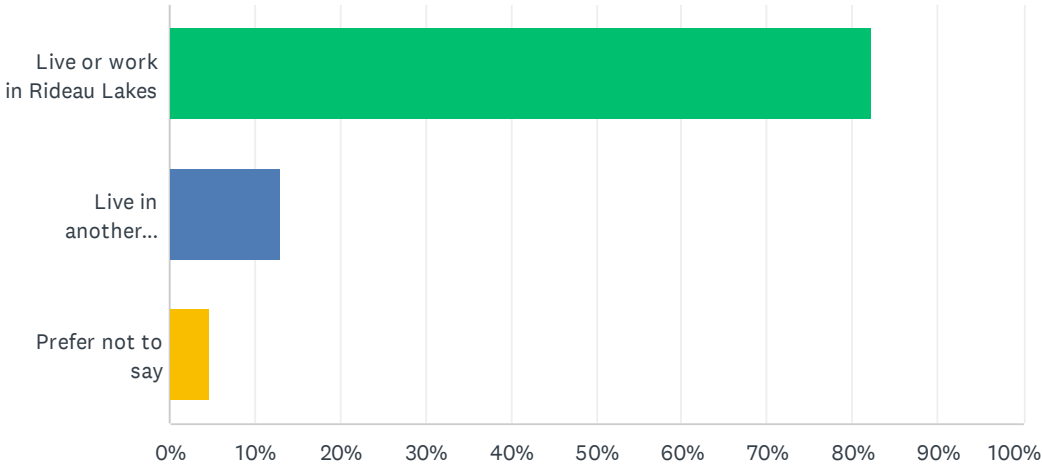


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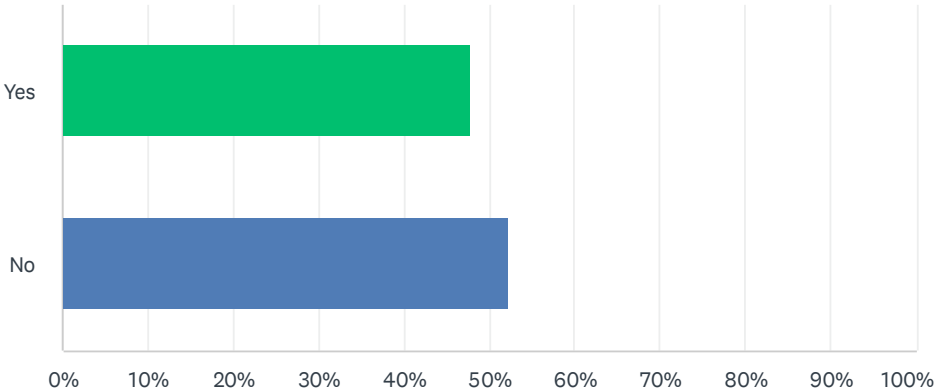
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Live or work in Rideau Lakes	82.33%	410
Live in another jurisdiction	13.05%	65
Prefer not to say	4.62%	23
TOTAL		498

Q2 Are you familiar with the current Township Fireworks By-law?

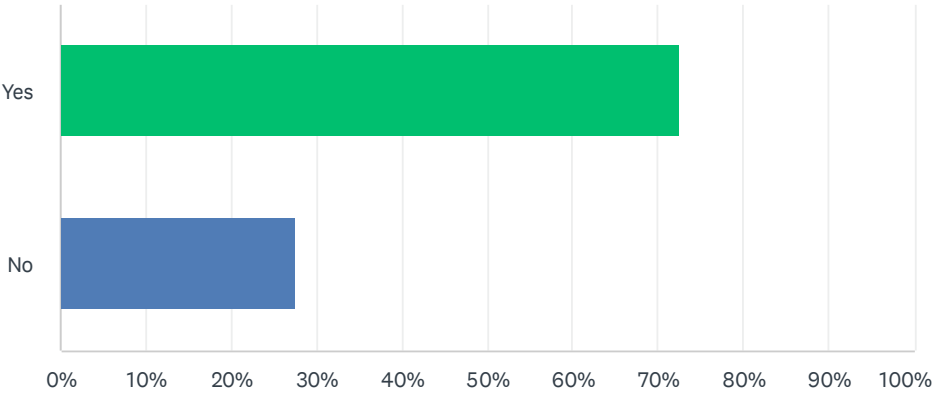
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.77%	236
No	52.23%	258
TOTAL		494

Q3 Should fireworks be permitted in Rideau Lakes?

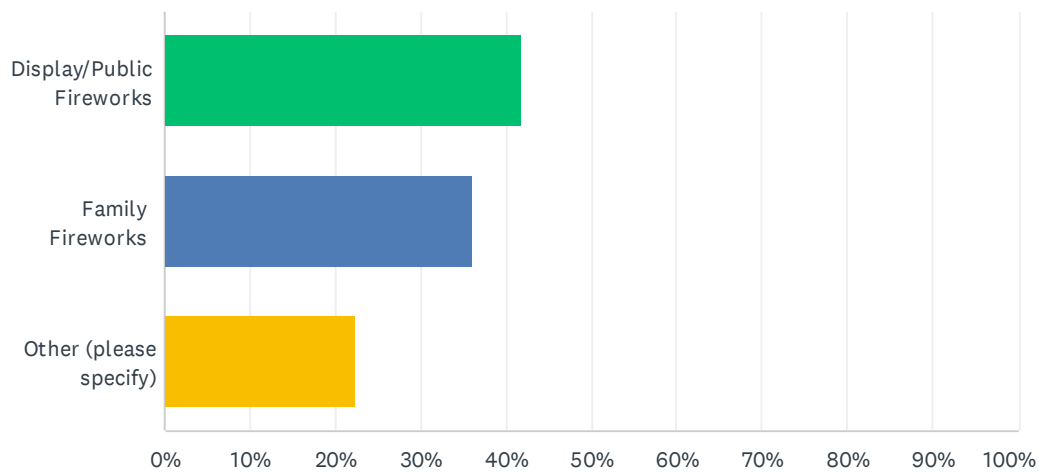
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.43%	360
No	27.57%	137
TOTAL		497

Q4 If you answered yes, what type of fireworks should be permitted?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 132



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Display/Public Fireworks	41.69% 153
Family Fireworks	35.97% 132
Other (please specify)	22.34% 82
TOTAL	367

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	All of the above	3/30/2024 12:03 PM
2	Both display/public and family	3/29/2024 10:21 AM
3	Display/Public AND Family Fireworks	3/29/2024 6:16 AM
4	both	3/28/2024 9:23 PM
5	Display and private	3/28/2024 8:47 PM
6	Any and All	3/28/2024 8:09 PM
7	Both of the above.	3/28/2024 6:59 PM
8	Family and Public display	3/28/2024 6:54 PM
9	Both of the above should be allowed.	3/28/2024 6:48 PM
10	Both	3/28/2024 6:29 PM
11	Both	3/28/2024 6:01 PM
12	Both public and private displays	3/25/2024 9:46 AM
13	PUBIC AND PRIVATE,FAMILY, FIREWORKS	2/26/2024 2:00 PM
14	Both display/public and family	2/22/2024 3:24 PM
15	Public fireworks as well as family fireworks	1/25/2024 1:36 PM

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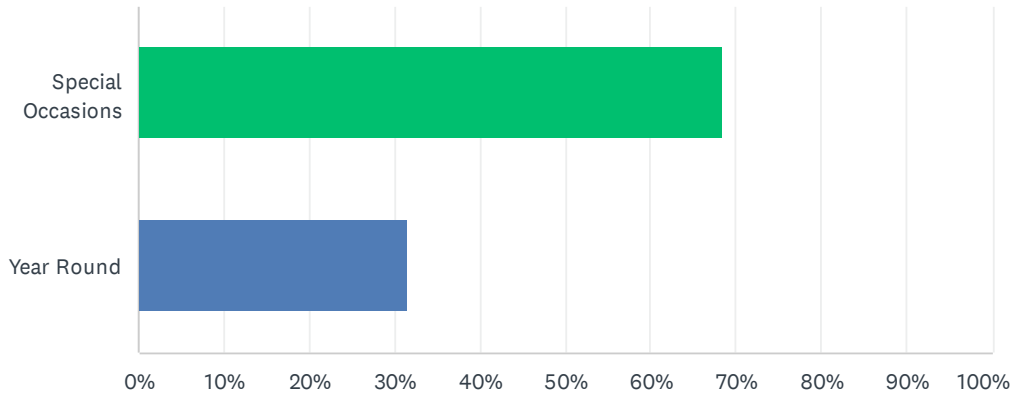
16	Public AND family/private	1/25/2024 10:59 AM
17	Maybe with a permit?	1/22/2024 7:12 PM
18	Limited to July 1st public display	1/21/2024 2:43 PM
19	Both of the above	1/20/2024 6:03 PM
20	Noiseless	1/18/2024 4:50 PM
21	Both	1/18/2024 3:55 PM
22	Family and Display	1/18/2024 12:32 PM
23	Family fireworks display on Canada Day	1/18/2024 9:12 AM
24	only on a specific holiday - 1 day only with a rain date	1/17/2024 1:38 PM
25	All of the above	1/15/2024 8:57 PM
26	Both	1/15/2024 6:41 PM
27	Both display & public	1/14/2024 6:25 PM
28	Family and public	1/14/2024 1:06 AM
29	both display and family fireworks	1/13/2024 7:54 PM
30	display and public fireworks should be allowed. Marinas campgrounds should be allowed to run shows etc	1/13/2024 6:37 PM
31	Both	1/13/2024 6:30 PM
32	Both make fireworks part of burn permits	1/13/2024 6:01 PM
33	Total ban.	1/13/2024 2:51 PM
34	And family fireworks	1/13/2024 12:11 PM
35	Both on special occasions	1/13/2024 10:50 AM
36	All fireworks, IE display or family	1/13/2024 10:49 AM
37	Both of the above. Public & Family	1/13/2024 10:48 AM
38	Both types, private and Public	1/13/2024 10:21 AM
39	Explosives should only be handled by qualified people.	1/13/2024 10:03 AM
40	All	1/13/2024 9:25 AM
41	Both public and family fireworks	1/13/2024 9:14 AM
42	All fireworks should be allowed	1/13/2024 8:27 AM
43	Both	1/13/2024 8:20 AM
44	Both	1/13/2024 8:10 AM
45	Both family and public	1/13/2024 7:48 AM
46	The bigger the better, its called socializing and enjoyment	1/13/2024 7:00 AM
47	Also public	1/13/2024 1:28 AM
48	Both public and family.	1/12/2024 10:37 PM
49	All fireworks	1/12/2024 10:15 PM
50	All	1/12/2024 9:47 PM
51	Sparklers	1/12/2024 8:52 PM
52	Any fireworks for any occasion; private or personal.	1/12/2024 8:17 PM
53	Both family and public (on holidays or with special permit)	1/12/2024 8:02 PM

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54	Both	1/12/2024 7:53 PM
55	Both	1/12/2024 7:52 PM
56	Public and private fireworks	1/12/2024 7:47 PM
57	Restricted to 3 or 4 times a year	1/12/2024 7:32 PM
58	Both	1/12/2024 7:20 PM
59	All	1/12/2024 6:47 PM
60	and public fireworks too	1/12/2024 6:25 PM
61	Silent fireworks	1/12/2024 5:50 PM
62	Both	1/12/2024 5:31 PM
63	All fireworks	1/12/2024 5:09 PM
64	Both public and family	1/12/2024 5:03 PM
65	Both public display and family fireworks	1/12/2024 4:33 PM
66	Replace loud noises with music. Quit scaring the daylighters out of our small children and pets.	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
67	All fireworks should be allowed	1/12/2024 4:13 PM
68	Display and Family provided there is no fire ban	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
69	People should be aloud to have fireworks when they want to	1/12/2024 3:41 PM
70	All as long as done so safely	1/12/2024 3:36 PM
71	Both	1/12/2024 2:57 PM
72	Both family , with size restrictions and public	1/12/2024 2:54 PM
73	Both public and family	1/12/2024 2:51 PM
74	Any fireworks without exception as long as it is on private property	1/12/2024 2:36 PM
75	public and fily	1/12/2024 2:28 PM
76	Public and private family fireworks	1/12/2024 2:26 PM
77	Both	1/12/2024 1:49 PM
78	Both	1/12/2024 1:40 PM
79	Both display/public fireworks and family fireworks	1/12/2024 1:21 PM
80	Both, as long as done in a safe manner.	1/12/2024 12:33 PM
81	All!	1/12/2024 12:31 PM
82	Silent, they exist.	1/12/2024 12:29 PM

Q5 When should fireworks be allowed if permitted?

