included the cultural and religious significance of festivals where fireworks are used, ramifications from

overindulgence, and the potential to trigger symptoms associated with post-traumatic stress disorder.

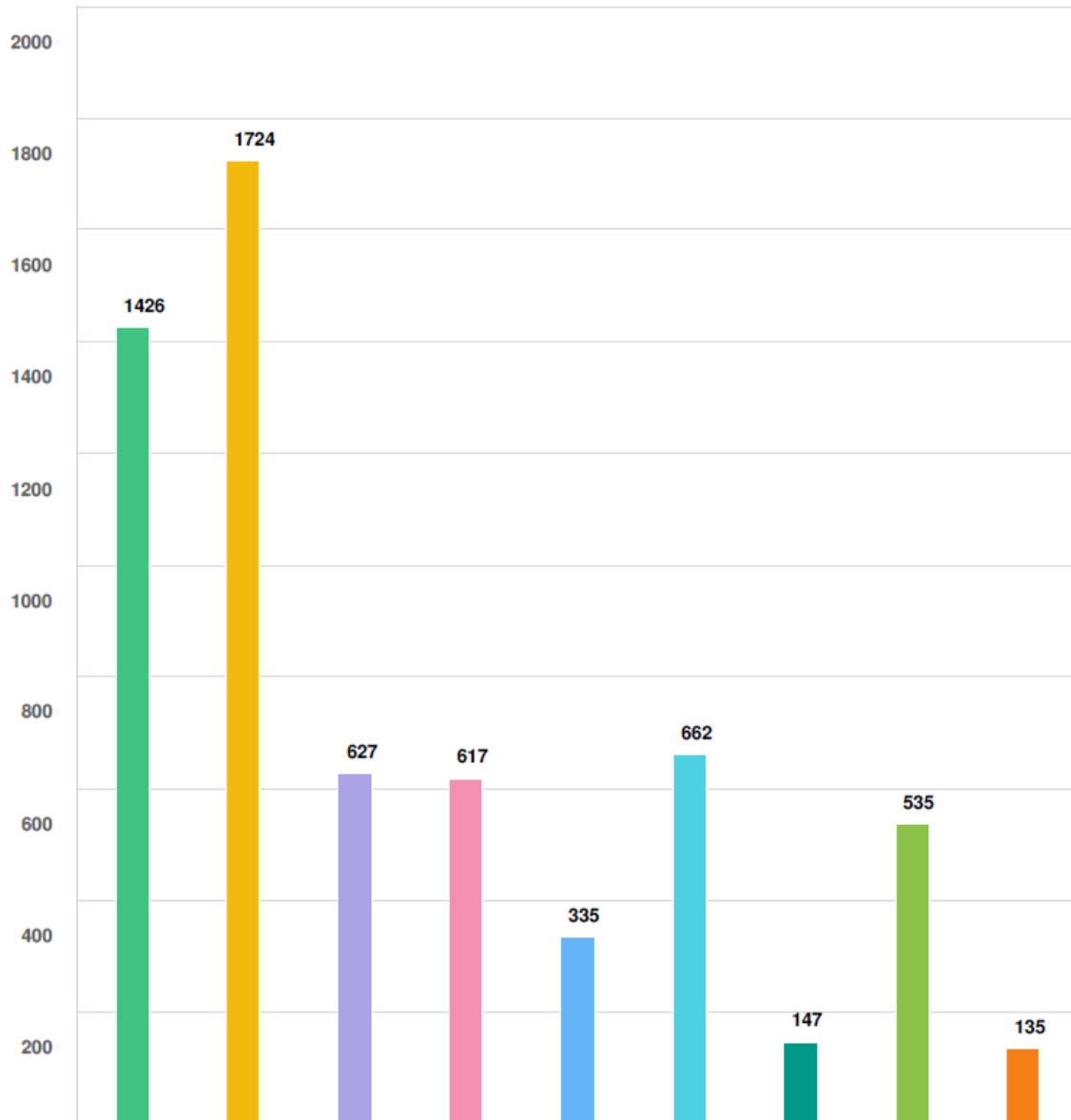
Q: The City regularly reviews, evaluates, and asks for feedback on the effectiveness of its by-laws. Knowing that the City is evaluating whether to update its Fireworks By-law, which option would you most support if you had to?



