

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: June 26, 2024
To: Infrastructure, Transportation, Safety Sub-committee
From: Heather Denny, Events Coordinator
Report Number: ITS24-011
Attachments: None

Title: Exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event held at Memorial Baptist Church in Stratford.

Objective: To consider a request from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event held on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 1:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church which is located at 113 Bruce Street, Stratford.

Background: Noise by-laws are designed to reduce and control both unnecessary and excessive sound which can be a nuisance and generally degrade the quality and peacefulness of neighbourhoods. The Noise By-law identifies different rules and restrictions for noise based on 4 geographical areas throughout the city known as zones (Quiet zone, Residential zone, Commercial zone, Park zone).

The production, reproduction or amplification of sound is one of the sounds regulated by Noise Control By-law 113-79. The nature of this event would include the aforementioned sounds.

Any new exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 is subject to Council review and final decision.

Analysis: This private event will be held at 113 Bruce Street and event organizers are requesting an exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 in a Residential Zone.

The intent of this noise exemption request on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 5:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. in a residential zone, is to;

- Permit the noise produced by the event.
- Permit the operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound for music played.

Impacts to Noise Control By-law 113-79 in a Residential Zone

Below are the schedules and clauses within the Noise By-law applicable to this event.

Schedule 1, Clause 8 – “Unreasonable noise provision.”

Schedule 2, Clause 2 – “The operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro-mechanical transducers, and intended for the production, reproduction, or amplification of sound.”

Prohibited all day Sundays and Statutory Holidays, and from 5pm of one day to 7am next day.

Notice of Intent to Neighbouring Residents

A notice of the noise exemption request was issued in the Town Crier, and the event organizers hand delivered 26 notices to residents within 120m of the event location. The deadline for comments due back to staff and organizers was Friday, May 24, 2024. To date, no responses have been received.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications to be reported as a result of this report.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Culture and Community

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

Staff Recommendation: THAT approval be granted to the event organizers from Memorial Baptist Church, located at 113 Bruce Street, Stratford for an exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private event to be held on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from the following provisions:

- **Unreasonable noise [Schedule 1 clause 8]**
- **The operation of loudspeakers and amplification of sound [Schedule 2 Clause 2]**

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