

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks in Calgary will continue to support safe and vibrant communities for Calgarians, while maintaining opportunities for display fireworks to be enjoyed as part of large celebrations. There are no environmental impacts as a result of this recommendation, and no foreseeable economic impact as a result of prohibiting consumer fireworks, as they are not currently permitted for sale within Calgary.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

This recommendation does not require additional operating budget funding.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

This recommendation does not require additional capital budget funding.

Risk Assessment

The risk of not accepting this recommendation is primarily related to public safety. Consumer fireworks pose a direct risk to the safety both of those setting them off and those nearby, who may be impacted by a wayward explosive. They also pose a risk to property, pets, and children.

It is recognized that approving this recommendation also eliminates potential business revenue of selling fireworks, but this market does not exist currently. Consumer fireworks sales do not present an accessible business opportunity due to the amount of regulation and compliance requirements that would be the responsibility of businesses who wished to sell consumer fireworks.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

This recommendation is made to fill the need for regulation to preserve public safety as related to consumer fireworks since the Alberta Fire Code no longer governs their use. The proposed bylaw amendments uphold public safety related to consumer fireworks and do not change the current state of fireworks use in Calgary.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – **Proposed Bylaw 29M2019**
2. Attachment 2 – Municipal Bylaws for Consumer Fireworks in Alberta, September 2019