



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Susie Spry, Manager of Enforcement Services

DATE: June 19, 2023

REPORT NO.: ADMIN-2023-023

SUBJECT: Request for an Exemption from the Noise By-law 2010-0030 at 12184 Eighth Line, Town of Halton Hills.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2023-023 dated June 19, 2023, regarding a request for an exemption to the Noise By-law No. 2010-0030 for a wedding be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant the request to allow amplified sound for a wedding with a large gathering of approximately 80 people on August 6, 8, 9 & 10 2023 from 5:00 pm to 2:00 am.

KEY POINTS:

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

- Enforcement Services received a Noise Exemption application to allow for amplified sound at 12184 Eighth Line, Town of Halton Hills (location map Appendix A) on Sunday August 6, 2023, Tuesday August 8, 2023, Wednesday August 9, 2023 and Thursday August 10, 2023 between the hours of 5:00 pm to 2:00 am.
- The Noise By-law 2010-0030 section 3.5 places limitation on exterior sound levels from a sound reproduction device ranging from 50dBA to 63dBA during the requested times of the event.
- Schedule "A", section 4 prohibits the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro-mechanical transducers intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound between 11:00 pm one to 9:00 am the next day.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

On June 14, 2023, the Town of Halton Hills Enforcement Services received a Noise Exemption Application for a wedding event to be held at 12184 Eighth Line on Sunday August 6, Tuesday August 8, Wednesday August 9, and Thursday August 10, 2023 between the hours of 5:00 pm to 2:00 am.

The Noise By-law 2010-0030 section 3.5 places limitation on exterior sound levels from a sound reproduction device ranging from 50dBA to 63dBA during the requested times of the event.

Further to section 3.5, Schedule "A", section 4 prohibits the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro-mechanical transducers intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound between 11:00 pm one to 9:00 am the next day.

Therefore the noise from the amplified sound may impact adjacent residential properties. The applicant has advised staff that there will be a maximum of 80 people on site for the wedding taking place on August 8, 2023. The other dates covered by the exemption request will be attended by fewer guests ranging from 20-50 people per day. It was also stated by the applicant that the amplified sound will likely end much earlier than 2:00 am but that time frame was chosen to ensure guests leaving the property would not be deemed as a nuisance and/or violation of the Noise by-law.

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 can be found on the Town's website as of June 29, 2023 and publication in the local newspaper general circulation within the Town has occurred on July 6, 2023. As per section 5.2.9.2 of the Noise By-law, written notification of the application has been sent to all properties within 500 metres of the area to which the application applies.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Staff have communicated with the applicant that a report will be going forward July 10, 2023 for Council consideration.

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