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I recently learned that a memo was put before council to severely restrict fireworks displays.

I find it disturbing that the fireworks bylaw may be put in place because ‘more and more people are complaining’. This is not a very accurate way to determine the will of the community. For every person complaining, there are probably just as many if not more that enjoy fireworks. This issue requires more study by council before we move to a bylaw.

In addition, how would such a bylaw be enforceable? Kawartha Lakes is a vacation community with our population swelling with cottagers and renters each summer. You can’t stop these folks from bringing fireworks to the Kawarthas. It would also be an impossible task for bylaw enforcement to police cottage country.

Also, has anyone on council asked local business owners how restricting the sale of fireworks will negatively impact their business. I am sure they would like a voice on this issue.

I am pleased that you are not supporting this measure. Please keep me informed as to the final outcome.

Regards  
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