



Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday October 19th 2023 10:13 AM with reference number 2023-10-19-018.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/d659c16c-d4b2-442c-a142-b0a0e45623ca>

### Application Information

- **First Name:**  
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[REDACTED]
- **Are you representing a group?**  
No
- **Council Meeting Date**  
10/23/2023

- **Please indicate how you intend to participate during the Council Meeting**  
In person
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**  
How banning fireworks in Milton will have a negative impact on local small business, as well as impact people's cultural right to celebrate.
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**  
For this motion of banning fireworks not to pass.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**  
Below are some points I would like to go over:

"Preserving Cultural Celebrations and Traditions:"

Fireworks are an integral part of cultural celebrations, such as Canada Day and various cultural festivals, allowing communities to come together, celebrate their heritage, and strengthen social bonds. Banning fireworks would curtail these cherished traditions, denying residents the joy of celebrating their cultural events.

"Supporting Local Businesses:"

The fireworks industry contributes significantly to the local economy by providing employment opportunities and generating revenue for small businesses. A ban on fireworks would directly impact local entrepreneurs and their ability to sustain their livelihoods. Supporting small businesses is essential for the economic growth and prosperity of the community. Fireworks is one of the only industries that is 100% Canadian owned and operated. During poor economic times this ban will have a direct negative affect small business in Ontario.

"Promoting Responsible Use:"

Instead of an outright ban, efforts should focus on promoting responsible use of fireworks. Implementing educational campaigns and stringent regulations can enhance safety without stifling the enjoyment of fireworks. By educating the public about safe practices, the risks associated with fireworks can be minimized, ensuring a safer celebration for everyone involved.

**"Personal Freedom and Individual Choice:"**

Residents should have the freedom to choose how they celebrate their cultural events and personal milestones. Banning fireworks restricts this freedom and infringes upon individual rights. Striking a balance between public safety and personal choice is essential, ensuring that residents can enjoy their celebrations responsibly.

**"Alternative Solutions:"**

Rather than an outright ban, exploring alternative solutions such as designated fireworks zones or specific days/times for fireworks displays can address safety concerns while allowing residents to continue their celebrations. These compromises preserve cultural traditions and support local businesses without compromising public safety.

- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**

Yes I give my permission