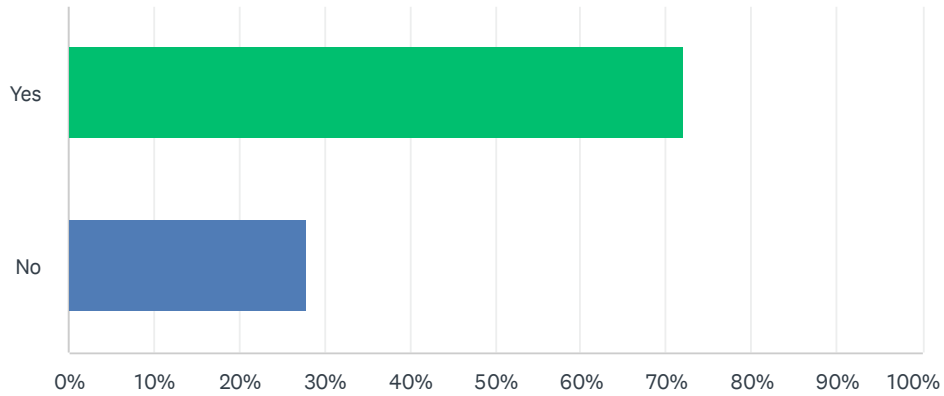
Answered: 437 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Special Occasions	68.42%	299
Year Round	31.58%	138
TOTAL		437

Q6 Should fireworks be permitted on specific holidays (3 days before or after where the holiday falls on a weekday)?

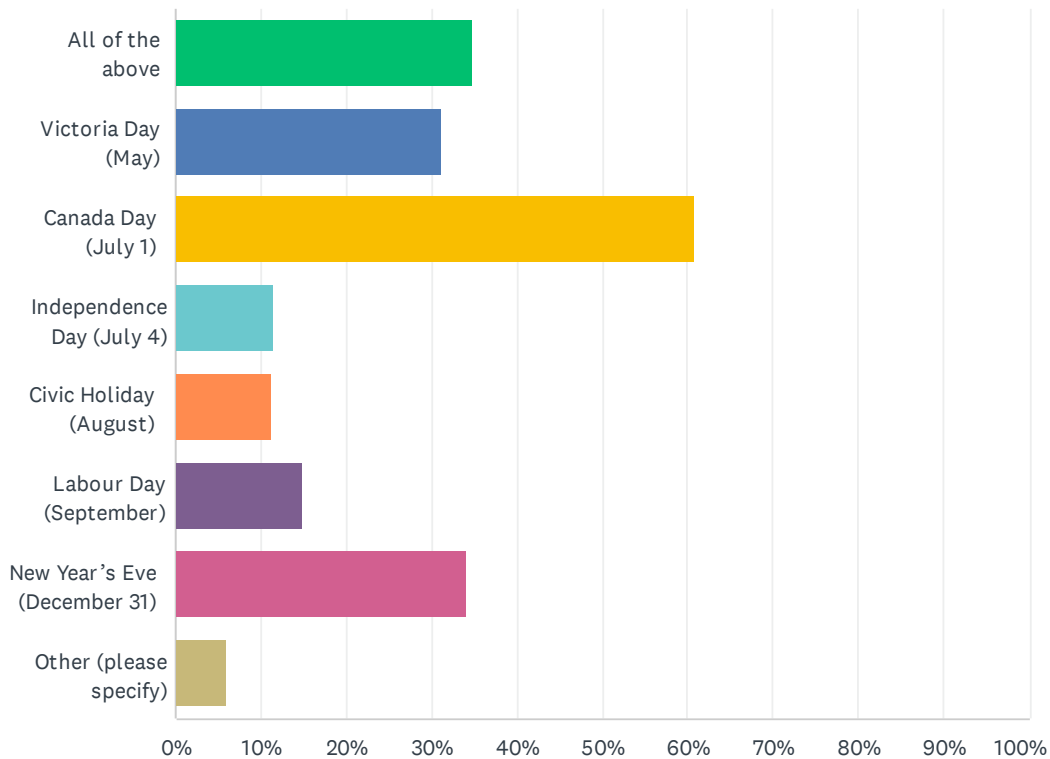
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.14%	347
No	27.86%	134
TOTAL		481

Q7 If yes, which holidays? (check all that apply)

Answered: 391 Skipped: 108



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
All of the above	34.78% 136
Victoria Day (May)	31.20% 122
Canada Day (July 1)	60.87% 238
Independence Day (July 4)	11.51% 45
Civic Holiday (August)	11.25% 44
Labour Day (September)	14.83% 58
New Year's Eve (December 31)	34.02% 133
Other (please specify)	5.88% 23
Total Respondents: 391	

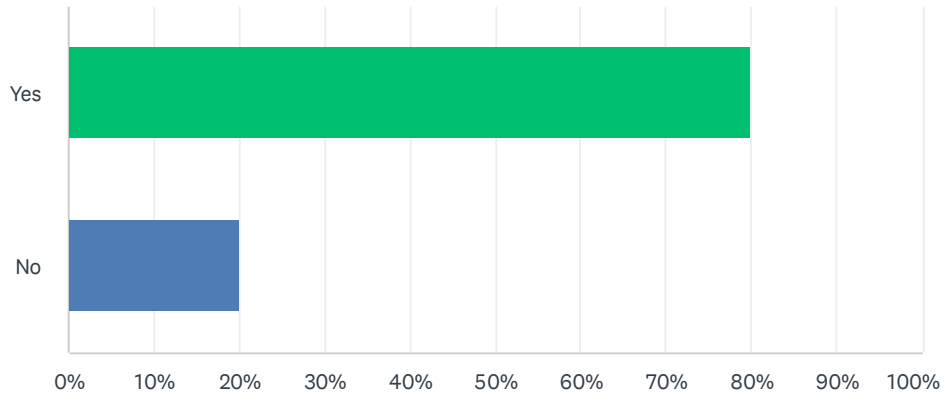
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	limited to 1 day, 11 o'clock is too late. people are in bed. It should be at 10 only..15 min.	3/29/2024 3:40 PM
2	Go to the city to see fireworks displays. They have professional displays with experts .	3/28/2024 8:34 PM
3	Only community ones	3/28/2024 7:28 PM
4	Private celebrations, ie Guy Fawkes day or Texas independence day	3/25/2024 9:46 AM

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5	Family day	2/22/2024 2:49 PM
6	NEVER!	1/25/2024 1:49 PM
7	Perhaps at a family wedding or Anniversary	1/25/2024 1:36 PM
8	What about if people have birthdays?	1/25/2024 1:15 PM
9	Anytime	1/18/2024 11:43 PM
10	None	1/18/2024 4:47 PM
11	when the liberals are voted out of this country, never to return	1/18/2024 9:31 AM
12	Never	1/17/2024 8:24 PM
13	Only on that specific day or 1 rain day - not 3 days before or after	1/17/2024 1:38 PM
14	Any time there is not a fire danger.	1/15/2024 8:57 PM
15	An momentous occasion with notice given to all neighbours in the area so they are able to address any concerns with pet or family members that have issues with them	1/14/2024 6:36 PM
16	None	1/13/2024 2:51 PM
17	All days	1/13/2024 9:25 AM
18	All of the above and any other occasion people wish to	1/13/2024 7:00 AM
19	My birthday	1/12/2024 5:09 PM
20	Year round	1/12/2024 4:33 PM
21	At anytime the landowner chooses	1/12/2024 2:36 PM
22	No restrictions on when they can happen	1/12/2024 2:26 PM
23	You mean ONLY on specific holidays? Then no is my answer to 6. Yes they should be allowed on specific holidays and year round	1/12/2024 12:31 PM

Q8 Should there be specified hours when fireworks are permitted such as dusk until 11:00 pm as set out in the Township's Noise By-law?

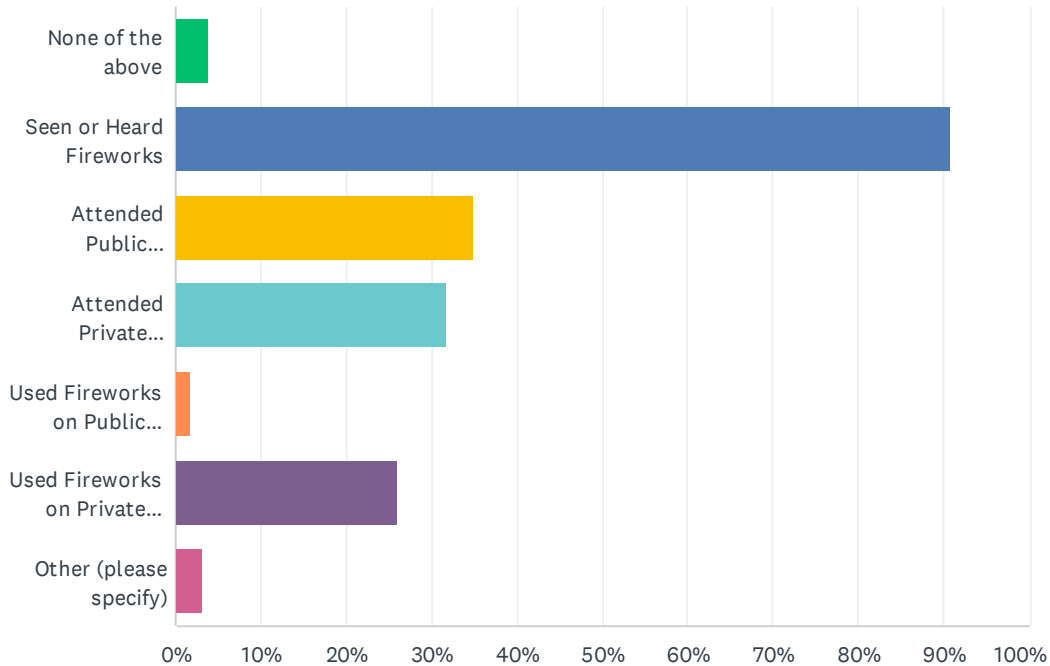
Answered: 466 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.04%	373
No	19.96%	93
TOTAL		466

Q9 How have you experienced fireworks in Rideau Lakes in the last three years? (check all that apply)

Answered: 497 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
None of the above	3.82% 19
Seen or Heard Fireworks	90.74% 451
Attended Public Fireworks Displays	35.01% 174
Attended Private Fireworks Displays	31.79% 158
Used Fireworks on Public Property	1.61% 8
Used Fireworks on Private Property	25.96% 129
Other (please specify)	3.22% 16
Total Respondents: 497	

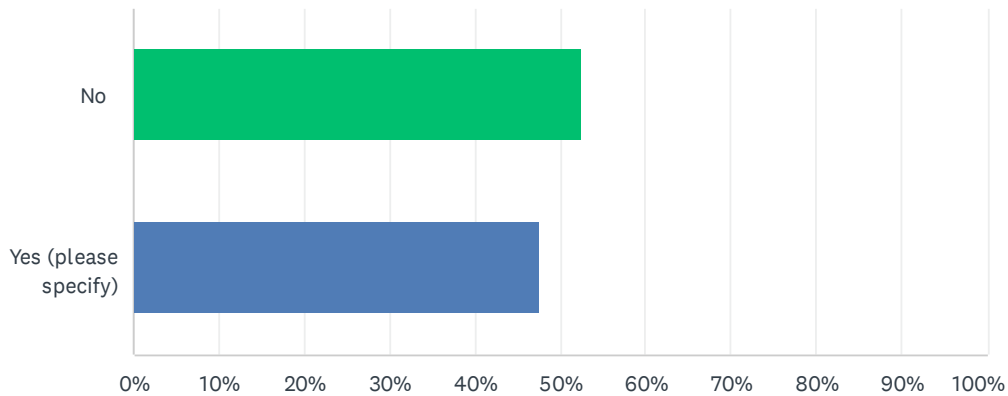
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	also smelled them...which is not a good thing	3/29/2024 3:40 PM
2	been disturbed my neighbouring fireworks displays	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
3	On Birch island and constantly subjected to fireworks around the holidays. Some private displays which seem very dangerous on an island without fire service.	3/29/2024 8:17 AM
4	Disruptive at lake	3/29/2024 4:00 AM
5	Illegal use of fireworks at Portland beach within 10 feet of our property. Fireworks on Cow Island frighten pets to the point of running away	3/28/2024 11:13 PM

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6	my nephew comes each year and insists we do fireworks, much to my chagrin, he spends a fortune, its over in 5 minutes, pollutes the water and I would love to say this is not allowed on private property.	3/15/2024 5:01 PM
7	Display on a lake	1/26/2024 6:57 AM
8	Assisted terrified or upset pets and wildlife due to fireworks, especially the NOISE. How about silent fireworks?	1/25/2024 1:49 PM
9	Cottage owners, any day, any hour, near buildings/trees, no permit	1/19/2024 12:36 PM
10	Heard but don't like what they do animals and inviornment	1/16/2024 5:48 PM
11	Neighbour using fireworks	1/16/2024 4:58 PM
12	Neighbor sets them off throughout the days as a pirate show for boaters.	1/13/2024 8:36 PM
13	I hear them going off on random days, any time of night, from neighbouring properties	1/13/2024 10:03 AM
14	Private Fireworks at Properties which are short term rentals in neighbourhood - not impressed with these	1/12/2024 8:14 PM
15	We live on Indian Lake and it seems every weekend there are fireworks going off at all hours of the night.	1/12/2024 3:22 PM
16	Neighbour lights fireworks frequently	1/12/2024 2:40 PM

Q10 Does the current use of fireworks in Rideau Lakes impact you?