Question options

- No changes to the City's current Fireworks By-law – that is, the holidays and times when fireworks can be set off without permit would not change
- Increase restrictions and/or enhance rules/regulations regarding the sale and use of fireworks – for example, this may include reducing the number of holidays and/or the times in which fireworks can be used without permit
- Ban/prohibit the sale, offer, display, purchase, distribution, possession and use of any fireworks within the City, unless permit is issued

Q: If the City of Mississauga were to increase restrictions or enhance its rules/regulations for the sale and use of fireworks without permit, which two actions below do you think would be most beneficial?



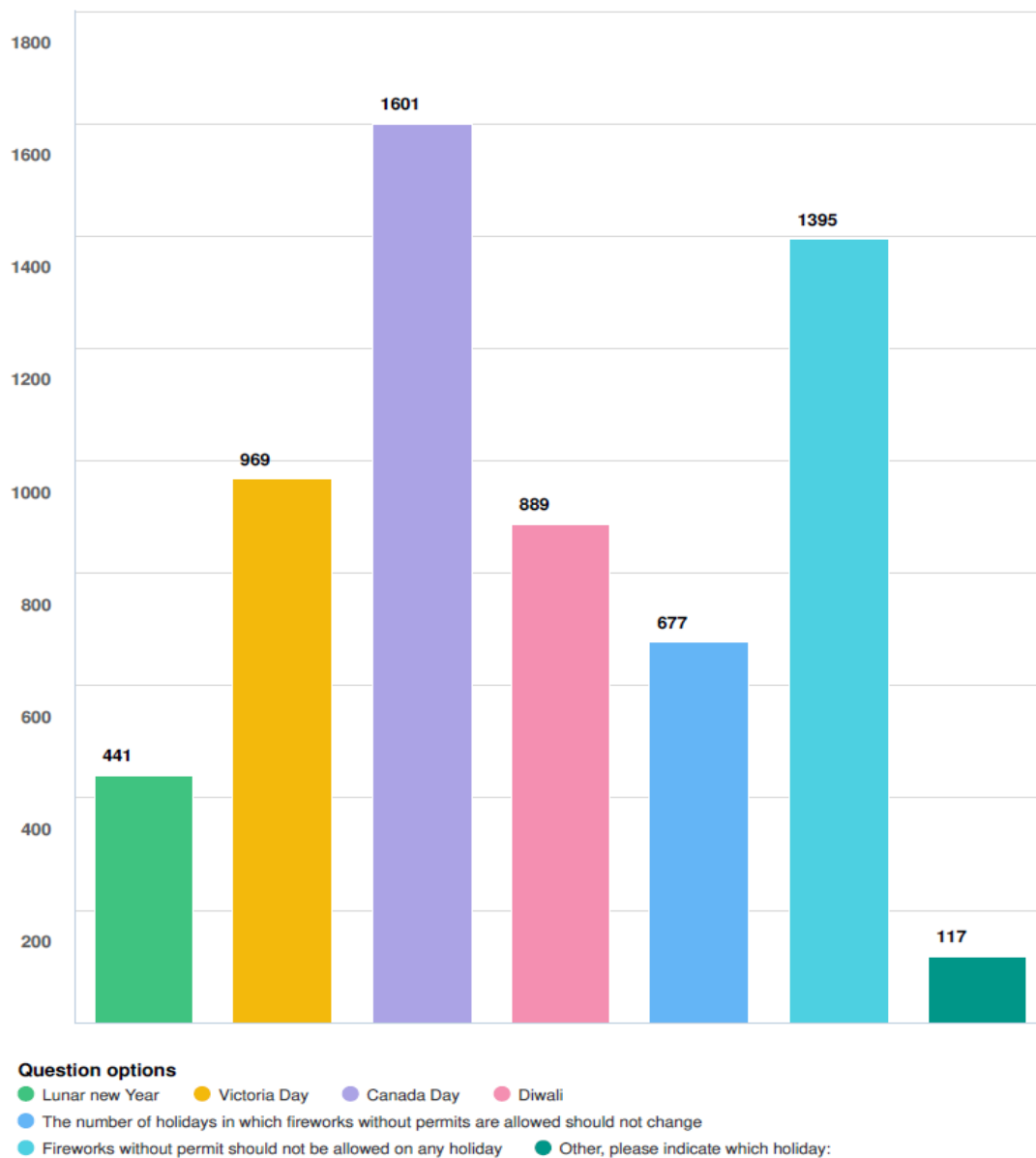
Question options

- Increase by-law enforcement for fireworks use without permit
 ● Increase penalties for those who break the rules
- Reduce and limit the number of holidays in which fireworks sale and use are allowed without permit
 ● Reduce times of use
- Increase minimum age for the purchase/use of fireworks
 ● Stricter requirements or more restrictions for the sale of fireworks
- Not sure
 ● No increase to restrictions or enhancement to rules/regulations
 ● Other, please specify:

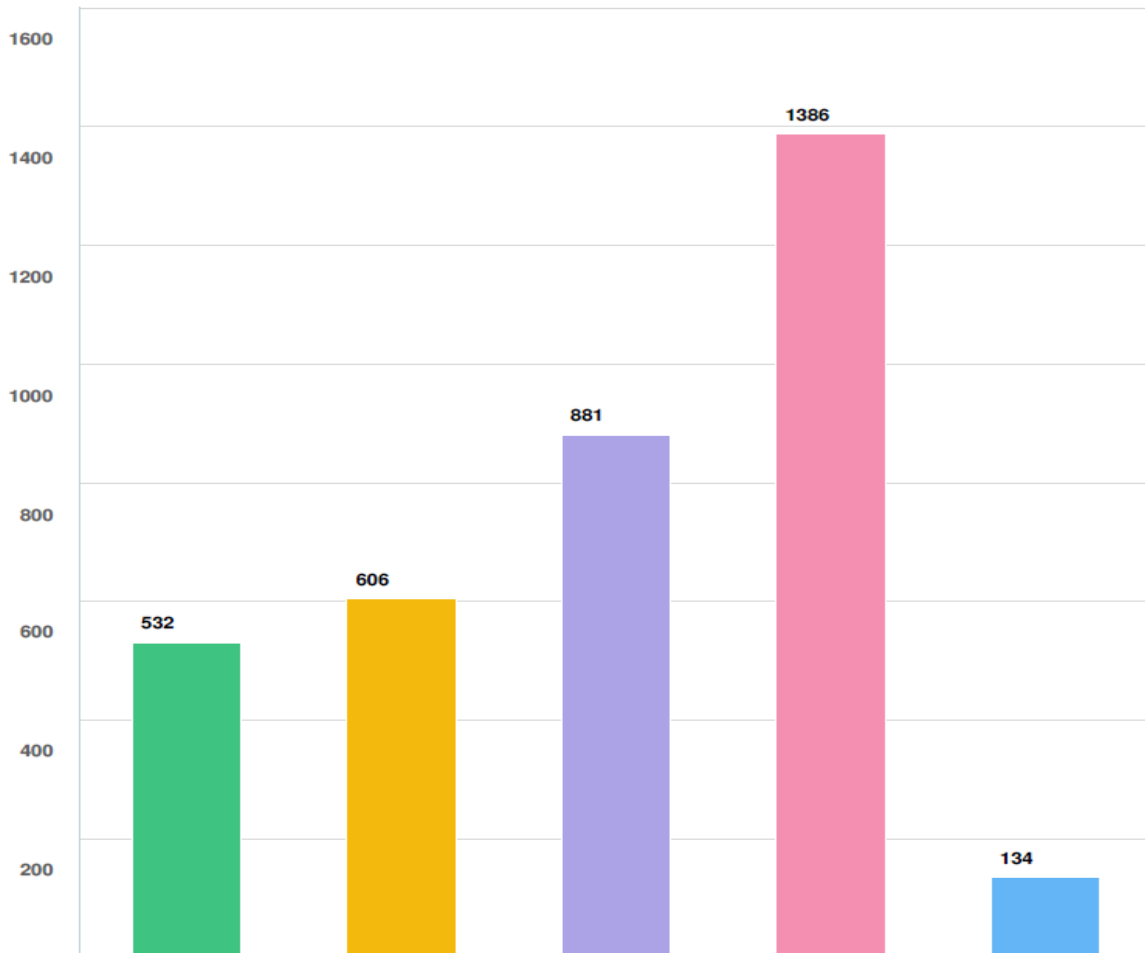
Common themes for respondents who had selected “other” include:

