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Town of Halton Hills  
Office of the Mayor  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk

From: Mayor Lawlor

Re: Mayor & Councillors' Email Correspondence Regarding Fireworks

Date: October 11, 2024

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In this term of Council, public interest in proposed fireworks bylaw changes has been high, with people not only interested in whether or not personal fireworks should be banned, but also how opinions could be heard by Councillors before a decision is taken.

When the random public survey regarding whether or not personal fireworks should be banned was announced in late spring 2024, a Let's Talk window for input was not implemented. However, the public was informed by Town Communications that they were welcome to share their views with the Mayor &/or their Councillors.

This memo summarizes formal (emailed) public comment regarding personal fireworks received by the Mayor's office and members of Council between March 2023 and September 2024. Seventy five unique Halton Hills residents provided their opinions. To summarize, a significant majority in each of the wards indicated support for a ban on personal fireworks. The reasons given in the emails varied from personal disturbance to frightened pets to wildlife impact, safety and fire hazards and pollution. Should it be helpful greater details are recorded in the Mayor's Office.

### Unique Emails Received by the Mayor & Councillors Regarding Personal Fireworks

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Unknown	Total	Percent
In Favour of Ban	8	15	12	20	3	58	77%
Opposed to Ban	1	4	5	0	1	11	15%
Other Concern	2	0	2	1	1	6	8%
Total	11	19	19	21	5	75	100%

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