

2025 Fireworks Licensing and Use By-Law Review

General Committee Deputation

May 21, 2025

Enforcement Division



Background

On November 27, 2024, Council directed staff to report on their review of the Fireworks Licensing and Use By-Law, including:

- **Complaint Data:** Compare year-over-year
- **Implications to Enforcement & Stakeholders:** Engage with Peel Regional Police (PRP) regarding event preparations and monitoring to understand impacts
- **Jurisdictional Scan:** Update and compare, with emphasis on Brampton and Caledon
- **Costs:** Analyze costs associated with enforcement and for hosting City-run fireworks show

Current Enforcement Landscape

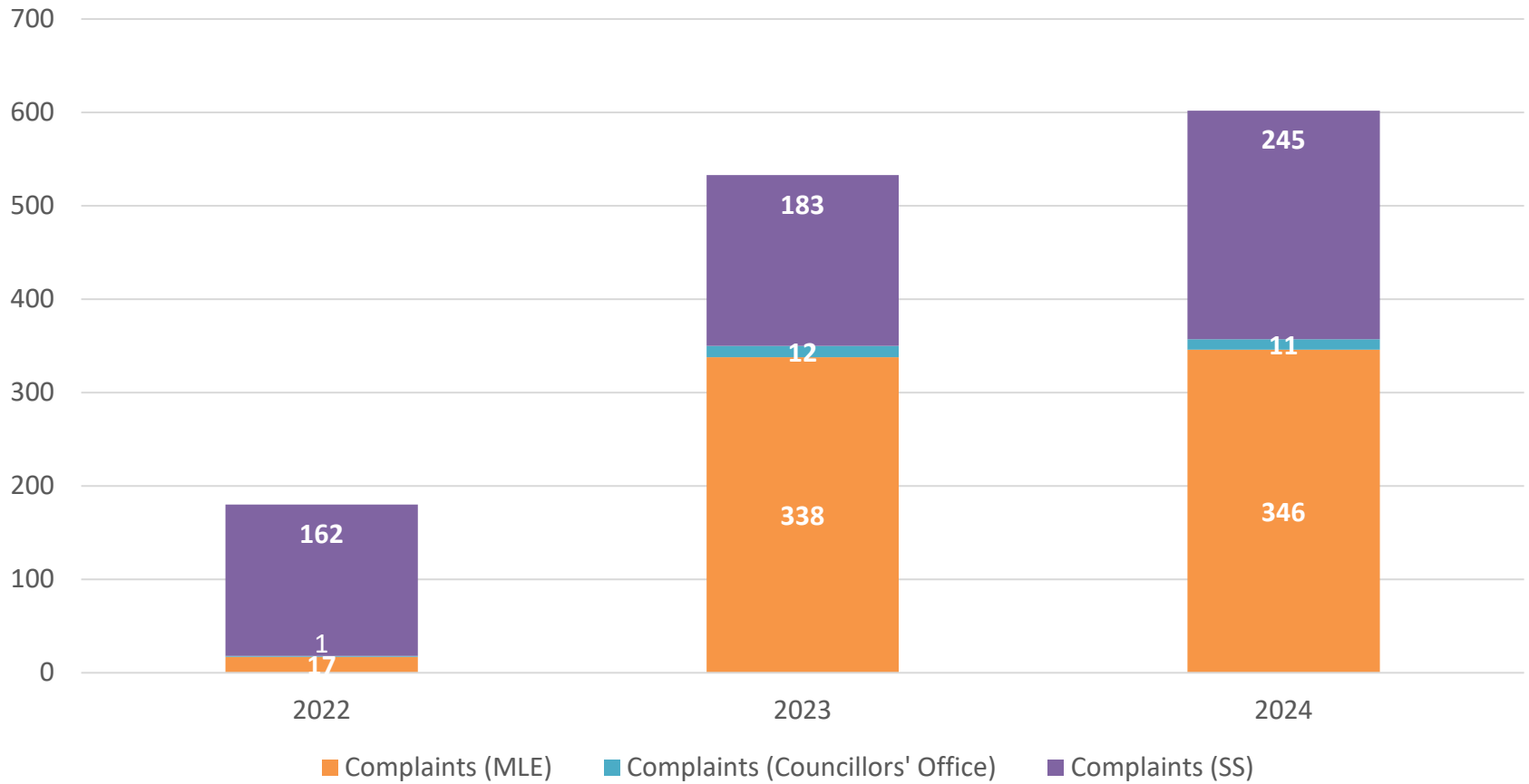
Fireworks Use

Without Permit	With Permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer fireworks permitted on 5 holidays, during set times• Prohibited on streets, sidewalks, boulevards, and public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial or public firework displays on private or public property• Required to set off fireworks on private property on non-permitted days• Permit issued by MFES upon meeting requirements and payment

Enforcement

- Joint responsibility between By-law Enforcement, Security Services, Peel Regional Police (PRP) and Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services (MFES)