- Generating more awareness over media and social media
- Stopping the manufacturing and importation of fireworks
- Introducing an easier permit process
- Introducing an alternative (e.g., drone show)

Q: If a by-law update included new restrictions, on which holidays should fireworks without permit still be allowed?



Q: Fireworks are currently permitted on private property from dusk until 11 p.m. on Lunar New Year, Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali and until 1 a.m. on New Year's Day. If additional restrictions were to be based on time of use, please indicate the time period that you think fireworks without permit should be allowed.



Question options

- From dusk until 10 p.m. for all five holidays
- From dusk until 10 p.m. for four of the five holidays, with no change to timings for New Year's
- The timings in which fireworks without permit are allowed to be used should not change
- Not applicable – I support banning/prohibiting the use of fireworks without permit on all holidays
- Other, please specify the proposed end time and for which holiday:

Other suggestions regarding the addition of time restrictions include changing the allowable time to 9 or 10 p.m. and reducing the time-period to one to two hours. However, there were also calls to expand the timeframe for fireworks use (e.g., until 1 a.m.).

Q: If you were to recommend, in one or two sentences, another specific restriction/rule not covered in previous questions, please outline below.

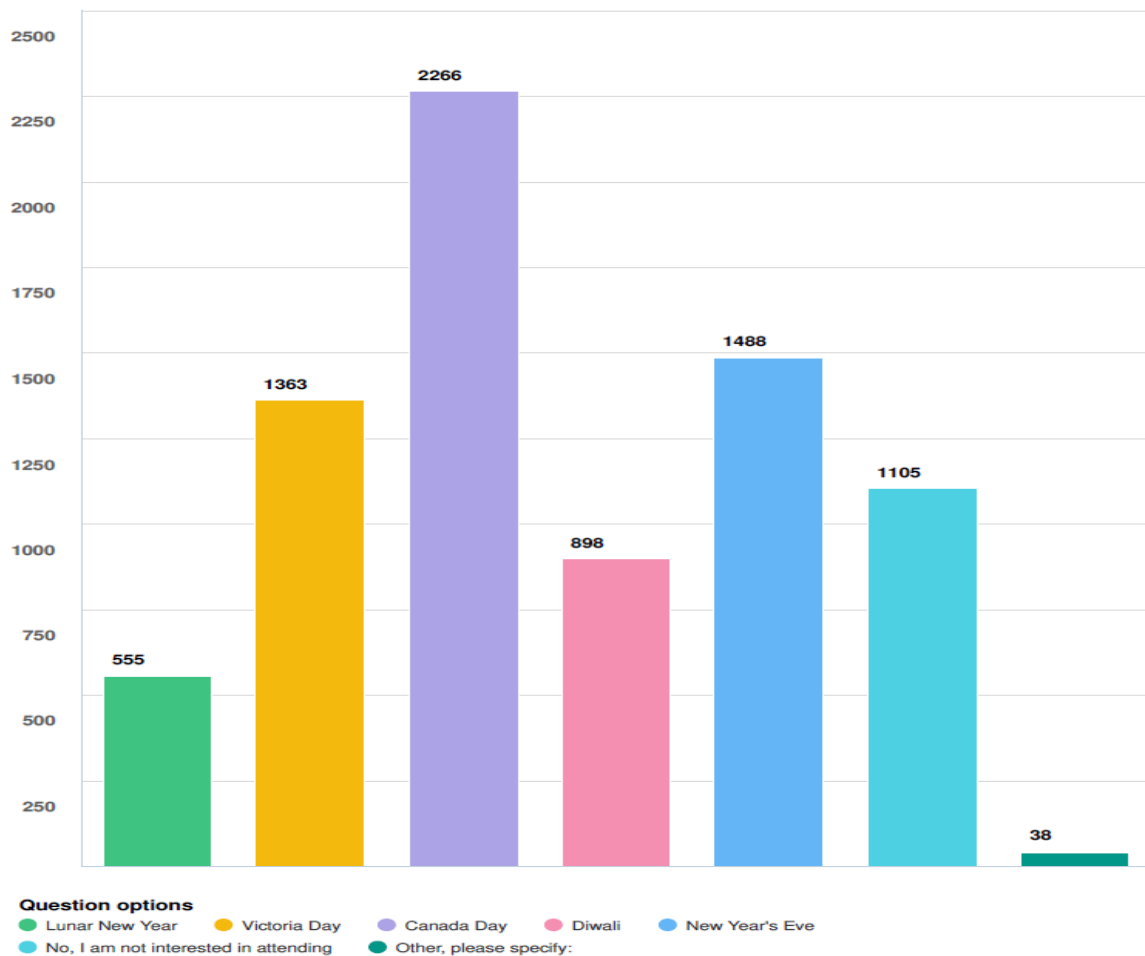
Contributors highlighted mixed perspectives on how fireworks use should be managed - some were satisfied with existing rules, believing they sufficiently addressed concerns, while others, who had similar opinions about existing rules, also advocated for increasing public awareness about the city's rules around fireworks.

