

To: Safety and Facilities Services Committee

From: Adam Grant, Commissioner,  
Safety and Facilities Services Department

Report Number: SF-26-16

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Date of Meeting: April 13, 2026

Subject: Fireworks By-law Review: Equity, Inclusion and Safety and  
Proposed Options

Ward: All Wards

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council direction from November 24, 2025, to review the Fireworks By-law, 59-2014, as amended, in consideration of concerns raised through Correspondence SF-25-52, and a related public delegation.

This report provides an overview of the current regulatory framework for the discharge of consumer fireworks, summarises key considerations including enforcement, equity, and operational impacts, and presents a range of policy options for consideration.

Attachment 1 is Consumer Fireworks Discharge Analysis Maps

Attachment 2 is Municipal Benchmarking

## **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That, in accordance with Report SF-26-16 dated April 8, 2026, concerning Fireworks By-law Review: Equity, Inclusion and Safety and Proposed Options, Council select an appropriate option from Section 4.5 of this Report.

## **3.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Fire Services
- Corporate Performance and Strategic Initiatives (Diversity, Equity, and Reconciliation)
- Recreation Services
- Economic Development Services (Special Events and Culture)

- Legal Services
- Corporate Communications
- Parks and Road Operations Services
- Legislative Services
- Durham Regional Police Service

## **4.0 Analysis**

### **4.1 Background**

At its November 10, 2025, meeting, the Safety and Facilities Services Committee (“the Committee”) considered the delegation and Correspondence [SF-25-52](#) submitted by Fang Ming Zhao regarding [Fireworks By-law 59-2014](#), as amended (“Fireworks By-law” or “the By-law”).

The correspondence and delegation raised concerns regarding the perceived lack of fairness and consistency of the current framework for the discharge of consumer fireworks, specifically the sole inclusion of the celebration known as Diwali, as a day on which consumer fireworks may be discharged without a permit. It was noted by the delegate, that while the By-law currently recognizes Diwali as an exempt day, other cultural celebrations are not similarly recognized.

Through the delegation, the speaker requested that the Committee consider amendments to the By-law to address perceived inequities including the application of a uniform approach to exempt days or the establishment of a consistent permit-based process for cultural celebrations.

In response, the Committee directed staff to review the Fireworks By-law and report back, taking into considerations the concerns raised through the correspondence and delegation, as well as questions raised by committee members (please see Section 4.2.1 for further information).

As the issue identified through the delegation and subsequent Committee direction specifically pertains to consumer fireworks, this report focuses on the regulatory framework related to such fireworks including exempt days and the associated permitting process. While the Fireworks By-law also establishes standards with respect to display fireworks, prohibited fireworks, and pyrotechnic special effects, these elements are not the focus of this review.

#### **4.1.1 Previous Council Reviews of the Fireworks By-law**

Council has considered and amended the Fireworks By-law on multiple occasions in recent years, including updates to reflect evolving community needs and ongoing review of enforcement and regulatory approaches, as summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1 Previous Council Reviews of Fireworks By-law**

<b>Item and Timing</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Summary of Key Outcomes</b>
<p><b>By-law 96-2019</b></p> <p><b>September 2019</b></p>	<p>Inclusion of Diwali</p>	<p>Council amended the Fireworks By-law to include Diwali as a permitted exempt day for the discharge of consumer fireworks.</p>
<p><b>Item SF-23-13</b></p> <p><b>April 2023</b></p>	<p>Comprehensive Review and Options Analysis</p>	<p>Council directed staff to undertake a comprehensive review of the Fireworks By-law, including analysis of complaint data and benchmarking of other municipalities.</p> <p>The report outlined potential regulatory approaches, including enhanced enforcement and education, restrictions to designated locations, and a possible prohibition.</p>
<p><b>Item SF-23-38</b></p> <p><b>December 2023</b></p>	<p>Public Consultation and Preferred Approach</p>	<p>Council received results of public consultation on fireworks regulations.</p> <p>Findings indicated support for enhanced enforcement and education, with some support for more restrictive measures (i.e., a prohibition).</p> <p>Council directed staff to proceed with enhanced enforcement and public education while maintaining the existing regulatory framework.</p>
<p><b>Item SF-24-07</b></p> <p><b>March 2024</b></p>	<p>Technical Amendments and Enforcement Tools</p>	<p>Council approved technical and administrative amendments to improve clarity, consistency, and enforcement, including implementation of tiered Administrative Monetary Penalties (A.M.P.) and increased fine provisions.</p> <p>No changes were made to the overall regulatory approach.</p>

**4.1.2 Current Fireworks By-law**

The Fireworks By-law regulates the use, sale, storage, and discharge of fireworks within the City of Oshawa. Fireworks are federally regulated under the Explosives Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. E-17 (“Explosives Act”), which governs the acquisition, sale, storage, and use of fireworks in Canada.

