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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 21, 2026

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AUTHOR: Jim Hanson, Councillor

SUBJECT: Community Opinion on Consumer Fireworks Prohibition

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, pursuant to section 83 of the *Community Charter*, Council seek community opinion regarding the prohibition of the retail sale, possession and use of consumer fireworks and smoke-generating pyrotechnic devices in the District of North Vancouver;

AND THAT such community opinion be obtained in conjunction with the October 17, 2026 general local election;

AND THAT the results of this process be non-binding on Council;

AND THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with proposed wording for a community opinion question to determine elector support for this prohibition.

REASON FOR REPORT:

To seek Council direction to obtain community opinion on a potential prohibition of consumer fireworks and smoke-generating pyrotechnic devices, and to direct staff to prepare wording for a non-binding public opinion question for the October 17, 2026 general local election.

SUMMARY:

This report seeks Council's direction to obtain community opinion, pursuant to section 83 of the *Community Charter*, on a potential prohibition of the retail sale, possession and use of consumer fireworks and smoke-generating pyrotechnic devices in the District of North Vancouver. The report also recommends that staff be directed to prepare proposed wording for a community opinion question to be included in the 2026 general local election.

BACKGROUND:

The District of North Vancouver regulates the sale and discharge of fireworks through its *Fireworks Regulation Bylaw 7456, 2004*. Fireworks are currently permitted subject to conditions, including allowable dates, safety requirements, and permitting provisions.

Council has previously considered bylaw amendments to prohibit the retail sale, possession, and use of consumer fireworks and smoke-generating pyrotechnic devices.

The District operates under the authority of the *Community Charter*, which permits Council to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to public safety matters, including fireworks, and to seek community opinion under section 83.

ANALYSIS:

Previous Council deliberations have demonstrated that this is a matter of differing community views. Seeking community opinion through a formal process aligned with the general local election provides an opportunity to better understand current public sentiment.

A non-binding public opinion question would provide Council with additional information to inform any future consideration of regulatory changes, including a potential prohibition.

Conclusion:

Fireworks regulation has been considered by Council on multiple occasions and remains a matter of community interest with varying perspectives. Seeking community opinion through a non-binding question at the time of the 2026 general local election would provide valuable input to inform any future Council decision regarding a potential prohibition.

Options:

1. That the motion, as presented, be supported; or,
2. That the motion, as presented, be amended; or,
3. That the motion, as presented, is not supported.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Hanson
Councillor

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