Answered: 495 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	52.53% 260
Yes (please specify)	47.47% 235
TOTAL	495

#	YES (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Noisy after 11pm	4/1/2024 2:02 PM
2	Local cottages set them off in increasingly dry summer conditions which can cause wildfires.	3/31/2024 10:31 AM
3	I enjoy watching fireworks, reminds me of being young	3/30/2024 8:48 PM
4	The noise upsets my pets, and at times disrupts my sleep	3/30/2024 3:05 PM
5	uncontrolled with the risk of fire	3/30/2024 12:42 PM
6	Terrifies our pets	3/30/2024 10:01 AM
7	being used on windy days pieces landing on my dock and land	3/30/2024 9:43 AM
8	My cats and dogs are freaking out and are traumatized for the next 3 days	3/29/2024 11:00 PM
9	On our lake there seems to be private fireworks every weekend in July and August.	3/29/2024 7:33 PM
10	Private fireworks almost every summer w/e	3/29/2024 7:31 PM
11	scare our animals, the smoke and smell lingers (unhealthy), threat to safety (self and residence and forest), firework chemicals are toxic especially to the young and the elder with lung issues but to everyone as well. Everyone now uses them for any reason unlike the past when it was once or twice a year at a public event. n	3/29/2024 3:40 PM
12	Animals are traumatized. New immigrants are as well.	3/29/2024 2:01 PM
13	Noise, air pollution, crap in the lakes, terrified animals, especially dogs who often runaway to hide for 24 hrs especially with no warning, startles and disrupts conversations/music peace - it is also incredibly stressful for people with PTSD and other disorders, those newly arrived from war torn countries or other trauma...and they are a terrible fire hazard with the way our forest fire seasons are going.detestable.	3/29/2024 1:53 PM
14	Nouse Echoes around lake, possible forest fires if conditions are dry	3/29/2024 10:06 AM

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15	Negative impact on quality of life when private owners shoot them off night after night at late hours. Terrify my dogs	3/29/2024 9:59 AM
16	It frightens my dog. sometimes neighbours set off fireworks on non holiday times.	3/29/2024 9:32 AM
17	Potential affect on pets and livestock	3/29/2024 9:29 AM
18	frequent late night fireworks in Sheldon's Bay / Murphy's bay are disturbing	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
19	Every weekend neighbours are using fireworks Friday night, Saturday night and holidays	3/29/2024 8:57 AM
20	Impacts my pets, harmful to water quality	3/29/2024 8:31 AM
21	As above. Also very distressing to pets and likely wildlife.	3/29/2024 8:17 AM
22	Upsetting to animals	3/29/2024 4:00 AM
23	As above	3/28/2024 11:13 PM
24	The camp is located in close proximity to our residence. The camp counsellors need to ensure that the fireworks and noise ends at 11 . I would also make individuals that rent to advise there guests.Our wildlife is also impacted which is more important.	3/28/2024 9:58 PM
25	Concern for wildlife (birds and mammals) pollution and fire safety. Special consideration must be taken for climate change with severe dry conditions.	3/28/2024 8:34 PM
26	Concerned when they are near wildlife.	3/28/2024 8:18 PM
27	NOISE	3/28/2024 8:12 PM
28	Too much noise, especially late at night	3/28/2024 8:07 PM
29	We hear and see often. However if they end by 11 ok.	3/28/2024 8:06 PM
30	I serve on Westport-RL Canada Day committee	3/28/2024 7:46 PM
31	Concern for wildlife, lake pollution, noise, etc.	3/28/2024 7:38 PM
32	Disturbing to animals	3/28/2024 7:38 PM
33	People set them off at our lake whether there is a special occasion or not.	3/28/2024 7:31 PM
34	Noise, light, smell, wildlife and pet issues	3/28/2024 7:28 PM
35	Managing the fear of my pet	3/28/2024 7:01 PM
36	Terrifys pets and residents	3/28/2024 6:57 PM
37	fire risk	3/28/2024 6:54 PM
38	Enjoy	3/28/2024 6:32 PM
39	It it is disturbing to my dog and the wildlife around my property	3/28/2024 6:19 PM
40	Endless weekend noise	3/28/2024 6:08 PM
41	Pets	3/28/2024 5:53 PM
42	Noise across the lake in the late evening	3/28/2024 5:51 PM
43	Too many at private cottages for any occasion	3/28/2024 5:27 PM
44	My dog is disturbed by the noise	3/28/2024 5:23 PM
45	too often all year round and on private property. over use!	3/28/2024 2:02 PM
46	Noisy water pollution	3/27/2024 8:25 PM
47	We would like to have the option to use fireworks on our property very occasionally	3/23/2024 12:22 PM
48	A few times private fireworks have been annoying.	3/22/2024 9:49 PM
49	Noise affects my pets and wildlife. Fire danger is a concern.	3/22/2024 7:30 PM
50	Noise bothers our dog.	3/22/2024 6:27 PM

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51	Positively on holidays. Negatively on other days.	3/22/2024 5:50 PM
52	They are set off to late in the evening and are disturbing. My dog does not like them either. Pollution!!!!	3/18/2024 8:03 AM
53	There has been a dramatic increase in the number of nights that fireworks are set off and sometime after 11 pm.	3/7/2024 6:24 PM
54	Noise at late hours from them being set off. People setting them off at random - not specific to holidays even when weather was good.	3/6/2024 8:12 PM
55	As a lake resident, fireworks set off by individuals are very disruptive to wildlife, pets and people trying to get to sleep. Sound carries great distances over water and people let off fireworks throughout the summer. It's very disruptive.	3/3/2024 12:09 PM
56	just through concern for wildlife	2/29/2024 4:42 PM
57	Chemicals produced can drift in the air to other areas around Rideau	2/24/2024 12:48 PM
58	Fear of forest fire	2/22/2024 3:47 PM
59	Upsets the dogs in my household, also concerned about fire	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
60	Late night noise and risk of fireworks starting fire or hitting boats	2/22/2024 2:49 PM
61	It really has a negative effect on local wildlife.	2/11/2024 6:44 PM
62	Should be on special occasions only, not whenever someone is on vacation. I need to work the next day!	2/8/2024 11:16 AM
63	It brings me joy!	2/3/2024 12:49 PM
64	My animals get frightened but we know it's coming, we can control it	2/1/2024 7:22 AM
65	Noise disturbances	1/30/2024 1:49 PM
66	disturbed by random private fireworks at all hours and days from waterfront properties (echoing around the lakes, waking us up and upsetting animals)	1/29/2024 10:41 AM
67	When they are ignited on a random day the unexpected noise is disruptive to my family and pets.	1/28/2024 12:13 AM
68	Shot around and over lake by the public	1/27/2024 9:53 PM
69	Noise, pollution	1/26/2024 9:52 AM
70	Enjoyable	1/25/2024 10:40 PM
71	Detriment to pets and wildlife (especially the noise)	1/25/2024 1:49 PM
72	usually noise	1/25/2024 1:15 PM
73	Pollutes the lake	1/25/2024 10:57 AM
74	Our animals(pets) are terrified and shudder and hide whenever they are close. We close our windows and hope they don't go on staggeredly for hours.	1/25/2024 10:23 AM
75	Issues with sound and debris from firework casings	1/25/2024 10:14 AM
76	Noise and chemical (air and water) pollution. Negative effects on wildlife. I like wildlife.	1/23/2024 2:04 PM
77	I'm a short distance from an island that is Crown land. Some years there are fire works on many weekends. I worry about fire risk and impact on wildlife.	1/22/2024 9:06 PM
78	Disturbs pets and wildlife	1/22/2024 3:30 PM
79	Noise and environmental pollution	1/22/2024 2:01 PM
80	annoying noise; negative environmental impact	1/22/2024 12:45 PM
81	too late at times	1/21/2024 2:43 PM
82	Not knowing when they are going off, and waking up to those noises is a disturbance.	1/20/2024 6:50 PM

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83	Risk of fire; contamination from fallout	1/20/2024 8:08 AM
84	Panics young children, seniors and animals.	1/19/2024 12:36 PM
85	Noise disturbs dogs and wild life.	1/19/2024 10:07 AM
86	We enjoy participating in our private firework displays	1/19/2024 8:57 AM
87	The worry of fire. Plus towns villages have specific areas for fireworks to be released.	1/18/2024 8:04 PM
88	Pets	1/18/2024 4:50 PM
89	Nuisance noise, pets and wildlife issues, fire hazard, environmental disaster	1/18/2024 4:47 PM
90	A bit our dog goes nuts	1/18/2024 12:32 PM
91	Noise, impact on animals	1/18/2024 11:12 AM
92	We enjoy it on special occasions	1/18/2024 10:40 AM
93	Our cottage sets off fireworks on Canada Day annually (for the last 30 years)	1/18/2024 9:56 AM
94	Makes dogs frantic and upsets children	1/18/2024 9:42 AM
95	In a positive and uplifting manner	1/18/2024 9:39 AM
96	we have small dogs who are terrified. when we know that its happening we can prepare for it	1/18/2024 9:03 AM
97	Sleepless nights, frightened wildlife on our property, a friend's, our dogs howling badly injured horse who ran through wire fencing i	1/17/2024 8:24 PM
98	Terrifies my dog.	1/17/2024 6:21 PM
99	Sometimes heard after midnight and all through the summer	1/17/2024 1:49 PM
100	Keeps me up, causes my dog to howl and try to escape the noise	1/17/2024 1:46 PM
101	I am disturbed by the noise between 9:30- 12:00 or at times 1:30am. One night I can tolerate, not all weekend or when someone decides they just want to set them off. Also my dog gets very agitated and it takes quite a while to calm her down.	1/17/2024 1:38 PM
102	Enviromental impact with respect to air quality - It effects us all! Shares the wildlife.	1/17/2024 1:28 PM
103	A little excessive at times around the lake we live on	1/17/2024 11:44 AM
104	Fireworks heard most weekends during cottage season	1/17/2024 12:46 AM
105	As a sanctuary owner I am very concerned about the effects on migratory wild birds and the transmission of avian flu.	1/16/2024 6:47 PM
106	We hear fireworks almost every weekend throughout the summer either on private property or public displays. I feel the number of occasions where fireworks are used is excessive and causes stress to nesting birds and other animals.	1/16/2024 6:03 PM
107	Noise, pollution	1/16/2024 5:48 PM
108	Right next door, pets upset	1/16/2024 4:58 PM
109	Scares the hell out of the dogs - can't image how the wildlife feels.	1/15/2024 10:09 PM
110	Upsets dogs, babies and wildlife!	1/15/2024 9:22 PM
111	Dog doesn't like them but I do.	1/15/2024 8:47 PM
112	Just hear it	1/15/2024 8:19 PM
113	Scares animals wakes young children and scares autistic children requiring medication	1/15/2024 8:06 PM
114	noise and potential fire hazard	1/15/2024 8:05 PM
115	It makes me feel good.	1/15/2024 8:00 PM
116	Live on water front where fireworks often let off	1/15/2024 7:24 PM
117	Noise and disruption at random times, in some instances confused with gun fire creating more	1/15/2024 7:16 PM

