



**To:** SPECIAL COUNCIL

**Meeting Date:** 6/28/2022

**Subject:** Requests for Exemption to Noise By-law 32-04 for 2022 Special Events

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**Report No.:** 22-081-CD

**File No.:** C1101

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

THAT Report 22-081-CD RE: Requests for Exemption to Noise By-law 32-04 for 2022 Special Events be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the requests identified in report 22-081-CD be approved.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**Purpose**

- To obtain Council approval for exemptions to the City of Cambridge Noise By-law 32-04 for 2022 Special Events.

**Key Findings**

- On an annual basis, event organizers must obtain approval from the City of Cambridge for an exemption under the City's Noise By-law 32-04.
- With the continuation of provincial restrictions surrounding the current COVID-19 pandemic, City special event staff are working with event organizers to keep current with public health regulations.
- Staff have identified a few events, that if permitted to move forward will require Council approval for an exemption from the City's Noise By-law 32-04.

## Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications.

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- Strategic Action; or
- Core Service

**Objective(s):** PLACEMAKING - Promote and create a wide range of destinations and activities that capitalize on the beauty of the rivers and heritage buildings

**Strategic Action:** Create and activate spaces that offer things for people to do

**Program:** Special Events

**Core Service:** Special Events (Independent)

### BACKGROUND:

To streamline the process to obtain exemptions to the City of Cambridge Noise By-law 32-04 for Special Events, City staff consolidates these requests in one or two reports annually.

There are a few events which will require Council approval to allow music to be played beyond a certain time period into the evening; typically, after 8:00 p.m. Some events listed below do not go past the 8:00 p.m. time but are included as a precaution for Council's awareness. Should this recommendation not be endorsed, By-law staff could be called to an event and prohibit the continuation of live performances.

### ANALYSIS:

Special Events are designed to deliver to meet the following objectives:

- To take care of, celebrate and share the great features in Cambridge that we love and mean the most to us.
- To showcase Arts, Culture, Heritage and Architecture within our community.
- Facilitate, support and provide a diverse range of events and festivals that bring all people together from across the city, region and beyond.
- These events promote participation in City of Cambridge initiatives and encourage residents to engage in family fun entertainment and activities

The following special events are going through the City's Special Event permitting process and are seeking a request for exemption to the City's Noise By-law 32-04 (Section 600 – Noise) for the 2022 event season as they will include live performances from local artists:

Main Street Music Series – Thursdays, from June 30, 2022 – October 6, 2022, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Main Street.

Farmer's Market Weekly Cultural Event – Fridays, from July 1, 2022 – October 7, 2022, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Queen Street Hespeler Village.

Latin Music on Queen – Saturdays, July 2, 2022 – October 8, 2022, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Queen Street Hespeler Village.

Galt Jazz – the first Sunday of each month, July 3, 2022 – October 2, 2022, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Main Street.

Main Street Pop-Up Market – the second Saturday of each month, July 9, 2022 – October 8, 2022, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Main Street.

Cambridge Ribfest and Craft Beer Show, Friday, August 5, 2022 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM, Saturday, August 6, 12:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Sunday, August 7, 2022, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Riverside Park.

Fairhaven Choir Concert - Sunday, August 14, 2022, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Mill Race Park.

Muslim Summer Festival – Saturday, August 27, 2022, 7:00 AM – 11:30 PM, Riverside Park.

All events will follow provincial and regional public health restrictions. City staff and event organizers often consult with Region of Waterloo Public Health. All special event organizers are provided with a copy of the City's "COVID Guidelines for Outdoor Special Events on City of Cambridge Property". Special event organizers understand that regulations can change at any time and may be required to modify their event plans based on Provincial or Public Health guidelines.

#### **EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):**

Section 2(2) of the City's Noise By-law 32-04 permits for organizations to request special exemption status to allow for noise (music) beyond certain times.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Costs associated with the delivery of special events are allocated as part of the annual operating budget.

**PUBLIC VALUE:**

The noted events have been held annually for a number of years. In the past, residents have been supportive of these events and have attended in large numbers. Active annual events contribute to residents' enjoyment of living in Cambridge and with the removal of Provincial Covid-19 restrictions, are anticipated to be well received.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:**

**Advisory Committees Consulted:**

Advisory Committees are consulted based on event participation or content as applicable.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Posted publicly as part of the report process.

**INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

In preparing for these events, staff and event organizers have consulted with Region of Waterloo Public Health and events will obtain any additional permissions and/or permits that may be required.

**CONCLUSION:**

The occurrence of the above noted events is subject to final approval of the City's special event approval process. Staff are recommending approval of the noise exemption requests for these events, should they be permitted to go forward.

**REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **Yes**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

**APPROVALS:**

**This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:**

**Director**

**Deputy City Manager**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**City Solicitor**

**City Manager**