The Fireworks By-law is enacted pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, (“Municipal Act”) which authorizes municipalities to regulate or prohibit the sale and discharge of fireworks, set permit conditions, and pass by-laws that protect the health, safety, and well-being of persons, animals, and the environment.

The Fireworks By-law establishes a regulatory framework for the sale and discharge of fireworks within the City and classifies fireworks into four categories consistent with the Explosives Act: consumer fireworks, display fireworks, prohibited fireworks, and pyrotechnic special effects. The By-law also requires individuals to comply with applicable federal standards.

Additional background information and detailed analysis are provided in Reports [SF-23-13](#) and [SF-23-38](#).

## **4.2 Key Considerations of the Fireworks By-law**

### **4.2.1 Equity, Inclusion, and Consistency**

Equity, inclusion, and consistency were central themes raised through the recent correspondence, delegation, and Committee discussion. Concerns were identified regarding how the current Fireworks By-law recognizes certain cultural celebrations while excluding others, and how this approach may be perceived in terms of consistency and fairness.

The current By-law permits the discharge of consumer fireworks without a permit on specified days: Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali. While this approach reflects recognition of cultural celebration, it also raises questions regarding the basis upon which these specific days are included and whether similar consideration has been applied consistently across other cultural observances.

Concerns raised through the delegation and Committee discussion highlight the importance of consistency, transparency, and perceived fairness in the application of municipal by-laws. Additionally, the delegation and Committee discussion brought forward concerns that the structure of the by-law may affect how residents interpret the framework, especially when the rationale for certain provisions may not be clearly explained.

This has led to consideration of whether a more consistent approach is warranted. Potential approaches discussed in the November 10, 2025, meeting include:

- Applying a uniform By-law framework that does not distinguish between specific cultural celebrations.
- Establishing a permit-based process that would allow individuals to apply to discharge consumer fireworks for cultural events (note: the current Fireworks By-law already includes a permit framework for the discharge of consumer fireworks outside of specified days).
- Maintaining the current approach while further clarifying the rationale for exempt days.

These considerations inform the review of the current By-law and the development of options (see section 4.5) to address the issues raised.

#### **4.2.2 Environmental Considerations**

Fireworks are known to have environmental impacts that intersect with the inherent and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples to hunt, fish and gather from healthy ecosystem, particularly related to air and soil quality. The discharge of fireworks releases chemical compounds and particulate matter such as perchlorates, heavy metals and debris which may affect local ecosystems including entering water systems through surface runoff and stormwater infrastructure.

Within a municipal context, this may be relevant where fireworks are discharged in proximity to parks, open spaces, and watercourses, including areas that ultimately drain into Lake Ontario. Residual debris from fireworks may also contribute to localised litter and require additional clean-up efforts.

While these impacts may seem short-term, they may be cumulative of toxins during periods of higher use, such as exempt holidays. These considerations may be relevant in evaluating options proposed in Section 4.5.

#### **4.2.3 Enforcement Process and Challenges**

Ensuring compliance with the Fireworks By-law is a shared responsibility between Municipal Law Enforcement (“M.L.E.”) and Oshawa Fire Services. The current approach includes both complaint-based responses and targeted proactive enforcement during peak periods.

As outlined in Table 2 (based on the approach outlined in Report SF-23-13, as the approach remains the same), M.L.E. serves as the lead for enforcement related to the discharge of consumer fireworks, with support from Fire Services. Complaints are investigated by both divisions, with M.L.E. providing after-hours response. Proactive enforcement measures, such as patrols in parks and other high-activity areas, are undertaken during Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali.

This approach reflects a balance between promoting voluntary compliance through education and awareness and applying enforcement measures where necessary.