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	concern	
118	Neighbours use fireworks every weekend disturbing quiet enjoyment of the lake and causing pets to go berserk (in one case being lost for 24 hours in the woods due to fear of the fireworks and disorientation)	1/15/2024 6:22 PM
119	Scares farm animals and pets	1/15/2024 1:54 PM
120	noise issues and light pollution.	1/15/2024 12:15 PM
121	Our pets are afraid of the noise	1/15/2024 11:24 AM
122	Dog is afraid	1/15/2024 10:23 AM
123	noise not good for pets and wildlife	1/15/2024 10:03 AM
124	We see the impact of fireworks on wildlife and domestic animals who are stressed as a result of the noise.	1/15/2024 9:17 AM
125	used on private property outside of Canadian holidays-it's is too much	1/15/2024 8:59 AM
126	Concerned about wildfire starting as a result of irresponsible use	1/15/2024 8:00 AM
127	Indirectly - live on a lake, loons go crazy with sounds of fireworks	1/15/2024 2:10 AM
128	My daughter has a dog that literally rips doors off hinges and try's to go through the drywall. Absolutely petrified by the sound!	1/14/2024 7:43 PM
129	The noise interferes with sleeping.	1/14/2024 3:58 PM
130	causes my dogs pain	1/14/2024 3:08 PM
131	Noise late well after 11pm	1/14/2024 2:16 PM
132	Upsets my horses	1/14/2024 1:36 PM
133	We have numerous animals effected by the concussion and sound. As well as persons with PTSD related to sudden loud sounds	1/14/2024 11:07 AM
134	PTSD AND ANIMALS	1/14/2024 8:56 AM
135	The sound causes anxiety	1/13/2024 10:41 PM
136	Disturbs farm animals	1/13/2024 9:26 PM
137	Traumatized pets	1/13/2024 8:36 PM
138	Seasonal property owner concerned about fire hazard and effects on animals	1/13/2024 6:46 PM
139	it makes me worry for the wildlife	1/13/2024 6:17 PM
140	Noisy, scares wildlife and pets.	1/13/2024 4:27 PM
141	We use them to celebrate	1/13/2024 3:47 PM
142	Some people on Big Rideau Have fireworks every weekend . It affects the wild life and quality of living on the lake	1/13/2024 3:27 PM
143	I have horses near Big Rideau Lake	1/13/2024 2:51 PM
144	Scares the pets!	1/13/2024 1:06 PM
145	Many people setting off firework on otter lake, concerned about safety and wildlife	1/13/2024 12:49 PM
146	Use at my house all summer	1/13/2024 11:24 AM
147	Can hear and see fireworks across the lake from my house	1/13/2024 11:14 AM
148	We are cottagers on Big Rideau Lake. The BRLA July 1 fireworks is noise pollution, pollutes the water and air, terrifies wildlife and pets and is dangerous for boaters watching the show. Have a digital display, not live fireworks.	1/13/2024 10:48 AM
149	It is a source of socialization and celebration for families in this community that should remain unsanctioned.	1/13/2024 10:48 AM

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150	They are a great display and make the off time from working and sleeping our lives away slightly better	1/13/2024 10:21 AM
151	I hear them.	1/13/2024 10:03 AM
152	The noise carries long distances and is disturbing even from afar.	1/13/2024 9:06 AM
153	If used after 11 pm and not on Canada Day family maybe awakened.	1/13/2024 9:05 AM
154	alot starting or going past midnight--- stop at midnight	1/13/2024 9:03 AM
155	Loud, scares pets and wildlife.	1/13/2024 8:19 AM
156	Animals are terrified	1/13/2024 8:17 AM
157	Noise pollution and pollution of the lakes	1/13/2024 7:55 AM
158	Fire hazard, sleep disturbance	1/13/2024 7:32 AM
159	They are always enjoyable	1/13/2024 7:00 AM
160	Concern for wildlife and those affected by fireworks (those suffering from PTSD, autism etc.).	1/13/2024 6:37 AM
161	Noise carries on the lake random fireworks take place all summer at any time after dark. Regulations are great way to help control this.	1/13/2024 6:05 AM
162	Our building is In close proximity to fireworks which were also in close proximity to trees therefore possibly igniting several trees.	1/12/2024 11:41 PM
163	Lots of neighbours use fireworks	1/12/2024 11:33 PM
164	Degradation of enjoyment of nature; have had weekend-cottage neighbours very disappointed that their small number of weekends available to them during the summer season are partially marred by fireworks. Very obvious impact on those looking for enjoying nature rather than noise. Also a VERY clear impact on wildlife especially birds. For those that want to start a fishing trip or paddle trip at sunrise in July, getting to bed early is a desire - but there's no way to NOT hear fireworks. It is a completely different impact across a MUCH bigger area than a simple campfire or patio lights.	1/12/2024 11:26 PM
165	If as a family we decide we want to use fireworks whenever we'd like to, then yes it applies.	1/12/2024 10:37 PM
166	Live very close to an Air B&B property and fireworks are set off almost every second weekend in the summer. Is not uncommon for this to occur between midnight and 2am. Very frustrating when guests come to the village for their getaway and completely forget the locals who live here and have to get up to go to work in the morning.	1/12/2024 9:59 PM
167	Our neighbours are very close and use them. It frightens our animals and wildlife and we're afraid they're going to set something on fire.	1/12/2024 9:26 PM
168	Usually have some in Canada day	1/12/2024 9:14 PM
169	Impacts wildlife near my home	1/12/2024 8:57 PM
170	We have neighbours that set fireworks off often or their guests renting their cottage do. Our dog is petrified of them but it's only 20-30 mins max usually and who to say anything either way. We often enjoy the show ourselves from inside.	1/12/2024 8:17 PM
171	Sparks from Fireworks drifted on a windy night and burned holes in our boat canvas twice. My spouse works shift work and has lost sleep on nights where renters had fireworks next door. Our cats hide under the bed and our dog shakes his head and howls as the noise seems to affect his ears. Have to keep a watchful eye as we are afraid of having our property set afire in dry summer times.	1/12/2024 8:14 PM
172	We enjoy the fireworks	1/12/2024 8:02 PM
173	Noise and feel bad for animals	1/12/2024 7:55 PM
174	Lots of people let them off in neighborhood on various days	1/12/2024 7:53 PM
175	Noise and a frightened dog	1/12/2024 7:43 PM
176	I live in Rideau lakes on the big Rideau	1/12/2024 7:38 PM

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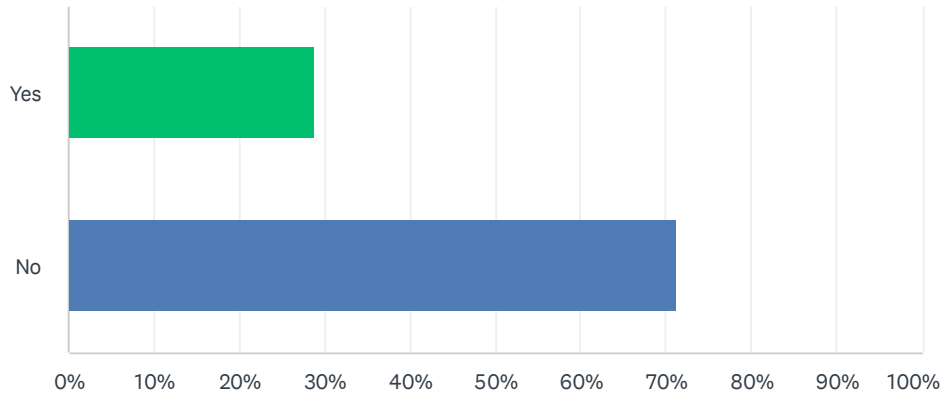
177	Loud, late and too close to nearby buildings	1/12/2024 7:32 PM
178	Noise at night impacts animals	1/12/2024 7:28 PM
179	My animals get very upset and panicked.	1/12/2024 7:25 PM
180	We have lake property and the kids love watching the fireworks across the lake	1/12/2024 7:13 PM
181	Enjoy them	1/12/2024 7:07 PM
182	One of my dogs is terrified of them. There are noiseless fireworks (people could play their own music to accompany them) and drone displays that could be great alternatives.	1/12/2024 7:02 PM
183	neighbourhood fireworks at unspecific times are alarming	1/12/2024 6:38 PM
184	We've been wakened from sleep on a number of occasions by late night fireworks	1/12/2024 6:26 PM
185	Trauma to pets and wildlife witnessed	1/12/2024 6:20 PM
186	It makes my livestock nervous	1/12/2024 5:51 PM
187	Noise for my son and my pets	1/12/2024 5:50 PM
188	we are increasingly concerned about fires, in the dry conditions, amongst "private" users, and also we've learned more about animals reaction to them, especially in the wild.	1/12/2024 5:44 PM
189	I hear and see them	1/12/2024 5:31 PM
190	livestock and pets are impacted by the sudden and prolonged noise	1/12/2024 5:14 PM
191	Mt enjoyment	1/12/2024 5:09 PM
192	Yes we have fireworks on Canada Day	1/12/2024 4:59 PM
193	Terrifies my dog	1/12/2024 4:58 PM
194	I hear them occasionally, but don't find them disruptive	1/12/2024 4:33 PM
195	Noisy and disturbs wildlife	1/12/2024 4:30 PM
196	The displays echo over the lakes and disturb the wildlife and me when no notice has been given.	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
197	Very loud bangs are unnecessary. Provide choreographed music in place.	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
198	Late night annoyance	1/12/2024 4:20 PM
199	Uncontrolled and random discharge at various times with no consideration for neighbours etc	1/12/2024 3:57 PM
200	Yes, they are loud, scare my dog and the wildlife around my home	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
201	In a positive, festive way	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
202	Distressing for me (PTSD) and my dog	1/12/2024 3:24 PM
203	We live on a lake near Chaffeys locks, almost every weekend in the summer people have fireworks. It upsets our pets and the loons have a hard time coping.	1/12/2024 3:22 PM
204	Dogs don't like	1/12/2024 3:14 PM
205	Late night fireworks and a large private professional display annually on the lake.	1/12/2024 3:12 PM
206	Yes! They are very irritating to my family, my pets and the wildlife in the area	1/12/2024 3:09 PM
207	My dog is very scared of fireworks. He trembles and hides in closets. I'm worried that if we are out for a walk or he goes to pee and fireworks unexpectedly go off then he may take off running. It hasn't happened to me before but I've heard stories like that from others and see how scared he gets.	1/12/2024 3:02 PM
208	With empathy for people and animals who are especially sensitive or made to suffer because of fireworks	1/12/2024 3:01 PM
209	I find them to be enjoyable	1/12/2024 2:54 PM
210	Scares my pets. Have had the ashes land on convertible canvas top.	1/12/2024 2:45 PM

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211	Noisy. Every weekend during warm months	1/12/2024 2:40 PM
212	Sound pollution, child with serious sensory issues who suffers with their use. Animals who get terrified.	1/12/2024 2:39 PM
213	Neighbours blast them all hours of the night. Very disturbing	1/12/2024 2:38 PM
214	My dogs are terrified, the birds around the lake take flight and flutter around night blind. I witness it lakeside.	1/12/2024 2:31 PM
215	they are fun and a cheerful celebration	1/12/2024 2:28 PM
216	Enjoy watching fireworks most times happy as related to a fun event or celebration.	1/12/2024 2:21 PM
217	Worry about misuse..setting forest fires	1/12/2024 2:17 PM
218	I am an avid birder, and I find significant behavioral changes in our local bird populations related to fireworks as well as an increase number of deceased birds following night with fireworks. Likely due to shock in the night, causing them to fly and injure themselves. Birds are not the only wildlife affected. The sound also disturbs other animals and pollutes the waterways with garbage.	1/12/2024 2:10 PM
219	I can hear them going off almost every weekend on the Big Rideau	1/12/2024 1:59 PM
220	Drives my animals crazy	1/12/2024 1:57 PM
221	We have a dog that is distressed from the noise.	1/12/2024 1:46 PM
222	We frequently hear them on the lake on the summer, after 11 pm...and during the week. Our dogs are terrified and there is no warning so we can't prepare.	1/12/2024 1:39 PM
223	Negative impact on family pets.	1/12/2024 1:19 PM
224	Animals, Noise and Light Pollution	1/12/2024 1:15 PM
225	Scares livestock and pets	1/12/2024 1:11 PM
226	Why do individuals get to disrupt so many other people? We actually live here! They are way to frequent and not tied to holidays.	1/12/2024 1:07 PM
227	Scares all animals	1/12/2024 1:04 PM
228	Should not have	1/12/2024 12:52 PM
229	The noise is extremely stressful for the dogs.	1/12/2024 12:46 PM
230	Yes I attend display and enjoy them ! Public and private	1/12/2024 12:31 PM
231	Private, can be heard near me.	1/12/2024 12:29 PM
232	Noisy late at night	1/12/2024 12:16 PM
233	Noise	1/12/2024 12:07 PM
234	I don't like that they affect wildlife.	1/12/2024 11:59 AM
235	It upsets my dog, disturbs wildlife and releases pollutants into the air.	1/12/2024 11:52 AM

Q11 Have you or a member of your household purchased fireworks in the past three years?

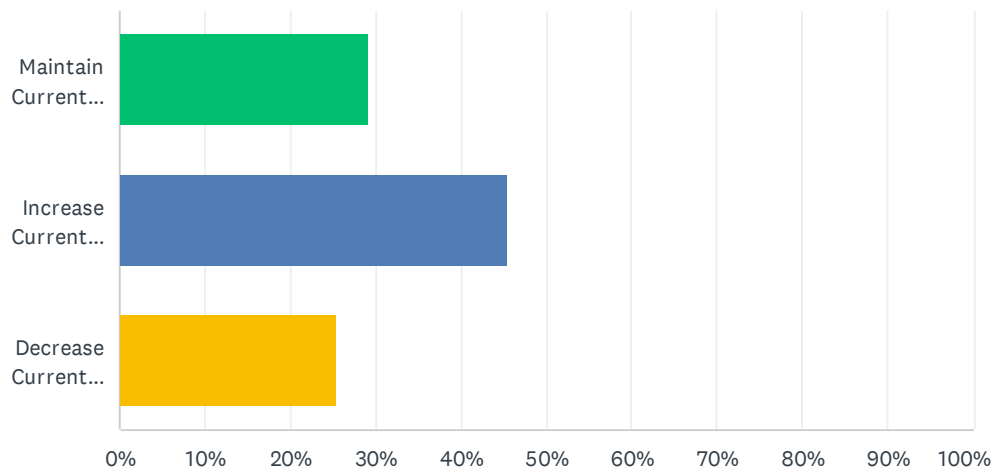
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.86%	144
No	71.14%	355
TOTAL		499

Q12 Which option do you agree with regarding regulating the use of fireworks?