Fireworks Use Complaints



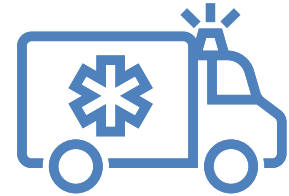
Fireworks: Enforcement & Environmental Challenges



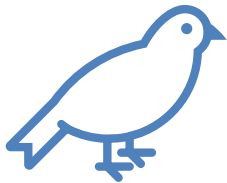
Resources



Response



Public Safety



Environment



**Property Damage &
Debris**



Limited Toolkit

Fireworks celebrations mean extra enforcement to ensure rules followed in Mississauga

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By Declan Finucane

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New Mississauga firework rules could aim 'huge fines' at property owners

Penalizing property owners could create legal issues, firework industry advocate says

Fireworks complaints went late into the night in Mississauga

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By Karen Longwell

Published November 1, 2024 at 11:28 am

Fireworks ban suggested after late-night complaints in Mississauga

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Fireworks, gatherings block Highway 401 in Mississauga and Toronto



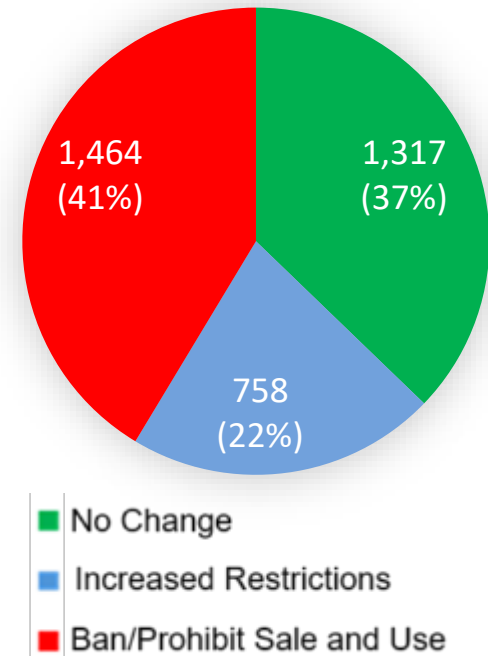
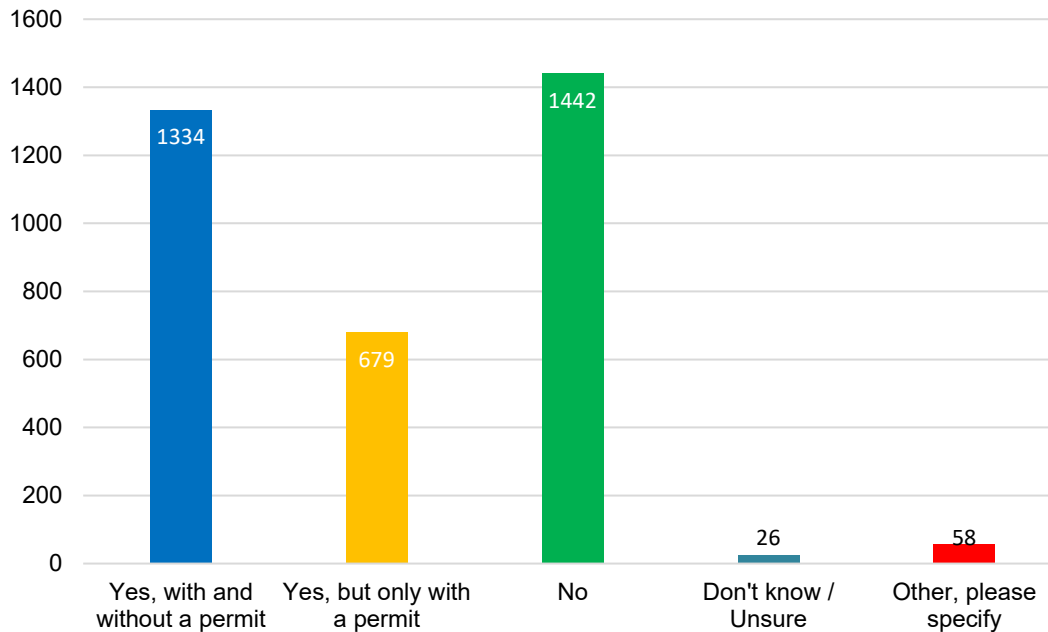
Fireworks festivities at Westwood Mall in Malton, Mississauga on Nov. 12 around 11 p.m. at the south-end of the plaza, near Etude Drive and Goreway Drive.