**Table 2 Current Approach to Ensuring Compliance with the Fireworks By-law**

<b>Fireworks By-law Activity</b>	<b>Responsible Divisions</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Discharge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.L.E. (Lead)</li> <li>• Fire Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints are investigated by both Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Oshawa Fire Services</li> <li>• M.L.E. provides afterhours response outside of regular business hours.</li> <li>• Proactive enforcement (i.e. parks patrol) and enhanced coverage is undertaken by M.L.E. on Canada Day, Victoria Day, and Diwali</li> </ul>
<b>Sale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Prevention (Lead)</li> <li>• M.L.E.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administers the Fireworks Sales Permit system in the Fireworks By-law</li> <li>• Enforces the prohibitions related to the sale of fireworks in the Fireworks By-law</li> </ul>

The discharge of consumer fireworks is inherently dynamic and time-limited, often occurring across multiple locations simultaneously, particularly on exempt days. While there has been an increase in proactive enforcement during peak periods, enforcement remains largely reactive, with officers frequently responding after the activity has concluded. Given the volume and geographic distribution of incidents, it is not feasible to maintain a continuous enforcement presence across all areas where fireworks may be discharged.

These conditions can impact the ability to meet evidentiary requirements necessary to support enforcement action. In some instances, confirming a violation may rely on direct observation of the activity. Where fireworks activity has concluded prior to officer arrival, identifying the responsible individual may be more challenging, particularly in group settings.

**4.2.4 Safety Considerations**

The Fireworks By-law establishes a number of safety requirements intended to mitigate risks associated with the discharge of consumer fireworks. These include, but are not limited to, restrictions related to:

- Proximity to hazardous uses (e.g., locations where flammable substances are manufactured or stored)
- Sensitive land uses (e.g., hospitals, long-term care homes, schools)
- Required separation distances from buildings, structures, and vegetation
- Minimum setback distances based on the height and effect of the fireworks display

To better understand how these requirements function in practice, staff conducted a spatial analysis using Geographic Information Systems (“G.I.S.”), applying applicable safety criteria across the City.

The analysis demonstrates that, when safety requirements are considered together, there are limited locations within the City where consumer fireworks can be discharged in full compliance with the By-law.

This results of this analysis are illustrated in Attachment 1.

It is important to note that, due to data availability and timing constraints associated with the preparation of this report, the spatial analysis does not incorporate all safety requirements outlined in the Fireworks By-law. The mapping is based on available data layers, including sensitive land uses, required separation distances from buildings and structures, and minimum setback distances associated with the height and effects of a consumer fireworks display. Building and structure data used in the analysis was captured in summer 2024 and may not reflect more recent development. As a result, the analysis represents a partial application of the By-law’s safety provisions and may not fully capture all constraints related to the discharge of consumer fireworks.

Notwithstanding these limitations, the analysis indicates that, based on the available data layers, there are limited locations within the City where consumer fireworks can be discharged in compliance with the By-law. The inclusion of additional safety-related data layers may further reduce the number of compliant locations.

**4.2.5 Updated Statistics from SF-23-13: Complaints, Enforcement, and Permits**

Table 3 details the history of complaints received by Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services (“M.L.E.L.S.”) from 2020 to 2025.

**Table 3 M.L.E.L.S. Response History 2020 to 2025**

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Six Year Total
<b>Complaint</b>	8	20	15	46	67	65	221
<b>Proactive Response</b>	1	6	2	2	35	107	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>374</b>

**Note:** the above statistics are approximate as some were obtained using keyword electronic file searches and as such may not be all-inclusive of the complaints received.

The following statistics were provided from Fire Services:

- From 2021 to 2025, there were thirty-four (34) calls-for-service for Fire Suppression related to the discharge of fireworks for the three-day period before and after Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali Day. There remains no reported damage due to the discharge of fireworks for the aforementioned calls.
- Fire Prevention remains the same from 2023 and has not received any calls-for-service in the same period.

- The 2023 report indicated that Fire Prevention issued approximately three (3) to four (4) Fireworks Sales Permits annually between 2021 and 2023. Updated information provided by Fire Services indicates that eight (8) permits were issued for 2024 and eleven (11) permits were issued in 2025.
- Between 2024 and 2025 there were nine (9) Fireworks Discharge permits issued for the use of Consumer Fireworks.
- Between 2023 to 2025 there have been fifteen (15) firework-related incidents reported to Durham Region Police Service in Oshawa. These were related to dangerous use (use in assault/robbery), property damage, public nuisance, disturbance, and fire.