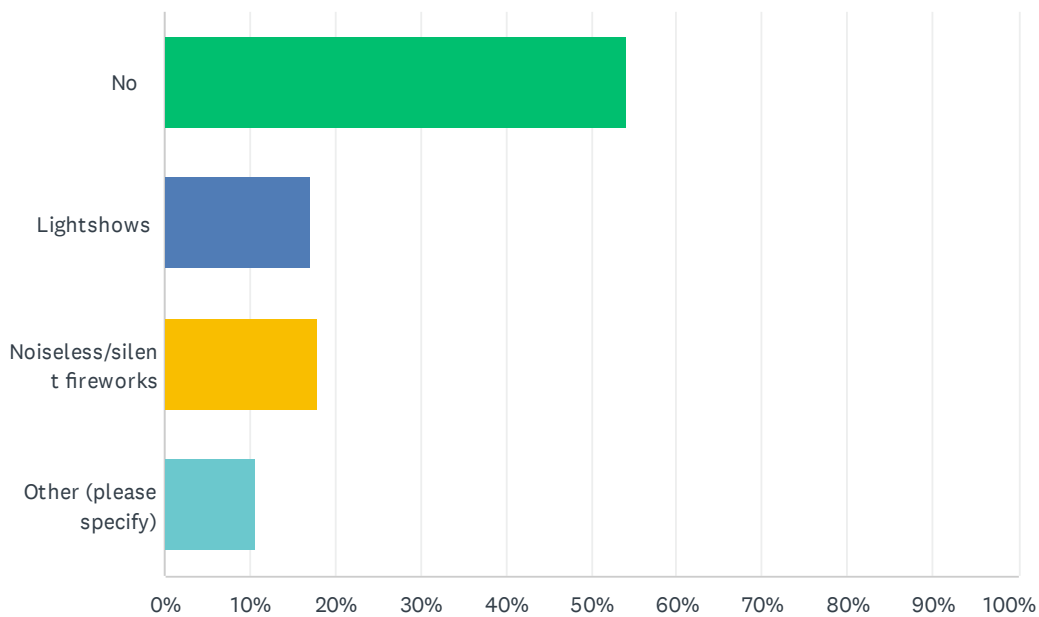
Answered: 473 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Maintain Current Regulations	29.18%	138
Increase Current Regulations to restrict Fireworks	45.45%	215
Decrease Current Regulations to allow Fireworks	25.37%	120
TOTAL		473

Q13 Should the Township consider an alternative to traditional fireworks?

Answered: 484 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
No	54.13% 262
Lightshows	17.15% 83
Noiseless/silent fireworks	17.98% 87
Other (please specify)	10.74% 52
TOTAL	484

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	drone light shows	4/1/2024 10:03 PM
2	Allow lightshows and fireworks	3/30/2024 8:48 PM
3	Supplement with lights and noisless	3/30/2024 12:03 PM
4	Always be open to new ideas but the town run events are NOT the problem.	3/29/2024 1:53 PM
5	Yes	3/29/2024 10:21 AM
6	consider all alternatives	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
7	Yes consider light shows or silent fireworks.	3/28/2024 8:34 PM
8	Environmental protection is a priority.	3/28/2024 7:38 PM
9	Music festival Bands	3/28/2024 6:57 PM
10	From 9-11pm on set holidays only	3/28/2024 5:53 PM
11	nothing	3/28/2024 5:51 PM

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12	On the Saturday of the holiday	3/28/2024 3:20 PM
13	not sure	3/28/2024 2:02 PM
14	Depending on the financial expense	3/22/2024 4:41 AM
15	Yes, I would certainly like to see some alternative to fireworks that would eliminate the light, physical garbage and noise - all of which is unnecessary and harmful pollution.	3/6/2024 8:12 PM
16	drone show	2/29/2024 4:42 PM
17	need something that does not pollute air or water and that is silent	1/29/2024 10:41 AM
18	Nothing with noise or lights to protect wildlife and pets.	1/28/2024 12:13 AM
19	Yes, None, or if that isn't possible, noiseless	1/25/2024 1:49 PM
20	If you don't know the current regulations how do you answer Question #12 and #13	1/25/2024 1:15 PM
21	Great idea. Have a few set up for many to enjoy together. Coordinate and consolidate.	1/25/2024 10:23 AM
22	unsure	1/25/2024 10:08 AM
23	Enjoy the peace and quiet of a beautiful starry night.	1/23/2024 2:04 PM
24	If no extra cost!!!	1/22/2024 7:12 PM
25	No private fireworks, we have seen the fires in Canada last year. We are surrounded by forest.	1/18/2024 8:04 PM
26	Not necessary environmentally wrong	1/18/2024 4:47 PM
27	None at all. They are intrusive, dangerous and very bothersome.	1/17/2024 8:24 PM
28	If there is an alternative that has low to no environmental impact I am not opposed to that.	1/17/2024 1:28 PM
29	Drone shows can be spectacular	1/16/2024 7:24 AM
30	Although it effects us personally, those that enjoy celebration with fireworks, would be effected negatively as well. The sight and sound is what makes fireworks, fireworks.	1/14/2024 11:07 AM
31	unsure	1/13/2024 6:17 PM
32	Lightshows or noiseless fireworks are both great options	1/13/2024 11:14 AM
33	Fireworks are not necessary, but if you have to have them have them noiseless and lightshows.	1/13/2024 10:48 AM
34	Drone shows	1/13/2024 10:03 AM
35	Noiseless and light shows	1/13/2024 9:05 AM
36	We need to put the light and air polluting "traditions" behind us. Celebrations just don't need to include such things.	1/13/2024 8:19 AM
37	Always open to other neat ideas	1/12/2024 9:47 PM
38	Please only allow one night a year and	1/12/2024 8:14 PM
39	None at all	1/12/2024 7:43 PM
40	noiseless fireworks and light shows sound like good options	1/12/2024 5:44 PM
41	They can be considered but I don't feel additional regulation is required	1/12/2024 4:33 PM
42	drone displays	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
43	Music	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
44	It doesn't hurt to explore options	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
45	Keep it to July 1 like it used to be. Even though it wasn't regulated, it was common practice to only have them on July 1 or July 4th for the americans that have property within RL.	1/12/2024 3:22 PM
46	Music and light shows seem like a nice alternative to fireworks (they aren't leaving debris in water or fields, and are safer when it comes to fires or shooting at people).	1/12/2024 3:02 PM

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47	Sure	1/12/2024 2:57 PM
48	I would love if silent fireworks were more available	1/12/2024 2:26 PM
49	Use all nice to have options, let the user decide with the restrictions	1/12/2024 2:21 PM
50	Any reduced noise display fireworks would be appreciated	1/12/2024 1:19 PM
51	Not needed	1/12/2024 1:07 PM
52	Nit sure the answer but I think they are used too frequently at campgrounds nightly. What is the purpose? Better to have a big kickass Canada Day celebration and scare the hell out of all the dogs, cats, people and wildlife on one night and get it over with!	1/12/2024 11:59 AM

Q14 Are there any other comments you would like to provide regarding fireworks?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 260

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wildlife in our surrounding forests and farm animals/pets are negatively affected.	3/31/2024 10:31 AM
2	I worry that our township might become too restrictive in general.	3/30/2024 8:48 PM
3	We are very concerned about uncontrolled, unsupervised fireworks set off from individual private properties on almost any occasion. They often represent a risk of fire and/or property damage. Also any regulation has to be properly enforced.	3/30/2024 12:42 PM
4	If noise is ab issue in towns, consider different rules in Lakes vs. In town. Use during firebans is a concern. Consider requiring all fireworks to be registered, same as fires	3/30/2024 12:03 PM
5	Don't penalize many by complaints from a few - let families continue to enjoy this past time	3/30/2024 9:23 AM
6	If there was to be tighter restrictions how would the township police them?	3/30/2024 9:01 AM
7	Fireworks are disruptive to wildlife especially to loons and their chicks ,plus the risk of wildfire,, Too many fireworks are used for any excuses birthday party,or just for the fun of it ,there is a need of tighter restrictions	3/29/2024 11:00 PM
8	Fireworks can panic wildlife causing birds to take flight in the dark and be badly injured or killed. Fireworks debris falling into lakes pollutes. They can also be a wildfire hazard. Fireworks on lakes should be banned.	3/29/2024 7:33 PM
9	We have nesting eagles on our lake for the first time in memory, otters too but a dwindling loon population. Upsets pets as well so we have stopped using for past two years. Increasing fire hazard as well.	3/29/2024 7:31 PM
10	No thankfully	3/29/2024 4:39 PM
11	The use of fireworks has changed. More frequent now (every little excuse) and too easy to buy. We also understand how they are not friendly to nature - animals and potential fires. It doesn't take a lot of research to find out they are filled with toxic chemicals. If they are allowed at all - it should be on Canada Day (not U.S. holidays) and should be in one location under supervision of the fire department. They should not be done above our waters as we are all concerned about what goes into our waters.	3/29/2024 3:40 PM
12	While the use of fire works within the municipality has not affected me to date, I recognize that others have been impacted and would be willing to support restrictions on the private use of fireworks. Public displays with permits inherently involve a planning process which could include mitigating negative impacts to wildlife and advanced notice to individuals who may be negatively impacted by their use. Such provisions would be difficult to enforce to private individuals under the current by law.	3/29/2024 2:05 PM
13	YES! thanks for asking! thanks for the survey. I can't imagine how you can enforce existing rules, nevermind put in more. Like so much they are ignored, its all about 'freedom' these days and somehow mine is less important than theirs! good luck. I wish you could ban them but at the municipal level there is not much you can do....appeal to the prov/feds... Tax the crap out of these things. Ban them for personal consumption if possible! (We dream...)	3/29/2024 1:53 PM
14	Don't spend tax payers money on fireworks for the public.	3/29/2024 10:40 AM
15	The draft by-law is reasonable. Penalties are fair. We're in Canada so don't think we should be celebrating a US holiday. Understand there are many Americans here in the summer so let them purchase a low dollar permit similar to the fire burn permit.	3/29/2024 10:21 AM
16	It has been proven that fireworks have a negative impact on wildlife. Rideau Lakes is known for the plethora of wildlife on land and on water. We must have more restrictions in place to	3/29/2024 9:59 AM

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ensure that the impact from fireworks on wildlife is at a minimum. That means more restrictions on private use or outright ban on private use.

