



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**  
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## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**FROM:** Susie Spry, Manager of Enforcement Services

**DATE:** April 20, 2022

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2022-0022

**SUBJECT:** Request from North Heat Rib Series Inc. for an Exemption from the Noise By-law No. 2010-0030 at 1 Park Ave, Town of Halton Hills.

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2022-0022 dated April 20, 2022, regarding a request from North Heat Rib Series Inc. dated February 19, 2022 for an exemption from the Noise By-law No. 2010-0030 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant the request to allow North Heat Rib Series Inc. to hold an event at Georgetown Fairgrounds located at 1 Park Avenue, Town of Halton Hills on Friday July 8, 2022 from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm, Saturday July 9, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 11:00 pm and Sunday July 10 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant the extension for a period of three years for the annual event titled Northern Heat Rib Series Inc. ending September 30, 2024.

AND FURTHER THAT the exemption include a stipulation noting "Council can rescind the exemption at any time over the three year period should the Town receive noise complaints which by Town enforcement standards, are not adequately addressed".

### KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Enforcement Services received a Noise Exemption application from Linda and Peter Kowal for an event titled "Northern Heat Rib Series" to be held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on Friday July 8, 2022 from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm, Saturday July 9, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 11:00 pm and Sunday July 10 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

- The Noise By-law 2010-0030 section 3.5 places a limitation on exterior sound level due to a sound reproduction device ranging from 50dBA to 55 dBA during the requested times of the event.
- This event is being operated by the same company as in previous events in which approvals were received

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

On February 19, 2022, the Town of Halton Hills Enforcement Services received a Noise Exemption application from Linda and Peter Kowal for an event titled “Northern Heat Rib Series” to be held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on Friday July 8, 2022 from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm, Saturday July 9, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 11:00 pm and Sunday July 10 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The event is described as a music and food event which will include amplified sound and is expected to be attended by approximately 5000 people. Council has previously approved a Noise Exemption request for this same event in 2017 for a period of three (3) years. There was one complaint received in 2018 by Recreation and Parks staff by way of email regarding the noise levels associated with this event. This event is being operated by the same company as in previous events in which approvals were received.

The Noise By-law 2010-0030 section 3.5 places a limitation on exterior sound level due to a sound reproduction device ranging from 50dBA to 55 dBA during the requested times of the event. As outlined in the application, amplified sound will be playing from 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm on Friday, 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Saturday and 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday. Therefore, it is likely amplified sound from the event may impact adjacent residential properties.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town’s Strategic Plan.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

Public Engagement has been conducted as follows: Notice of the application for an exemption to the noise provisions by way of written notification has been sent to the owners of neighbouring properties within 60 metres of the area to which the application applies and who may be impacted by the noise. Notice of the application can also be

found on the Town's website as of April 21, 2022 and publication in the local newspaper general circulation within the Town has occurred on April 28, 2022.

**INTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

Staff have communicated with the applicant that a report will be going forward May 2, 2022 for Council consideration. The Town Clerk and Recreation and Parks staff were consulted on the preparation of this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer