

To: SPECIAL COUNCIL
Meeting Date: 6/7/2022
Subject: Noise By-Law Exemption - Langdon Hall
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Report No.: 22-038-CRS
File No.: C1101
Wards Affected: Ward 1

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 22-038-CRS Noise By-Law Exemption - Langdon Hall be received;
AND THAT the exemption request be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose:

To seek Council approval of a time sensitive Noise By-law Exemption request for the display of fireworks at a private wedding at Langdon Hall.

Key Findings:

- On an annual basis, as needed, private event organizers must contact the City to obtain approval for exemptions under the City's Noise By-law 32-04.
- Noise By-law exemptions, including displays of fire works at events on private property, are coordinated through the Clerk's Division.
- A Fireworks Permit must be obtained to display fireworks on public property; however, there is no such requirement for displays on private property.
- The subject event is being held July 2, with a rain date of July 3, 2022. The show of fireworks is scheduled to start sometime between 9pm and 10:30pm. The entirety of the show will be 7 minutes long and should not provide excessive disruption to neighbouring properties.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications associated with the approval of the subject Noise By-law Exemption.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- Strategic Action; or
- Core Service

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

Program: Business Permits / Licensing

Core Service: Business Permits / Licensing

BACKGROUND:

The Clerk's Division periodically receives requests from community groups and private event organizers for exemptions to the City's Noise By-law for upcoming events.

With the easing of provincial restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, many organizers are resuming regular business and in-person attendance at both public and private events.

The Clerks Division has received a request for an exemption to the City's Noise By-law for a fireworks display that is to be held during a private wedding event at Langdon Hall on July 2, 2022.

While the fireworks display is not planned to go beyond 10:30 p.m., Council approval for the Noise By-law exemption is being sought as per the requirements of the by-law.

ANALYSIS:

The City of Cambridge has been notified by Blue Star Pyrotechnics, that they have been hired for a private fireworks event at Langdon Hall on July 2, 2022 with a rain date of July 3, 2022. Langdon Hall is located at 1 Langdon Dr in Cambridge.

The current Fireworks By-law 40-04 states that no person shall set off any fireworks on any day except Canada Day and Victoria Day and two days preceding and two days following unless such a person has first obtained a permit pursuant to paragraph 6 of the bylaw except in the event of inclement weather. As this event falls within the dates of permitted private fireworks displays, an exemption from the requirements of the City's Fireworks By-law 40-04 is not required.

The subject Noise By-law Exemption request is being sought for a maximum of 7 minutes within a 90-minute window between the hours of 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., on a Saturday July 2. While the location of the event is not primarily a residential neighbourhood and there should be minimal impact to residents of Cambridge, the Noise By-law currently stipulates that no person shall make or permit unusual noises, or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants of the municipality. Therefore, this event will require an exemption to the Noise By-law in order for the event organizer to proceed with their fireworks display.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

PUBLIC VALUE:

Transparency:

To ensure transparency, the subject request for an exemption to the City's Noise By-law 34-04 is being sought and communicated to Council and to the public by way of this report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

Not Applicable.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Posted publicly as part of the report process.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

To ensure compliance with regulations, internal consultation with the City's Fire Prevention staff has taken place in relation to the proposed fireworks display. No concerns were received in relation to the fireworks display.

CONCLUSION:

With minimal negative impact to residents of Cambridge, staff are recommending approval of the subject Noise By-law Exemption.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

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

ATTACHMENTS:

None.