17	Perhaps it is time to create new traditions and ways of celebrating. Light and noise pollution as well as consideration for Indigenous populations need to be considered. There are other ways to have fun and enjoy holidays.	3/29/2024 9:32 AM
18	Common sense goes a loonngggg way.	3/29/2024 9:15 AM
19	too many fireworks mean they are no longer "special"; frequent displays are disturbing to pets and animals as well as people	3/29/2024 9:00 AM
20	For such an eco friendly area, fireworks are so contrary to our goal of harmony between man and beast.	3/29/2024 8:57 AM
21	Having just read the current bylaw, I see no limit to times of day listed. I think there should be more effort made to make residents aware of the bylaw, as it currently states, there are many people in violation. Most are summer residents that fire off family fireworks over a body of water and the discharged/spent debris falls into the lake.	3/29/2024 8:31 AM
22	Concern for pollution in lake and risk of fire.	3/29/2024 4:00 AM
23	If used safely and in a respectful manner and time, we should all enjoy the fireworks.	3/28/2024 11:56 PM
24	It's dangerous to set off fireworks. With climate change we are having drier bouts and forest fires. Every single fireworks display is a forest fire risk.	3/28/2024 10:16 PM
25	There is no coming back from a forest fire set by fireworks regardless of how well intentions were	3/28/2024 10:02 PM
26	I'm ok with fireworks as long as they are done safely and not during fire ban! There always was fireworks, what has changed! I feel people in general are tired of being restricted! The speed of traffic in a 70km residential zone is more of a concern to me! I also have pets!	3/28/2024 8:43 PM
27	Times have changed. I hear fireworks and firecrackers going off throughout the summer. This is not what I come to the lake for.	3/28/2024 8:34 PM
28	#12: I'm assuming that by current regulations you mean not the draft . The draft looks fine and comprehensive. I would suggest a review in a couple of years to see how it is administered by the municipality and how practical it is for use by residents. If it ends up requiring hours of administrative work for residents to set of 20 minutes worth of fireworks on a special occasion, it defeats the purpose.	3/28/2024 8:30 PM
29	I understand the impact that fireworks can have on farming operations like mine, because animals don't expect the sound and light, and can find it very frightening. However, I haven't found fireworks to be a particular issue. The areas of our township that have the most people (the towns and waterfronts) have the least animal husbandry. I have no objection to families wanting to have a few fireworks for a birthday celebration, or the township putting on waterfront displays for families to watch on holidays. If anyone has issues with frequent, nuisance fireworks, that could be dealt with under existing noise by-laws. It does not require creating new by-laws with new restrictions. Let people enjoy themselves responsibly - we don't need to force ourselves and our opinions on every resident of the township. P.S. Don't let silly people living in townhouses with chihuahuas force their opinions on everyone else, especially if they try to use horse farms they've never been on as their excuse for doing it.	3/28/2024 8:20 PM
30	My concerns are for the impact on wildlife.	3/28/2024 8:12 PM
31	no	3/28/2024 8:09 PM
32	I would prefer no fireworks, but if "necessary" I would only allow them on a few large holidays when they are popular (maybe Canada day, and Labour day)	3/28/2024 8:07 PM
33	Although we purchased the fireworks, as a family we determined the negative impact on the environment was more important. The fireworks were soaked in water and placed in the garbage.	3/28/2024 7:38 PM
34	No	3/28/2024 7:38 PM
35	Fire works are bad for the environment and are potentially dangerous. They should be banned for public use and restricted to Township organized events, if at all.	3/28/2024 7:31 PM

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36	You need to enforce if possible whatever regulations you put in place. Cottage owners are not getting permits that I know off. Have volunteers (maybe the current fire volunteers) in boats on the water ready to ask for proof of permit and if not issue hefty fines.	3/28/2024 7:28 PM
37	Question 12 is skewed. The current bylaw should be modified.	3/28/2024 7:27 PM
38	Q 13 should allow more than one option. Silent fireworks or light displays would be acceptable. Should ensure Bylaw is updated to encompass new environmental knowledge (impacts) and standards	3/28/2024 7:01 PM
39	Let's not take even more fun out of life. As long as fireworks are used in a responsible way and users obey current regulation including when fire restrictions are in place then no problem. Also, no point in having regulations if there is no ability to enforce them.	3/28/2024 6:59 PM
40	Enforce the bylaws.Ban the sale of fireworks provincially.	3/28/2024 6:57 PM
41	I believe everyone has a right to self regulate the use of fireworks. Another option that should be considered is to add this to the residential fire permit. If one wishes to use fireworks then apply for a permit for a reasonable time limit such as yearly, seasonal,or weekends. That should accommodate all persons living or visiting Rideau Lakes.	3/28/2024 6:48 PM
42	Township should be proactive re placing a fireban on in high use times if there is risk re what appears to be a tendency to lift in time for things like Cdn Day. May wish to distinguish rules btwn public Displays which we assume mat be more fire safety concious.	3/28/2024 6:32 PM
43	Restrictions during fire bans regardless of holiday unless set off from a floating dock away from land	3/28/2024 6:29 PM
44	They are disturbing to humans and wildlife and should be banned period.	3/28/2024 6:19 PM
45	Very triggering	3/28/2024 6:08 PM
46	Public displays only with permissions as it stands now. But NO fireworks to be set off on private property, from a boat on waterways.	3/28/2024 5:57 PM
47	Bad for wildlife and environment... done o we the lake so lots of debris in water and on properties	3/28/2024 5:53 PM
48	no	3/28/2024 5:48 PM
49	Allow July 1 ... public display ... none at private cottages.	3/28/2024 5:27 PM
50	Don't forget the heavy metal solution from fireworks as well as effect on wildlife	3/28/2024 5:23 PM
51	I have an elderly dog and it does impact him and other animals. However, we have enjoyed them for over 40 years and do not want to take away enjoyment from the young from seeing them	3/28/2024 3:20 PM
52	too often, all year round and it needs to be reduced and limited	3/28/2024 2:02 PM
53	During high fire risk all fireworks should be prohibited.	3/22/2024 6:27 PM
54	As a dog owner, I sympathize with the negative effect, but believe it is done a couple of times a year. Outside of holidays private use should not be permitted. Good luck enforcing it though...	3/22/2024 5:50 PM
55	Na	3/22/2024 4:41 AM
56	Fireworks are a pollutant. They scare people, animals and wildlife.	3/18/2024 8:03 AM
57	Fireworks should be restricted during very dry periods. This decision should be made by local fire departments.	3/18/2024 8:00 AM
58	Don't feel that you must regulate every petty annoyance in life.	3/18/2024 5:37 AM
59	It just seems so off target now, costs alot, pollutes the water, over in minutes, dangerous, we should be way more progressive and develop other ways to do the same, light shows, etc.	3/15/2024 5:01 PM
60	Three days before and after a holiday for setting off fireworks is too long a period and potentially would lead to a full week of fireworks. Difficult to police but if there is a comprehensive bylaw then homeowners (even if renters are setting off fireworks) who repeatedly disregard bylaw, then close neighbours can easily identify those responsible and	3/7/2024 6:24 PM

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can be charged. Imagine living next door or in close proximity to a landowner who frequently sets off fireworks and there is no recourse. Also think that if there is a total fire ban then no fireworks should be allowed.

61	It is common knowledge that the ash and other debris from fireworks pollute the environment and therefore are able to cause harm to water and land wildlife. All of these are being stressed already through a variety of other human interventions. Wildlife become disoriented and very fearful (as do many domesticated animals) when fireworks are set off. This can and does disrupt nesting and mammal care toward their young. It never ceases to amaze me that humans, in name of their own pleasure, deem it Ok to disregard the care of these living beings. The detrimental effects of fireworks are long lasting We need to be doing more to protect our wildlife and environment and eliminating/reducing fireworks will help.	3/6/2024 8:12 PM
62	The township by-law should include a ban on private fireworks over bodies of water. There is no way to enforce limited allowance (i.e. holidays only) - it should be a total ban over the lakes other than a sanctioned public display (with "silent" fireworks). I disagree with the 3 days before/after the date of a holiday - while I assume this was intended to shove it to a weekend, it actually opens up a 6 day window for people to make noise.	3/3/2024 12:09 PM
63	PUBLIS FFIREWORKS SHOULD BE BIGGER AND BETTER.	2/26/2024 2:00 PM
64	You have not addressed the amount and type of chemicals added in the air and also the stress to all wildlife with the noise	2/24/2024 12:48 PM
65	Love the July 1 public fireworks displays. Frustrated when private people set them off on non holiday weekends	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
66	I'm not aware of any problems with the current fireworks use, and while there were more fireworks during the pandemic, that will likely diminish now.	2/22/2024 3:24 PM
67	Since most fireworks are projected over water, restrict to times of the year when clean up on the frozen surface can occur the next day.	2/22/2024 2:49 PM
68	Enforce the law. The Opinicon started a fire requiring the fire depth to come and also the fire put other people's lives at risk(behind the fence) and it was obvious nothing was done such as a fine etc because of who owns the Opinicon. Money talks .	2/11/2024 6:06 PM
69	I'm ok with fireworks but they should be only on Holiday weekends	2/8/2024 11:16 AM
70	Fireworks are an essential part of Canada day celebrations. It is important people be responsible but I definitely think they should be allowed.	2/3/2024 12:49 PM
71	Keep it things quiet, we all live and enjoy quiet lakes and woods	1/30/2024 1:49 PM
72	Fireworks should not be permitted and all permits cancelled if there is a fire ban. Worried about forest fires started by private unregulated fireworks and dangers to lakes and wildlife by residue from these entering water when they are set off over lakes/rivers. Need to make it clear to everyone (visitors, renters, seasonal owners, residents, sellers of fireworks) about noise bans, fire bans and pollution caused by fireworks. Township needs to publicize their rules and the reasons with signs/posters at points of sale and in various community locations (post offices, libraries, grocery stores, bulletin boards, schools) as well as electronically, to discourage private use on random occasions and in an unsafe and inconsiderate manner. Make a case for the reasons NOT to use fireworks to the younger generation and maybe it will slowly decrease in use.	1/29/2024 10:41 AM
73	I wouldn't miss them at all but I can understand those who want them for Canada Day. Alternative ways to celebrate would be wonderful if they were respectful of noise and light pollution. It would be great if there was also a bylaw to address light pollution from other light sources.	1/28/2024 12:13 AM
74	Fireworks are known to negatively impact wildlife and are frequently shot off during critical nesting times and when animals have offspring. Aquatic birds have been burned by fireworks fall out which also degrades water quality, pollutes the environment, and presents a genuine fire hazard. Additionally, fireworks cause emotional trauma for people with PTSD and terrifies pets and livestock. There must be a better alternative that allows folks to celebrate without causing such harmful effects.	1/27/2024 9:53 PM
75	Fireworks are a way to celebrate. In moderation there is no reason to ban them. Canada needs to stop policing freedom and fun!!!	1/25/2024 10:40 PM

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76	PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, educate people about their effects and get rid of them. At the very least, reduce their use and make them noiseless.	1/25/2024 1:49 PM
77	I might use fireworks on my property at some point in the future when grandchildren visit. it would be after dark but before 10PM	1/25/2024 1:36 PM
78	There is a concern during a drought and when there is a fire ban in place. Cottages are very vulnerable.	1/25/2024 1:21 PM
79	already provided comments	1/25/2024 1:15 PM
80	They provide harmless entertainment when used safely, and don't require further nanny-ism.	1/25/2024 10:59 AM
81	Fireworks have metals that pollute. Plus the noise and light disrupts wildlife.	1/25/2024 10:57 AM
82	Question 23 required knowledge of existing regulations, which I identified earlier as having no knowledge. May I suggest a 4th option be added (e.g Don't know) as I can't submit the survey without answering this question.	1/25/2024 10:48 AM
83	Very polluting with the discharge from many of the fireworks. I love them, but my pets are subjected to suffering and anxiety when they are used. Having set evenings and times would help us to know so we can be home to support our pets instead of willy nilly.	1/25/2024 10:23 AM
84	They're entertaining and loved by all if used safely	1/25/2024 10:08 AM
85	In addition to cause noise, chemical pollution, and wildfires, fireworks are horrible for wildlife, especially birds. See https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2023/12/231211114618.htm The Township has something truly unique: Its biodiversity. It should embrace it, and protect it by adopting forward thinking rules like banning fireworks. These kinds of decisions are what will set our township apart from others. Biodiversity is a currency that is becoming rarer and many are ready to pay to experience it. In the long run, there is more to be gained by protecting the environment than by precipitating its degradation. This is an opportunity for the Township to show the world they are a good steward of the environment and that they care about the future. Banning fireworks would be a low cost, high impact move that will not have any negative consequences on anyone.	1/23/2024 2:04 PM
86	I would be ok if fireworks were limited to once a year on public lands if that's what people want but I think all sales to private individuals and use on private lands should be banned.	1/22/2024 9:06 PM
87	fireworks are dangerous and expensive please don't spend my tax \$\$ on them there are other ways to celebrate events that are neither health nor environmental hazards	1/22/2024 12:45 PM
88	Selective Loud voices make mountains out of mole hills. Put this question on a referendum at election time in order to get true representation. A waste of tax dollars!!	1/20/2024 11:42 PM
89	Fireworks pollute the air, water and land. It is impossible to police violators. The fire hazard alone could cost lives. There are enough things polluting our planet. We don't need to do it to ourselves!	1/19/2024 12:36 PM
90	Given that climate changes have resulted in hot dryer weather I think it is imperative to limit fireworks due to potential fire hazard.	1/19/2024 10:07 AM
91	We should be very aware of the fires in Canada last summer. If a fire starts out here you will loose homes, cottages v Business. Lawsuits could ensue . Your tax base gone. We come out here for peace and the amount of private fireworks has increased. Too dangerous.	1/18/2024 8:04 PM
92	We don't need this	1/18/2024 3:55 PM
93	They seem to go off every weekend	1/18/2024 12:32 PM
94	Used to be fireworks were a special treat restricted to Victoria and Canada days. Now they occur any day and sometimes very late at night. Very annoying. Worried about fire hazard in increasingly drought/dry periods and impact on wildlife and pets. Needs to be better controlled.	1/18/2024 11:12 AM
95	Private use of fireworks is a great way to celebrate a holiday. Above that, they can be excessive.	1/18/2024 10:01 AM
96	Please allow fireworks at least on holidays on private property! Thank you!	1/18/2024 9:56 AM
97	Let s have fun and celebrate the good times	1/18/2024 9:13 AM

