

To: COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 5/9/2023

Subject: Request for Exemption of Noise By-Law 32-04 for 2023 Special Events

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Report No.: 23-236-CD

File No.: C11

Wards Affected: All Wards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 23-236-CD Requests for Exemption to Noise By-law 32-04 for 2023 Special Events be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the requests identified in report 23-236-CD be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

- To obtain Council approval for exemptions to the City of Cambridge Noise By-law 32-04 for the following 2023 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.
- Staff have identified a few events on City property, 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 from the City of Cambridge Noise By-law 32-04 for Special Events, City staff consolidates these requests into one or two reports annually. It should be noted that the events listed in this report are still in the planning phase, dates and locations are subject to change.

There are a few events which, will require Council approval to allow music to be played beyond a certain period into the evening; typically after 8:00pm. 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:

- To take care of, celebrate and share the great features in Cambridge.
- 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 the 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 may include live performances from local artists:

Event	Place	Date	Time
Food Truck Crawl	Riverside Park	May 6	11 am -7 pm
Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony	Churchill Park	May 7	12:30 pm – 2 pm
Kin Carnival	Riverside Park	May 25	5 pm – 11 pm
		May 26	5 pm – 11 pm
		May 27	11 am – 11 pm
		May 28	11 am – 5 pm
Pet Portraits	Central Park (P)	May 27	12:00pm-2pm
Pride Month Flag Raising	City Hall, Civic Square	June 1	12 pm – 1:30 pm
Walk for Muscular Dystrophy	Riverside Park	June 3	7:30 am – 4 pm
Neighborhood Day	Soper Park	June 3	3 pm – 6 pm
Neighborhood Day	Fiddlesticks Community Centre	June 10	3 pm – 7 pm
Neighborhood Day	Rousse Ave	June 10	1 pm – 3 pm
Cambridge Pride Street Party	Main St	June 10	2 pm – 10 pm
Cambridge Celebration of the Arts	City Hall, Civic Square	June 16	5 pm – 10 pm
Long Dinner	Mill Race Park	June 25	4 pm – 8 pm
Canada Day	Riverside Park	July 1	8 am – 11 pm
Midway	Riverside Park	July 2	12 pm – 6 pm
Concerts in the Park	Mill Race Park	July 9, July 30, Aug 20	7 pm – 8:30 pm
Concerts in the Park	Forbes Park	July 16, Aug 6	7 pm – 8:30 pm
Concerts in the Park	Central Park (P)	July 23, Aug 13	7 pm – 8:30 pm
Whimsical Wednesdays	City Hall, Civic Square	July 5, 12, 19, 26	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Hespeler Village Music Festival	Forbes Park	July 8	9 am – 11 pm
Push for Your Tush	Riverside Park	July 9	9 am – 12 pm
Teeyan Da Mela	Forbes Park	July 15	8:30 am – 9:30 pm
Cambridge Scottish Festival	Churchill Park	July 14	7 pm – 11 pm
		July 15	8 am – 6 pm
Teeyan Da Mela	Forbes Park	July 15	8:30am -9:30pm
Wijhah Initiative	Riverside Park	July 15	12pm – 9pm
Two Row on The Grand	Churchill Park	July 18 – July 19	3 pm – 7 am
Cambridge Multicultural Festival	Forbes Park	July 22	7 am- 9 pm

Emancipation Day	City Hall, Civic Square	August 1	3 pm – 7 pm
Riverside Jamfest	Riverside Park	Aug 6	1 pm – 10:30 pm
Cambridge Ribfest and Craft Beer Show	Riverside Park	Aug 11, 12	12 pm – 10 pm
		Aug 13	12 pm – 6 pm
Cambridge Fall Fair	Dickson Park	Sept 7	4 pm – 10 pm
		Sept 8	4 pm – 11 pm
		Sept 9	11 am – 11 pm
		Sept 10	11 am – 5 pm
Cambridge Terry Fox Run	Riverside Park	Sept 17	11 am – 2 pm
Orange Shirt Day	Sculpture Garden	Sept 30	7 pm – 9:30 pm

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 City plays a coordinating role in creating and facilitating events and activities for the public to enjoy. Issuing appropriate exemptions to the City's Noise By-Law demonstrates good governance and allows events to occur in a way that balances a range of public considerations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

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 the Region of Waterloo Public Health and events will obtain any additional permission 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: **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