The following statistics were provided from Recreation Services:

- The Facility Booking Office (“F.B.O.”) has not received any complaints related to the discharge of fireworks.
- F.B.O. has issued one (1) permit for the discharge of fireworks in Parks since 2019.

Operations Services continues to identify the following City Parks as having higher than normal maintenance demands with respect to the required debris clean-ups from the discharge of fireworks:

- Bridle Park
- Coldstream Park
- Connaught Park
- Glen Stewart Park
- Grandview Village Park
- Greenhill Park
- Gulfstream Park
- Knights of Columbus Park
- Lake Vista Park
- Mount Joy Park
- Niagara Park
- North Oshawa Park
- Ritson Fields
- Sherwood Park
- Southmead Park
- Steeplechase Park
- Stone Street Park
- Woodview Park

#### **4.3 Consumer Fireworks Discharge Permit: Overview**

The Fireworks By-law includes an existing framework for the issuance of Fireworks Discharge Permits, which authorizes the discharge of consumer fireworks outside of specified exempt days.

Under the By-law, a Fireworks Discharge Permit is required to discharge consumer fireworks at any time; however, an exemption is provided for discharge between dusk and 11:00 p.m. on Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali. Outside of these days, individuals may apply for a permit to discharge consumer fireworks.

Applications for a Fireworks Discharge Permit must be submitted to the Chief Fire Official using the prescribed form and are required to be submitted a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed discharge date. As part of the application, applicants are required to provide supporting documentation, including, but not limited to:

- The applicable fee: \$100 (as present in Fees and Charges By-law, 109-2024)
- Details regarding the proposed location and nature of the fireworks discharge
- Written authorization from the property owner
- Proof of insurance, naming the City as an additional insured

Additional information may be required at the discretion of the Chief Fire Official, including details related to safety measures, crowd control, and site conditions.

The Chief Fire Official retains the authority to approve or deny applications, impose conditions, and revoke permits where provisions of the By-law are not being met.

#### **4.4 Municipal Benchmarking**

As part of this review, staff have updated the municipal benchmarking analysis previously conducted in 2023 to identify any changes to fireworks regulations across comparable municipalities. Seventeen (17) municipalities, including the Durham Region Lakeshore Municipalities, were considered (see Attachment 2).

This updated review considered whether municipalities have introduced new approaches or modified existing frameworks related to the discharge of consumer fireworks. Findings from the updated benchmarking are considered in the evaluation of options presented in Section 4.5.

Highlights include:

- **Limited overall change across municipalities.** The majority of municipalities reviewed have not made substantive changes to their fireworks by-laws since 2023. Only four (4) of the seventeen (17) municipalities reviewed have made changes.
- **Continued reliance on exempt-day models.** Most municipalities continue to permit the discharge of consumer fireworks on a limited number of specified holidays, most commonly Victoria Day and Canada Day, with some including cultural holidays.
- **Incremental expansion to recognize cultural celebrations.** Of the four (4) municipalities that made changes, two (2) added cultural or religious celebrations (Town of Whitby and the City of London).

- **Minor refinements to timing and permitted hours.** Some municipalities (e.g., Mississauga and London) have introduced adjustments to permitted discharge hours, reflecting efforts to address nuisance concerns while maintaining access.
- **Isolated example of more restrictive approach.** Brampton continues to maintain a more restrictive model, where the discharge of fireworks is generally not permitted.

**4.5 Options Analysis and Potential Motions**

Three (3) options for addressing the regulation of the discharge of consumer fireworks have been developed. Enforcement considerations outlined in Section 4.2.3 have also informed the development of these options, particularly with respect to clarity, compliance, and operational feasibility. Table 4 summarizes the three (3) options.

**Table 4 Summary of Options for Regulating the Discharge of Consumer Fireworks**

Option	Description	By-law Amendment Required?	Change to Exempt Days	Enforcement Considerations
<b>Option “A”</b> Maintain Current Model	Maintain current framework with exempt days (Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali) and existing permit system.	No	No change	Continued complaint-driven enforcement; existing challenges remain.
<b>Option “B”</b> Permit-Only Model	Require a permit for discharge of all consumer fireworks; remove all automatic exempt days.	Yes	Removes all exempt days	May improve clarity through a single, consistent rule; however, enforcement remains complaint-driven and subject to challenges related to time-sensitive activity, identification of individuals, and response limitations.