Public Survey Results



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A public survey was launched for three weeks in March 2025 with 3,539 contributors



Jurisdictional Scan

Permit on Canada & Victoria Day

Burlington
Hamilton
Ottawa
Toronto

Currently Permit (Under Review)

Kitchener
Markham
Oakville

Prohibited Use & Sale

Brampton
Caledon
Milton

Options

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Option One: Status Quo for Permitted Days

- No major changes to the City's current Fireworks Licensing and Use By-Law – fireworks without permit allowed on 5 holidays, with set times

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Option Two: Implement Additional Restrictions

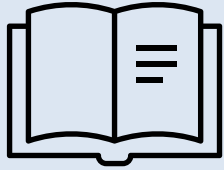
- Prohibit the sale and use of fireworks except for Canada Day only or Victoria Day and Canada Day
- Add further restrictions to permit process

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Option Three: Complete Prohibition

- Prohibit the use and sale of fireworks in Mississauga (without permit) but allow for novelty devices
- Add further restrictions to permit process

Across All Options



By-Law Housekeeping Amendments

- Regulate special effect pyrotechnics and pyrotechnic simulation devices
- Clarify public vs. private displays
- Define novelty devices
- Include other housekeeping amendments



Enforcement

- Increase enforcement efforts including combining proactive and reactive strategies
- Joint operational details with MFES and PRP