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98	None	1/18/2024 9:12 AM
99	We have a family with young kids (toddlers and babies!) and even though the loud noises can affect us from time to time, the benefits of fireworks such as community and family on the lake is more important! We love seeing the fireworks around the lake!	1/18/2024 9:08 AM
100	Have seen the distress fireworks cause to wildlife and the harmful fumes release into the environment. Fireworks should be limited to a Canadian public holidays - like July 1st.	1/18/2024 9:04 AM
101	Just a thought around times- could you have a firework permit system similar to burn permit ? Resident goes online or calls in to say they are having fireworks that day- logged in system in case of complaints etc and for tracking.	1/17/2024 9:06 PM
102	Those who want fireworks should go to a public place like a park or some organization who provide public fireworks and not impose the noise on neighbours or terrorize wildlife and/or livestock and/or neighbours' dogs.	1/17/2024 8:24 PM
103	The noise and smoke pollution are a concern, but also the empty fireworks left in parks and roadside as well.	1/17/2024 6:21 PM
104	Fireworks contain heavy metals and toxic compounds. Their use next to lakes and rivers should be restricted within 50m of the water.	1/17/2024 1:49 PM
105	The use of fireworks on days other than special days keeps seniors awake, causes pets to FREAK, are are generally obnoxious.	1/17/2024 1:46 PM
106	If fireworks are permitted. There should be no noise from fireworks after at all after 10:00pm. It is stressful for many people, animals, birds, sleeping children & seniors. Fireworks are a pollutant as well. I am not in favour because of this reason as well. People who rent their cottages on or around the lakes should be made responsible (fined) for anyone who rents. They need to inform the renters of any rules. I have answered NO to some questions because I disagree with how the question was worded. Therefore I gave a response to some questions I was expected to answer YES. #'s 4 & 7 specifically.	1/17/2024 1:38 PM
107	Thank you for working toward decreasing/eliminating the use of fireworks.	1/17/2024 1:28 PM
108	Much the same as a magnificent thunder and lightening show conducted by Mother Nature.	1/17/2024 11:57 AM
109	Explain how you propose to enforce the regulations. Tenants at short-stay cottage rentals frequently ignore existing fishing, noise, boat speed and firework restrictions.	1/17/2024 12:46 AM
110	I have a document I will be submitting via email, but can also be accessed on my gdrive here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iBAzNzuN8GGXqWJUz4x9W-YhUuEXH78BD3VGRG-jASo/edit?usp=sharing	1/16/2024 6:47 PM
111	Not at this time	1/16/2024 6:03 PM
112	Animals and the inviorment are way more important than humans selfish needs.	1/16/2024 5:48 PM
113	Presentation of data to support the negative impact the fireworks have been written up multiple times through svietific research. Risk of fire in our community is worrisome. Evacuation route for our rd is to climb into a Boat head out in the water!! Half of northern BC lost to fire this year often by nature, we have no control . Why would you create a risk when you don't have to. It's a stage in the argument, I will do what I please on my property with no respect or consideration of community. I think it's based on attitudes that mushroomed a few years ago, stay out of my life. I think this has played a role. Making public policy through surveys is not reliable why can't you just say for certain proven reason it's a proven bad idea in our circumstances. Quit pandering to these elements. You were elected to govern that's why we voted. No fireworks please.	1/16/2024 4:58 PM
114	No	1/16/2024 3:43 PM
115	Fireworks are harmful to wildlife and toxic to our lakes and environment	1/16/2024 7:50 AM
116	They are not necessary- time to stop this noisy fire hazard tradition and move on .	1/15/2024 10:09 PM
117	I think keeping a public place for fireworks July 1 but not around cottages. We are on brooks bay, opinicon, and I think it is upsetting to pets, wildlife and babies and dangerous.	1/15/2024 9:22 PM
118	I am personally very biased against loud light and sound of any kind any where for any reason. I just don't see what is fun in it. Also such displays disturb the wild life, particularly birds. I	1/15/2024 9:17 PM

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	very strongly restriction well up to banning them altogether.	
119	Minimum regulation while maintaining fire safety.	1/15/2024 8:57 PM
120	I am not a big fireworks person. However I feel that the kids now days are losing more traditions. Let them have fun. Hope that helps a bit.	1/15/2024 8:19 PM
121	Fireworks environmental impact negative, risk harm to animals and children. Not good time for a Change.... Have a huge carbon footprint	1/15/2024 8:06 PM
122	Fireworks should be limited to the actual day of the holiday, not 3 days before or after (eg a week of disruption) and should be limited to professional or sponsored displays by organizations eg lake associations, lions club, etc. community events.	1/15/2024 7:16 PM
123	I think that the time has come to find other interesting ways to celebrate things that do not cause trash, pollution, noise, confusion, anxiety, wildlife impact and ill-feelings between neighbours. Fireworks are a thing of the past and should be more highly regulated and policed.	1/15/2024 6:22 PM
124	Nothing at this time.	1/15/2024 2:02 PM
125	Fireworks are disrespectful to neighbours, the land and wildlife. In the 1970s and 80s no one let off fireworks in Rideau Lakes but now it has become a consumer thing. It has gotten worse over the years. With more dry spells in the summer we also worry about fire risk. Just ban them. Those who want noise and light can stay in the city right? Thanks to the Township for raising this issue.	1/15/2024 12:15 PM
126	Difficult to regulate but reduction in the quantity and frequency of fireworks with an aim for elimination would be my preference	1/15/2024 11:24 AM
127	Fireworks release harmful pollutants into the environment. Also, the noise is very frightening for animals and birds and will cause many to flee their habitats. Some people may also not appreciate the loud noise, including those with very young children.	1/15/2024 11:09 AM
128	I like fireworks BUT they are being used too many days a year. Noiseless fireworks should be used	1/15/2024 10:23 AM
129	My main concern with private use of fireworks is the risk of fire.	1/15/2024 10:19 AM
130	At a minimum, you should restrict fireworks from cottage country/rural areas where wildlife and domestic animals seem to be more impacted than in an urban setting where noise is more familiar.	1/15/2024 9:17 AM
131	no	1/15/2024 8:59 AM
132	With everything we now know about the impact to wildlife and our environment, as well as concern about wildfire we should ban fireworks especially displays without supervision from the fire department.	1/15/2024 8:00 AM
133	Time to try something new. I can only imagine the amount of pollution the fireworks cause! The sound disruption to animals is not worth the risk for 10 minutes of "oo's & ahh's"	1/14/2024 7:43 PM
134	Leave as is. I don't think it is being abused. If someone finds them disturbing, then they should wear ear plugs and pull their blinds/curtains. Pretty petty thinking.	1/14/2024 7:34 PM
135	Announce fireworks for public display. A permit for private and announce as well..	1/14/2024 6:25 PM
136	If you apply restrictions, you will need to enforce them.	1/14/2024 3:58 PM
137	Family pets and domestic animals are often disturbed by fireworks. The regulations should reflect sufficient protections so that animals are not needlessly affected.	1/14/2024 2:47 PM
138	Dogs get worked up. But they are a tradition for many. And we aren't bothered by those around us. They are considerate with their use.	1/14/2024 12:06 PM
139	We grew up loving the fireworks displays, I still enjoy it. BUT, there is a very big population that experience distress from them. Animals are very negatively effected, they don't understand what's happening and why. Having said that, we have learned to anticipate the events and compensate , certain expected celebration days. Where we have issues is when celebrating extends into every or every other weekend, odd or random day. We haven't experienced the fire dangers others may have. Maybe require signage to be displayed at point	1/14/2024 11:07 AM

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of sale reminding purchasers of bylaws or sensitivities. Maybe limit year round sales to decrease temptation.

140	Fireworks should only be allowed with the permit and on locations that limit the potential of multiple noise and injury.	1/14/2024 8:56 AM
141	I love them, I love the feeling of celebration when I watch them.	1/14/2024 1:06 AM
142	I just don't like that it could have a negative impact on wildlife and pets	1/13/2024 11:46 PM
143	Fireworks cause tremendous harm to wildlife, people with ptsd and autism. It would be a sad testament to the humanity of our community if we could not forgo firework and learn to enjoy other less harmful pleasures.	1/13/2024 10:41 PM
144	It's usually the dog owners who complain. "My dog freaks out from the noise" is not a valid reason to stop fireworks.	1/13/2024 9:47 PM
145	Tough to answer this survey as the wording is off. Fireworks should be day of the holiday. It seems that families set them off throughout the whole holiday weekend.	1/13/2024 8:36 PM
146	BACK OFF,WAY TOO MANY REGULATIONS	1/13/2024 8:35 PM
147	given they are a fire risk, pose noise issues re pets and wildlife, its time to move on and let the traditions of holiday celebrations with fireworks fall away to history.	1/13/2024 8:17 PM
148	Unless there is a fireban like in 2023, fireworks (private and public) on holidays like Canada Day are a tradition dating back decades at least! The wildlife are fine...if they can handle hunting season, they can handle a couple of hrs once or twice a year.	1/13/2024 6:37 PM
149	I believe fireworks are no more disturbing than a thunderstorm. Maybe a little noise but like thunderstorms they are usually short lived.	1/13/2024 6:30 PM
150	fireworks are also a trigger for people who suffer from trauma	1/13/2024 6:17 PM
151	What can the public expect for enforcement?	1/13/2024 4:54 PM
152	Let it be	1/13/2024 4:49 PM
153	Rideau lakes promotes itself as an area for fishing, hunting and other activities that encourage caring for the natural beauty and animal welfare around us. So isn't it hypocritical to say we are interested in animal welfare one day, and then scare the wildlife around us by sending of fireworks at various times of the year? We know that countless domestic pets are afraid of the noise and run away and are lost and wild animals get separated from their young when fireworks explode.	1/13/2024 4:27 PM
154	Why are we trying to take the fun out of summer?	1/13/2024 3:20 PM
155	I hate fireworks. Yes, they are beautiful, but the harm they cause is not worth the few seconds of being pretty. They are a fire hazard, they are terrifying to animals and the pollution they cause in our lakes and air and soil is terrible. They serve no purpose except to entertain humans for less than a minute per firework. The dozens of lost pets and injured horses and humans from fireworks makes me furious. It is beyond my comprehension that a plastic straw is deemed dangerous enough to be banned but fireworks continue. Releasing balloons and those floating Chinese lanterns with candles in them should also be banned. Good luck and thanks for asking.	1/13/2024 2:51 PM
156	I've always loved fireworks but i'm really concerned about wildlife and safety as it seems like kids firing them off sometimes. Also don't like when they are going off multiple nights in a row	1/13/2024 12:49 PM
157	Fireworks have been enjoyed for over a hundred years. Don't take all the fun away.	1/13/2024 12:11 PM
158	Fireworks are beautiful and part of our culture. Banning fireworks outright will result in a human rights complaint against the township.	1/13/2024 10:58 AM
159	No	1/13/2024 10:52 AM
160	Fireworks are usually over in a short amount of time. Unlike light shows and loud concerts that HAVE gone on for hours at very high levels of frequency and continuous thumping noise .	1/13/2024 10:50 AM
161	Why do a very small group of people always have to make it a problem for the majority?	1/13/2024 10:49 AM
162	How can you allow fireworks and at the same time talk about reducing pollution. It is	1/13/2024 10:48 AM

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	hypocritical.	
163	Stop taking away things people use to celebrate. Lakes are not just for looking at. Properties are not just for looking at. People in these communities need to live when the cottagers/tourists come and go. If none of us stay there is no one to run their grocery store, bank, gas stations and care for their seasonal properties. I am disappointed with how many regulations affect this township already. Also the thought of another public celebration to be ruined and regulated until it disappears.	1/13/2024 10:48 AM
164	Though I appreciate the celebration and enjoy fireworks displays. I have seen very cavalier use of fireworks in the area since moving here. Approx 6 months of the year they are a major cause of forest fires, which are getting closer to us, more intense and more frequent. I have hear and seen them over the tree tops during total fire bans, in wind and other generally recognized as unsafe conditions. Displays should be handled by the township or by a qualified 3rd party if someone has applied for a permit for a private display.	1/13/2024 10:03 AM
165	If fireworks upset an animal owners should be aware and take precautions such as securing them in the house	1/13/2024 9:53 AM
166	Impact on wildlife and water inhabitants	1/13/2024 9:08 AM
167	Allow them anytime	1/13/2024 8:27 AM
168	As I believe they should not be restricted to certain days there are questions I did not answer in case my answer was misconstrued. Let's stop taking things away from people.	1/13/2024 8:20 AM
169	No	1/13/2024 8:11 AM
170	Publicize regulations.	1/13/2024 7:32 AM
171	The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Who is going to enforce any change in bylaws? Who is going to come around after dusk on a weekend ? Practically unenforceable!!! Ridiculous	1/13/2024 7:25 AM
172	Anything fun is being attacked by the cancel (council) culture. Once again this council is only hearing the complainers and the silent majority goes unheard.	1/13/2024 7:00 AM
173	Just because something has always been done in the past shouldn't mean it should continue. Concern for the risk of fire when setting off fireworks should also be considered. Think of the volunteer firefighters and also consider the wild fires that were experienced this past summer. Have respect for others (humans and wildlife) and begin a new tradition that doesn't include fireworks. I am a resident of a neighbouring municipality that shares a boarder with Rideau Lakes.	1/13/2024 6:37 AM
174	Unnecessary fire hazard in drier weather conditions	1/13/2024 6:05 AM
175	People around our area set off fireworks on the lake during the winter. They don't pick up their debris and this sinks into the lake not only polluting the lake, but poisoning the fish, etc. So it's another reason why firework should be banned. I live on Bobs Lake.	1/13/2024 3:05 AM
176	Environmental disaster. Not to mention the trauma they cause pets.	1/13/2024 12:02 AM
177	I believe the less the municipality is involved in the day to day decisions of the taxpayers, the better. The cost alone of fireworks is prohibitive, so this is much ado about nothing, IMO. Furthermore, does the municipality have the manpower to enforce/monitor the fireworks bylaw, or any increases to it? Or will the municipality simply be depending on neighbours reporting on neighbours? People need to take responsibility to discuss their concerns with their neighbours and not rely on the municipality to do it for them. By adding to the fireworks bylaw, it has the potential to polarize people further. We have enough of this going on as it is. Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Patterson 214 Mallen Road, Elgin ON	1/12/2024 11:42 PM
178	Fireworks cause stress in animals. For some people, fireworks sound and can look like bombs and therefore remind one devastation. There is a potential for fire igniting trees and buildings given proximity to these.	1/12/2024 11:41 PM
179	23 should be "not sure" because I am not aware of the current bylaws	1/12/2024 11:40 PM
180	I am firmly opposed to fireworks and strongly advocate for an increase in restrictions. I do worry about how this could be enforced given the wide area of the township. Hand-in-hand with stricter regulations should be education on the negative effects. Maybe a handful out there will be convinced to change their behaviour even without more restrictions.	1/12/2024 11:26 PM

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181	Less township influence on how families decide to live their lives would benefit the trust factor between citizens and township.	1/12/2024 10:37 PM
182	No	1/12/2024 10:15 PM
183	No	1/12/2024 9:59 PM
184	Life is short. Lets celebrate! But also be respectful to each other... to those that love fireworks, and to those that don't	1/12/2024 9:47 PM
185	Fireworks should be banned completely	1/12/2024 8:57 PM
186	It's not good for the environment.	1/12/2024 8:53 PM
187	Consider only public regulated fireworks. It seems that instead of fireworks being held only on special holidays it seems like it has expanded to any day of the year which is no longer acceptable. In my neighbourhood where there are many short term rentals, the majority of the problems surrounding the use of fireworks and amount of use originate at these properties. There seem to be no regard for property owners who live here full time and how fireworks can affect us and the birds and animals in the area. It is fine to have fireworks but limit them to public display once a year...eliminate private fireworks. Even those people who go out into the lake and light them there - we have witnessed a part of a dock used and then it upset with the weight of the people on it and the fireworks that were already lit became a projectile toward the shore where people were sitting.....nothing happened but someone could have been hurt seriously.	1/12/2024 8:14 PM
188	Responsible use of fireworks should be allowed. On holidays and as well on other special occasions with a permit. Should restrict use during fire bans of course and beyond a certain time (maybe 11pm and 1230 pm on new years	1/12/2024 8:02 PM
189	They are overrated and played out. Not worth the noise and startling dogs and wild life	1/12/2024 7:55 PM
190	There is so much negativity in this world, let us keep this time-limited joyful activity!	1/12/2024 7:52 PM
191	There is a lot of documentation regarding the triggering effects of fireworks. For people and wildlife, the sound can be so disruptive. Animals are disorientated and PTSD is brought on by live fireworks. A light show is as impressive without the damaging effects. Many pets have run frantically from their homes, never to be found. Livestock have run in terror through fencing. People are further tormented by the shudder the fireworks create. Please be progressive with your bylaws regarding fireworks. For the half an hour of enjoyment they bring, so much loss can occur.	1/12/2024 7:25 PM
192	Leave things alone and let people be People and live their lives. It's not like Fireworks are set off every day of the week.	1/12/2024 7:20 PM
193	Instead of banning something people enjoy, possibly put rules in place to reduce or remove the negative impacts. For example, setting the restriction between dusk and 11 pm seems reasonable. I think another survey should be done that lists the possible changes and have respondents agree or disagree with the proposed change and if disagree allow them them to comment as they may suggest a better alternative.	1/12/2024 7:13 PM
194	Fireworks are great and wonderful displays. They should be regulated by the township and set off where it is safest to do so like the Lombardy fairgrounds where all can enjoy. At one time there used to be a collection taken if people wanted to donate to the fireworks so that lots could be purchased for a wonderful display. If the fireworks are set off in specific location such as this then there is less impact on neighbourhoods and nature. People know what is happening and expect a certain amount of noise for a specified amount of time.	1/12/2024 6:38 PM
195	It's all about respect when fireworks are allowed. What ever happened to fireworks being for traditional occasions? Too much is not good for the environment and can be very annoying to neighbours and, yes their pets. Something to be enjoyed in reasonable moderation.	1/12/2024 6:25 PM
196	Fireworks harm wildlife and are an environmental hazard. We don't want our precious lakes and local wildlife harmed. They are our greatest assets. So why allow this assault on our environment to continue? Some areas in Ontario do outlaw fireworks. Why not us? City of Woodstock ON recent ban. https://www.heartfm.ca/news/local-news/woodstock-approves-bylaw-for-consumer-fireworks-ban/#:-:text=You%20won't%20be%20able,as%20of%20January%201st%2C%202024.	1/12/2024 6:20 PM

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197	I like fireworks but they are not good for our animals. Even if there is notice given it doesn't help the animals in the wild.	1/12/2024 6:08 PM
198	In the past, no one understood the ramifications of fireworks, the use of those toxic heavy metals that persist in our environment in our water in our air in our land. Also the impact on wildlife and domestic animals, and on those people that have a trauma response to them, it's time to get out of the dark ages and realize that the expense of burning chemicals in the sky no longer should be permitted just like we don't allow smoking now that we know the dangers we shouldn't allow fireworks not to mention the number of people that use fireworks privately during dry seasons to make also a fire hazard. If you venom, make sure you educate the reasons education is the key to understanding why they're no longer something we want to participate in.	1/12/2024 5:51 PM
199	we can show consideration to other living things and still have a good time	1/12/2024 5:44 PM
200	There are bigger issues in the township than changing an existing bylaw.	1/12/2024 5:03 PM
201	Fireworks are a tradition especially on Canada Day and with all the lakes within the township it is a beautiful display. I can't believe this even needs to be discussed and I would imagine the majority of residents will feel the same way.	1/12/2024 4:59 PM
202	Fireworks are terrifying for pets and wildlife. Please restrict.	1/12/2024 4:58 PM
203	I think fireworks for holidays are ok. But not every weekend. We can't ban something for the many just because it bothers the few	1/12/2024 4:54 PM
204	I don't believe they are a big enough issue to require further regulation.	1/12/2024 4:33 PM
205	Let people enjoy fireworks but have pity on those that are negatively impacted.	1/12/2024 4:26 PM
206	It would be preferable to have fireworks on predictable days and at predictable times.	1/12/2024 4:20 PM
207	No	1/12/2024 4:18 PM
208	Permits required by any one wishing to have a fire works event with approval of fire department. Random weekend parties with fireworks been forbidden and enforced	1/12/2024 3:57 PM
209	They harm the environment and when the climate is changing they should not be allowed.	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
210	Fireworks should be permitted but limited to special occasions/holidays and in accordance with regional fire bans between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.	1/12/2024 3:48 PM
211	I would be fine with noiseless fireworks. I live adjacent to a farm and in addition to the boom bothering me and my dog it scares farm animals and thus also wildlife of the Rideau lakes.	1/12/2024 3:24 PM
212	I am not against them, I just don't understand why people need them every weekend. The stores are the problem too, selling them year round instead of just a holiday.	1/12/2024 3:22 PM
213	I approve of private fireworks done by a licensed individual or company. The private displays present a fire hazard and a safety hazard. I understand that enforcement of late night displays by drunk individuals cannot be done.	1/12/2024 3:12 PM
214	I feel like most people I've seen that use fireworks don't know how to set them up properly, don't take the time, or are intoxicated. There also aren't any notices that need to be given to surrounding neighbours who may not want to be present when the fireworks go off (i.e. if I wanted to leave with my dog if I knew fireworks would be happening next door).	1/12/2024 3:02 PM
215	We are becoming over regulated to satisfy a minority of taxpayers within rideau lakes	1/12/2024 2:54 PM
216	Unfortunately it's the people using them need the education to use them responsibly, safely, and use consideration	1/12/2024 2:51 PM
217	Fireworks are a celebration. Let's continue to celebrate this great area.	1/12/2024 2:46 PM
218	Not environmentally friendly. Lots of smoke.	1/12/2024 2:45 PM
219	They scare domestic animals and wildlife. Light shows would be better.	1/12/2024 2:40 PM
220	They are harmful to wildlife, domestic pets and some people. with other perfectly viable options, it's hard to understand why we are still using these.	1/12/2024 2:39 PM
221	I don't mind fireworks but well before midnight	1/12/2024 2:38 PM

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222	Stop adding restrictions to anything Residence choose to do on their own private property	1/12/2024 2:36 PM
223	Maybe certain days and times could be implemented so people aren't setting fireworks off every night and every weekend. I love fireworks, and the joy they bring, but it's very excessive on Rideau lake. Some of the renters light them off all night long. Nature and locals need a break from it sometimes	1/12/2024 2:31 PM
224	perhaps if private fireworks are bothering some people maybe the person/group who are planning a private fireworks display could inform neighbors of their plan before the event, that way those who are easily offended could prepare appropriately	1/12/2024 2:28 PM
225	If there are persons within the township who do not like fireworks and wish to live in a more regulated society they should move to a city or town. Stop over regulating everything! Part of the reason people live in the country and own often larger parcels of land is to have more freedom than living in urban settings. My land means I can have fireworks anytime if I want.	1/12/2024 2:26 PM
226	Rideau Lakes need to loosen up	1/12/2024 2:21 PM
227	Try to keep it in the dusk until 11 pm time. They seem to go off at all times in the summer on weekends. Narrows locks area.	1/12/2024 1:59 PM
228	No	1/12/2024 1:49 PM
229	I think we are at a place where we now know the damage and distress fireworks cause people, wild animals, livestock, fish, ground, air. There is no reasonable reason to continue with them. Weighing the benefits against the consequences ... there is no contest. We can live quite well without them.	1/12/2024 1:46 PM
230	We called you out for wasting time and money on a bylaw few had interest in.... This is an obvious attempt of generating interest in order to justify poor management of Council Business for personal matters. Noted.	1/12/2024 1:43 PM
231	Fireworks are self indulgent and harm animals and the environment	1/12/2024 1:15 PM
232	Fireworks significantly impact wildlife as well as livestock and pets. A hallmark of Rideau Lakes is its nature and beautiful lakes affording a peaceful, quiet lifestyle. We can celebrate holidays in many other ways that do not negatively impact nature.	1/12/2024 1:11 PM
233	Fireworks are used too frequently by some people and are disrespectful to neighbours, feared by pets and other animals. We don't need/ want more bylaws but don't know how else to stop it from continuing. Requiring neighbours to report to bylaw doesn't help to create good relationships. How can we appeal to local stores to stop selling them.	1/12/2024 1:07 PM
234	I think Chinese lanterns (I heard it's classified as fireworks) should be banned. There is no control of where they would land if it should become faulty.	1/12/2024 12:59 PM
235	Although a few people keep whining about fireworks, in my opinion the vast majority of folks either support fireworks or simply don't care. Not a big issue in Rideau Lakes.	1/12/2024 12:33 PM
236	You cannot use the pandemic as a reason to review this and change it! Yes ppl were bored and there were fireworks. A few ppl complained about fireworks on a lake and down a backroad , and look what happens. Don't use the wildlife card - we as humans affect wildlife everyday when we hunt, fish, drive down a road, hike, build a new house, throw garbage out a window; change an intersection, shoot a gun, go for a boat ride; so using wildlife as a 'things to be considered' here is like shooting yourself in the foot. We already affect it negatively. I think there are bigger challenges to overcome other than fireworks in the summer. It is a limited time frame and being too strict takes away my right to enjoy life. We live in the country and if you can't endure the noise a few times throughout the summer move back to where you moved from.	1/12/2024 12:31 PM
237	Too many go off on non special days. Animals should be considered with silent fireworks.	1/12/2024 12:29 PM
238	No except never after 11pm. I live in the water so I only let them go from my dock over the lake and maybe 3 x a year at the most.	1/12/2024 12:02 PM
239	I personally don't see the point other than one night a year. Canada's birthday.	1/12/2024 11:59 AM