Option	Description	By-law Amendment Required?	Change to Exempt Days	Enforcement Considerations
<b>Option “C”</b> Total Ban on Discharge of Consumer Fireworks and Temporary Sales Units	Prohibits the discharge of Consumer Fireworks city-wide, as well as temporary sales units. Permanent sales locations would not be impacted, and City-led fireworks displays may continue.	Yes	Removes all days, including exempt days.	Simplifies regulatory framework; however, enforcement remains complaint-driven and may continue to be impacted by timing and identification challenges. Potential for increased non-compliance requiring enforcement response.

**4.5.1 Option “A”: Maintain Current Model**

The primary elements of Option A are listed below:

- Maintain the current by-law framework, including:
  - No permit required for the discharge of consumer fireworks between dusk and 11:00 p.m. on:
    - Victoria Day
    - Canada Day
    - Diwali
- Maintain the existing framework for discharge outside of exempt days.

This option reflects the City’s current approach, which balances designated exempt days with a broader permitting system.

As identified in previous reports and recent discussions, this approach provides flexibility for residents while continuing to present challenges related to:

- Complaint-driven enforcement.
- Public awareness and understanding of when and how consumer fireworks may be legally discharged.

Enforcement would continue to be primarily complaint-drive, with existing operational limitations remaining (as detailed in Section 4.2.3).

**Recommendation:**

If the Committee wishes to select this option, the following recommendation should be moved:

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-26-16 regarding the Fireworks By-law Review: Equity, Inclusion and Safety and Proposed Options, be received for information.

**4.5.2 Option “B”: Permit-Only Model**

The primary elements of Option B are listed below:

- Amend the by-law to require a permit for all discharge of consumer fireworks within the City of Oshawa.
- Remove the current “exempt days” framework, including Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali.
- Continue to allow fireworks through the City’s existing permitting process, including for cultural and special events.

This option establishes a consistent, permit-based framework for all consumer fireworks use, where access is managed through a standardized application process rather than through designated exempt days.

This approach reflects a uniform regulatory model, in which the same requirements apply across all users and occasions. It may support improved clarity and consistency in how they by-law is applied and the conditions under which fireworks may be discharged.

This option may improve clarity by establishing a single, consistent rule for when consumer fireworks discharge is permitted. However, enforcement would continue to be primarily complaint-driven, and existing operational challenges, such as the timing of complaints, identifying responsible parties, and resource limitations, would remain.

**Recommendation:**

If the Committee wishes to select this option, the following recommendation should be moved:

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Council pass a By-law to amend Fireworks By-law 59-2014, as amended, to require a Fireworks Discharge Permit for all discharge of consumer fireworks, to remove all identified exempt days, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department, the City Solicitor and the Director, Legislative Services/City Clerk; and,

2. That staff develop and implement a public education strategy to inform residents of the updated requirements respecting the discharge of consumer fireworks.

#### **4.5.3 Option “C”: Total Ban on Discharge of Consumer Fireworks and Temporary Sales Units**

The primary elements of Option C are listed below:

- Amend the Fireworks By-law to prohibit the discharge Consumer Fireworks and temporary sales units within the City of Oshawa.
- Remove all exempt days (Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali).
- Continue to permit City-led fireworks displays or authorized pyrotechnic events, subject to applicable approvals.
- Implement a communications strategy to support public awareness of the prohibition.

Under this option, the City would implement a comprehensive prohibition on the discharge of consumer fireworks and temporary sales units. This would eliminate permitted consumer use of fireworks across all dates.

A city-wide prohibition may reduce health and safety risks associated with the improper use of fireworks, including fire hazards, injury, property damage, and nuisance-related impacts such as noise, debris, and air quality concerns. It may also support broader environmental and community equity objectives.

From an enforcement perspective, a prohibition-based approach provides a single standard that may support more straightforward communication, interpretation, and application of the by-law. However, enforcement pressures will continue to exist, particularly where non-compliance occurs. As with other options, enforcement would remain subject to the operational realities outlined in Section 4.2.3.

