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Subject: My comments regarding: Response to Increased Unpermitted Fireworks Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic
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Thank you for allowing me to provide comments in the context of Toronto's report on fireworks. As your report outlines, the city anticipates more unpermitted use in 2021 of fireworks. The report further states that the city believes "the most effective way to address increased unpermitted fireworks use during the pandemic is through enhanced education and enforcement" – page 4 of: <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/ec/bgrd/backgroundfile-165798.pdf>

With limited resources at the hands of the city and its by-law enforcement unit in cities such as Toronto and others, this sets the stage for a valuable way in which to achieve the intended goal. Working closely with the Canadian National Fireworks Association on its Vendor Certification and Employee Training Program creates a valuable mechanism to create a sustainable and long term solution to addressing education and ensuring regulations are followed.

I urge you to consider the CNFA's program and to partner with the industry on its education program as you have outlined on page 12 of your report. Doing so will be of service to the residents of Toronto and taxpayers will be grateful as your report indicates clearly on page 2 that you do not intend on spending more money and that the decisions herein will have no financial impact on the city and its taxpayers. What better way to achieve this than to partner with the CFNA on its education program, being used in cities across the country.

Thank you,

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