Education

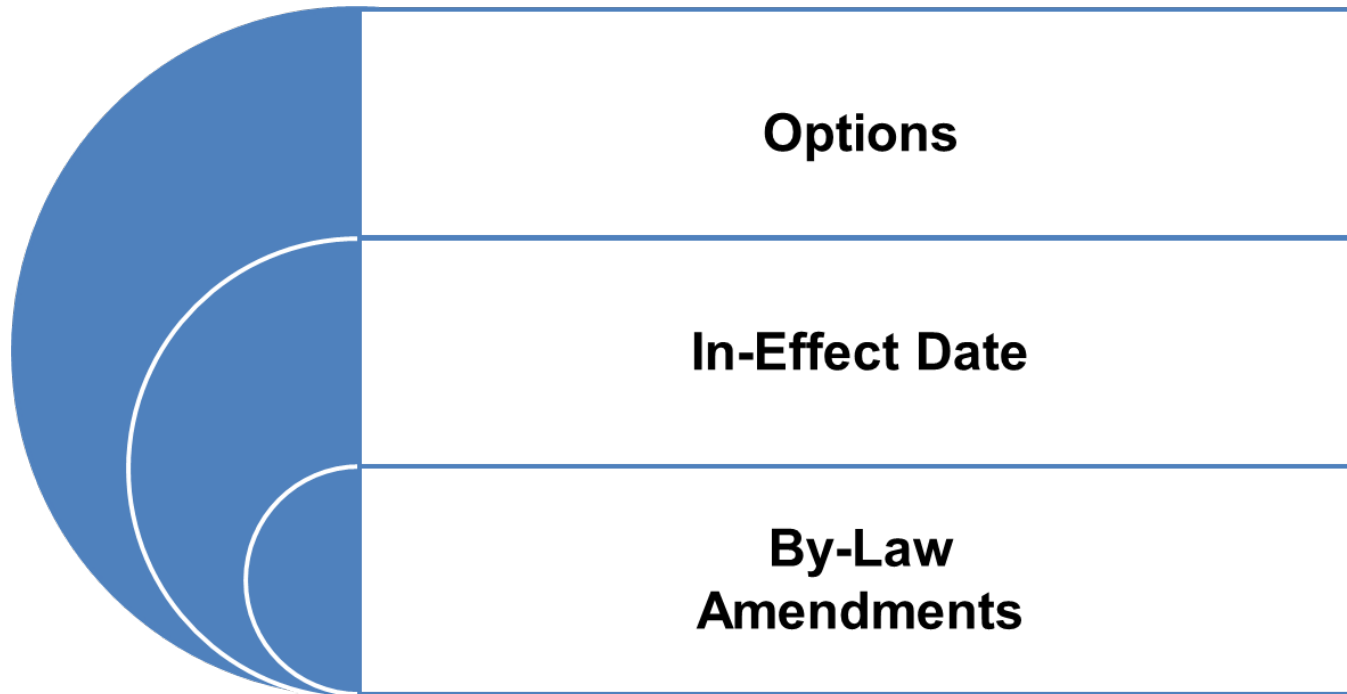
- Launch robust education campaign
- Increased communication about penalties

City-Run Fireworks Show



Approximately **\$90,800** per 10-minute show

Next Steps



Thank You

Appendix 1: Consumer & Display Fireworks



Consumer Fireworks

- Intended for recreational use by the public and can be purchased from permitted sellers
- Roman candles, fountains, wheels, volcanoes, mines and shakes
- Do not require special certification to use
- Considered as low hazard



Display Fireworks

- Designed for professional use in large-scale displays, potentially at large celebrations
- Can be purchased from a federally licensed vendor
- Ariel shells, cakes, barrages, comets, bombshells
- Require a Fireworks Operator Certificate to acquire and use
- Considered as high hazard

Appendix 2: Fines & Charges (CoM)

City of Mississauga By-Laws	Short Form Wording (if applicable)	Set Fine	Type of Fine/Charge
Parks By-law 0197-2020	Fire/set off fireworks in a park without permit	\$300	Part I
Noise Control By-Law 0360-1979	Emit/cause/permit the emission of sound resulting from fireworks at a level audible in a residential zone at a prohibited time, namely 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (9 a.m. Sundays)	\$305	Part I
Fireworks Licensing and Use By-Law 0182-2023	Short form wording not available	Range \$	Part III
Fireworks Licensing and Use By-Law 0182-2023	Sell by retail any fireworks from inside a building or part thereof in the City without a licence	\$125	APS

Appendix 3: Fines & Charges

Brampton Fines AMPS		Caledon Charges PON	
Discharge or in possession of fireworks without permit	\$500	Discharge or in possession of fireworks	\$615
Sell, distribute, display or offer for sale fireworks	\$1,000	Set off fireworks in a manner which causes a nuisance or disturbance	\$615
Permit, allow or cause to be set off fireworks on private property without permit	\$500	Hold a fireworks display on town land	\$360
Fail to comply with an order	\$1,000	Obstruct an officer while performing their duty	\$615

Both Brampton and Caledon have discretion to issue a summons requiring someone to attend court, with fines ranging from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$100,000.