

Subject: FW: Notice of Motion banning of fireworks - report Councillor Crist

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> Subject: Notice of Motion banning of fireworks - report Councillor Crist

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> Motion - Banning of fireworks in the District - Report Councillor Crist:

> That staff be requested to provide a report for Council's consideration to ban the sale and use of all fireworks in the District of North Vancouver other than to bona fide organizations for use only under their own direct supervision.

> Reason for Report:

> Region wide reports about dangerous excesses by youth during the recent Halloween fireworks displays throughout the region have prompted the Lower Mainland press to call for a complete ban on fireworks in the Region including North Van.

> Although at the present there is a ban on the sale of fireworks to youth, apparently it is not difficult for youth to obtain such fireworks and through their reckless use, intimidate the public and create serious safety and fire hazards. It is obvious that adults who obtain fireworks legally, in turn, pass them on to youth.

> On the other hand, the legal system is such that even though fireworks may not be sold and or be used by young persons. The legal system is so ineffective and weak that potential offenders may safely ignore Bylaws to that effect.

> In light of this it is appropriate to ban the sale and use of fireworks altogether other than to bona fide organizations and provided these organization themselves conduct fireworks under strict adult supervision and in the name of their own bona fide organization.

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