#### **Recommendation:**

If the Committee wishes to select this option, the following recommendation should be moved:

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Council pass a By-law to amend Fireworks By-law 59-2014, as amended, to prohibit the discharge of consumer fireworks and the sale of consumer fireworks from temporary sales units within the City of Oshawa, in a form and content satisfactory to the Commissioner, Safety and Facilities Services Department, the City Solicitor, and the Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk; and,

2. That staff develop and implement a public education strategy to inform residents of the new regulatory requirements.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

The estimated financial implications associated with the options outlined in this report are summarized in Table 5. Similar to previous analysis (SF-23-13), anticipated costs are primarily related to the potential need for additional Municipal Law Enforcement Officer resourcing to support enforcement activities, as well as communications and public education efforts.

**Table 5 Estimated Financial Implications related to Options**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Option "A": Maintain Current Model	Costs included within the current operating budget.
Option "B": Permit-Only Model	\$12,200 in the first year, and \$9,200 ongoing
Option "C": Complete Ban	\$12,200 in the first year, and \$9,200 ongoing

The higher costs anticipated in the first year reflect the need for initial implementation activities, including enhanced communications and public education to support awareness of regulatory requirements. A more comprehensive campaign would be required in the first year, with lower ongoing costs in subsequent years to maintain awareness.

These estimates are preliminary and may vary depending on the option selected. Staff will continue to monitor resource requirements and will advise Council of any significant financial implications arising from the option selected.

## **6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan**

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Belong: Inclusive and Healthy Community” with the goal to reduce systemic barriers and deliver engaging, equitable and culturally inclusive programs and services for all participants.



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


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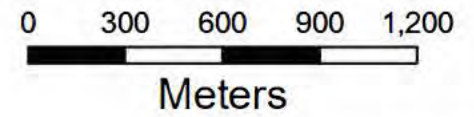


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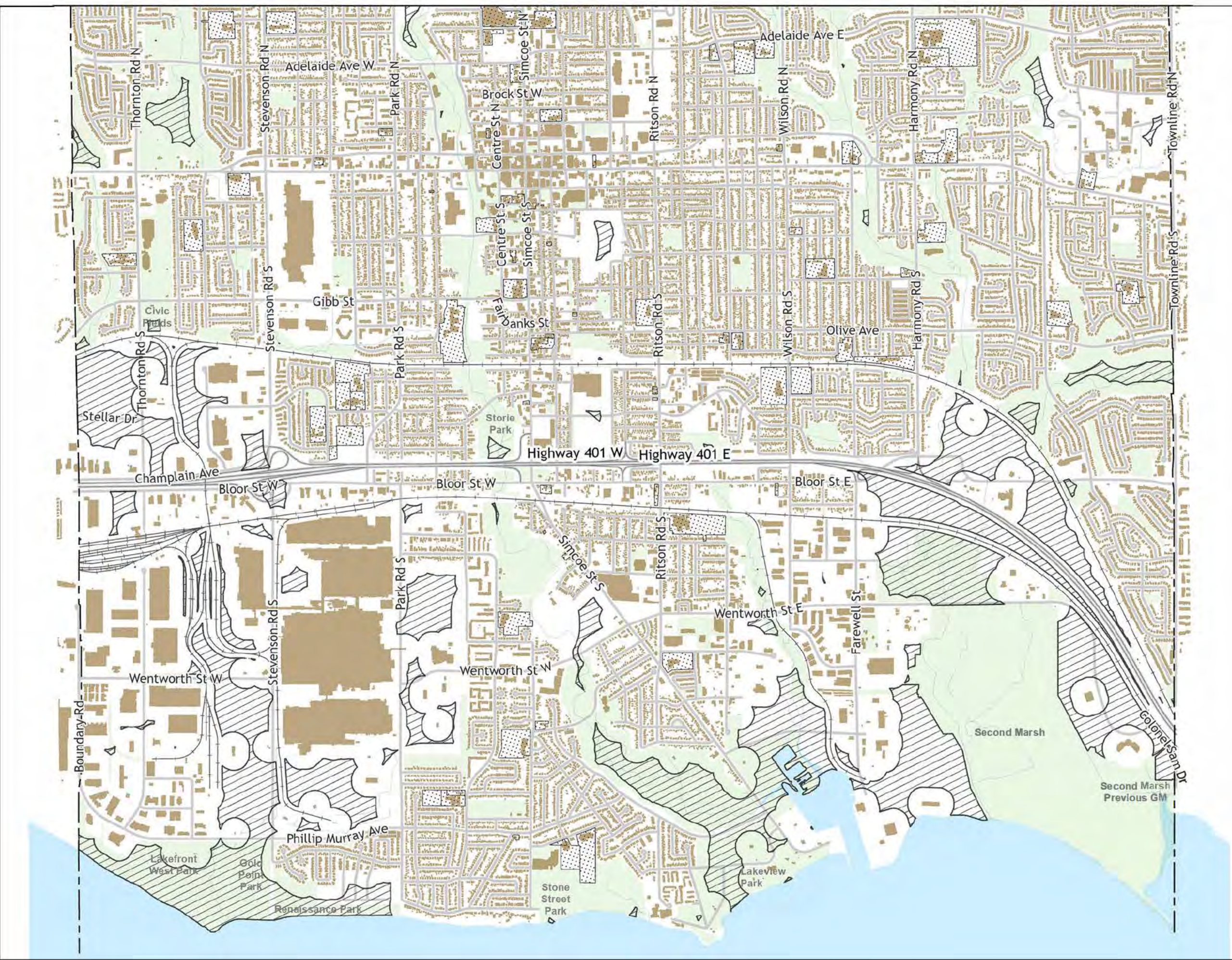