Alternatively, contributors called for tighter oversight with suggestions ranging from a full ban on fireworks and/or restricting fireworks use to certain yard sizes or non-residential areas. Safety was a common theme, with several individuals recommending restrictions on the type of fireworks, stricter clean-up requirements and limitations to the number of people participating in fireworks use. Others proposed increasing penalties for violations and improving access to reporting mechanisms for neighbours and concerned residents.

Additional ideas included regulating the sale of fireworks, limiting purchase locations, and requiring permits to be visibly displayed. Some contributors suggested designated community areas for firework use, while others supported professionally organized city-run events.

Overall, the responses reflected a split between maintaining current regulations and increasing restrictions to address safety, environmental and nuisance concerns.

Q: Would you be interested in attending a city-run fireworks display for any of the following holidays? Respondents were able to select all that applied.



For those that selected “other”, common themes ranged from introducing city-run fireworks display for Halloween and Eid to not hosting city-run events and just allowing individuals to use fireworks as hosting city-run events will require taxpayer dollars.

Q: In your view, what is one thing that the City could do to improve the use of fireworks in Mississauga?

Contributors provided mixed viewpoints, but a common theme was the need for stronger education and enforcement. Contributors stressed the need for stronger education initiatives to raise awareness of fireworks rules and safety and their environment impact. Suggestions regarding enforcement included limiting fireworks use to individuals who have permits, increasing enforcement on designated days, and imposing stricter penalties for misuse or operating outside of the permitted days or

times. Some contributors also recommended adjusting the permitted end-time to 10 p.m. to minimize disturbances, while others called for a complete ban, citing concerns about pets, wildlife and overall safety.

Other suggested actionable items for the City include designating safe-use areas in each neighbourhood and/or limiting use near fire pits at public parks and/or private properties. Others suggested allowing only low-noise fireworks or providing an alternative, such as a city-run fireworks show.

Note that some contributors who supported current rules advised that responsible use supports community enjoyment and facilitates cultural celebrations. They cautioned against restrictive measures that could interfere with traditions and highlighted the importance of fairness and inclusiveness for communities that use fireworks during special cultural events.