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Request for Council's Consideration		
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Date of Council Meeting: September 22, 2020

Subject: Display and Consumer/Family Fireworks in HRM

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer prepare a report and jurisdictional scan on the regulation and safe use of "Display" and "Consumer/Family" Fireworks in HRM.

Reason:

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services currently requires permitting for Display Fireworks and Pyrotechnics for Special Events. The usage of consumer/family fireworks falls under By-law N-200 but this is based on noise complaints rather than risk of fire or safety. By-law N-200 permits fireworks to be used on Canada Day, Natal Day, New Year's Eve and recognized religious holidays but does speak to safe use nor approved locations to set off fireworks. By-Law O-109, the Open-Air Burning By-law does prohibits discharging fireworks on the wildland fire risk and the daily Burn Index, set daily by NS Department of Lands and Forestry.

There have been numerous complaints and safety concerns raised by members of the public respecting the discharge of consumer/family and display fireworks in neighbourhoods. A staff report that includes a jurisdictional scan of other jurisdictions regulatory approach to display and consumer friendly fireworks is requested to address safety concerns and provide direction on when, where, and how fireworks can be safely operated safely in HRM.

Outcome Sought:

To allow for the regulation and safe use of "Display" and "Consumer/Family" fireworks in HRM.

Councillor Nicoll	*District 4*