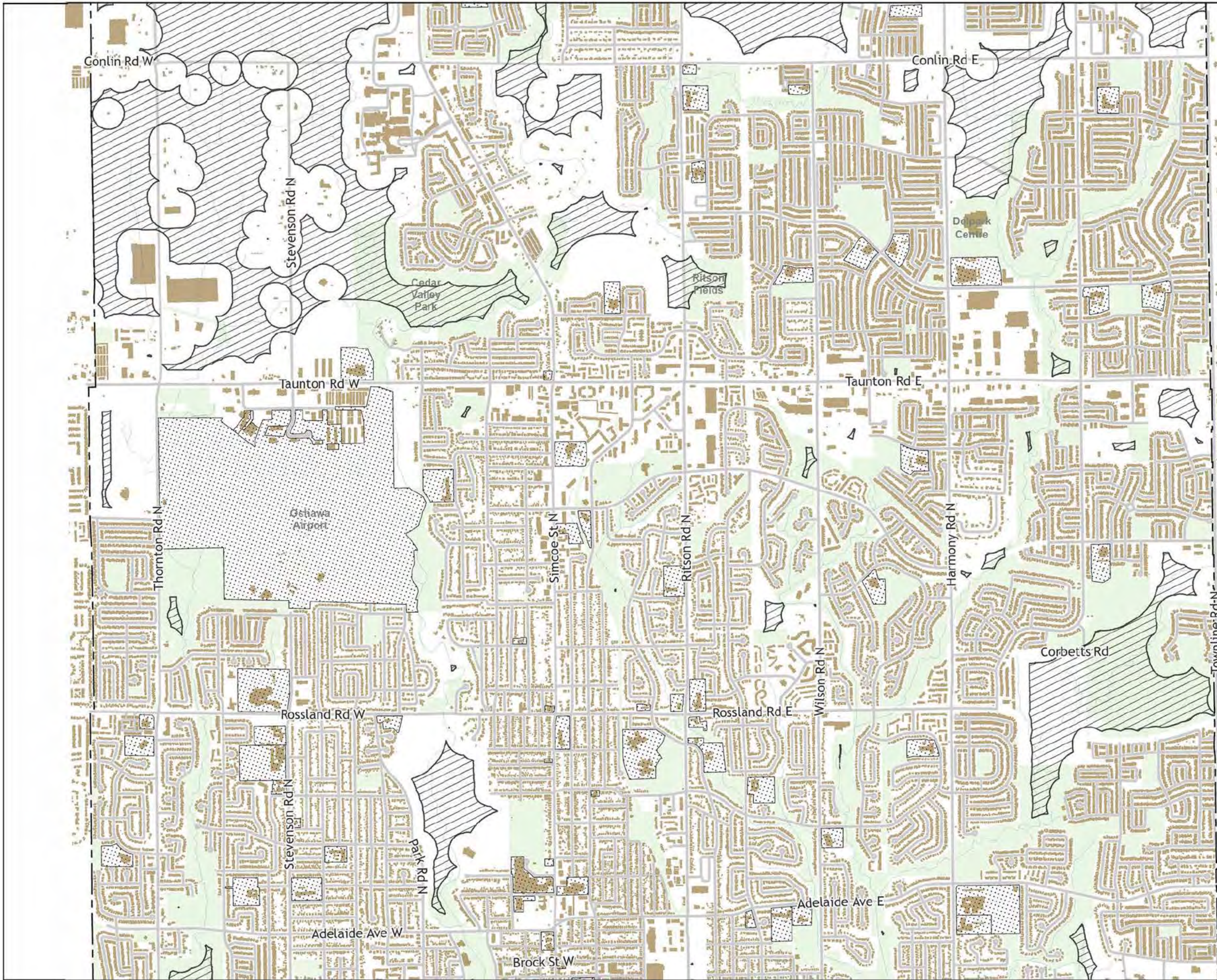
# Consumer Fireworks Discharge Analysis Map #1

