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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 3:54 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Feed back for Fireworks Report.

Hello,

On Sunday November 12th 2023, I was woken up out of a dead sleep, by what, I thought at the time was multiple gun shots striking the side of my upstairs wall, and vibrating my windows. I looked out to see, that it was coming from the new adjacent (south east side of Rossland) townhouse complex next to our townhouses, we are at <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)> Rossland Road West in Oshawa, someone was shooting off fireworks in their children's playground. I contacted Durham Regional Police to complain about the close proximity, loud bangs, vibration and the total disregard for public safety. I explained to the officer, that I had been asleep for over two hours and have to get up at 2:30 am to get ready to report for work at 4 am. Now I have been woken up because of the sonic booms, and total disregard for public safety, over peoples homes and a fire hazard with all the dried leaves and trees in the area. It was then, I was told that it was allowed. The officer informed me that it was a religious celebration (Diwali) and they could set off fireworks. I replied you have to be kidding it's Sunday night people have to work in the morning, not to mention it being a safety issue with all the dry leaves and trees, it's October. She informed me that there was nothing that they could do. I said well that's just great, she said well we could send a car around, I replied what's the point if your not going to do anything about it. She then said well hopefully it will be over soon.

Well, it wasn't over soon. I was woken up shortly after 8pm and it continued for over 3 hours. Needless to say, by the time I feel back asleep, my alarm clocks were going off. I woke up with a migraine and trouble seeing out of my left eye because of it. I then, had to make the decision to call into work and book off ENPL (Emergency non-paid leave). I was unfit for duty. I am a Transit Operator with Metrolinx. I now, have lost both physically and financially because of the fireworks, and no way to re coup my loss.

I can not understand how these fireworks are even allowed in a residential area and the fact that it's October when we have so many dried leaves and trees on the ground is ridiculous. The sale and setting off of these fireworks needs to be banned and have bylaw Enforcement officers on duty when these dates occur. We need to follow suit with other cities in banning fireworks all together. The only way, I can see that Oshawa have fireworks is in a controlled environment like what they do for July 1st at Lakeview park. I am asking the City of Oshawa to implement these changes.

Thank you

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