-  Potential Discharge Site
-  Structure
-  Land use requiring additional setback (hospital, school, etc.)



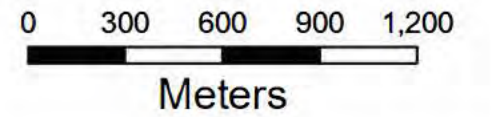
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## Consumer Fireworks Discharge Analysis Map #2

- Potential Discharge Site
- Structure
- Land use requiring additional setback (hospital, school, etc.)






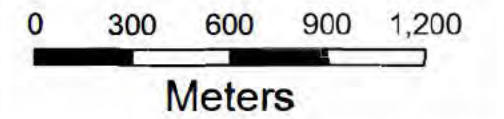
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# Consumer Fireworks Discharge Analysis Map #3

-  Potential Discharge Site
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-  Land use requiring additional setback (hospital, school, etc.)






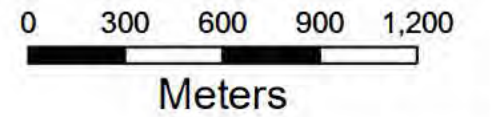
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# Consumer Fireworks Discharge Analysis Map #4

-  Potential Discharge Site
-  Structure
-  Land use requiring additional setback (hospital, school, etc.)



## Locator Map



Fireworks By-laws: Municipal Benchmarking (Updated March 2026)

Municipality	2023 Permitted Holidays (SF-23-13)	Current Approach (2026)
<b>Ajax</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunar New Year, Eid al-Fitr, Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Diwali</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday and one (1) day immediately preceding and following between 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Clarington</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday and three days immediately prior to between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Pickering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday and long weekends including the statutory holiday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Whitby</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day, Canada Day, New Year's Eve, and New Years Day</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanded to include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakshmi Puja (the third day of Diwali) between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> <li>On the day of, or the day immediately following the cultural or religious holiday for which a discharge permit has been applied for and issued by the Fire Chief between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Brampton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All fireworks are prohibited in Brampton, with the exception of sparklers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Burlington</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Guelph</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali, and other religious events approved by the Fire Department</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday and the day before Canada Day between 9:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated to provide greater flexibility for event-based approvals through the Fire Chief</li> </ul>
<b>Hamilton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>
<b>London</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>Permitted on the holiday, or the Saturday preceding when the holiday is on a Monday or Tuesday, or the Saturday following when the holiday is Wednesday – Friday, between dusk and 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanded to include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diwali</li> <li>Lunar New Year</li> </ol> </li> <li>Timing changed to: between dusk and 11:00 p.m. on the permitted days.</li> </ul>
<b>Markham</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Change</li> </ul>

Municipality	2023 Permitted Holidays (SF-23-13)	Current Approach (2026)
<b>Mississauga</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali, New Year's Eve, and Lunar New Year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shorter permitted hours for discharging fireworks (6 to 10 p.m. on all holidays except New Year's Eve, which allows use from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.)</li> <li>• Ban on Roman candles</li> </ul>
<b>Newmarket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>• Permitted on the holiday until 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Oakville</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day, Canada Day, New Year's Day, and any religious or cultural celebrations</li> <li>• Permitted on the day of, the day before, and the day after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Ottawa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>• Permitted on the day of, the day before, and the day after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Sarnia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>• Permitted on the day of, day before, and the day after</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Toronto</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> <li>• Permitted until 11:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Vaughan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Day and Canada Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Change</li> </ul>