

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 21,2002

EXEMPTION TO THE CITY OF VAUGHAN NOISE BY-LAW 270-81 AS AMENDED, WEDDINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS –FESTIVALS,PARADES,FILMING

Recommendation

The Director of Legal Services in consultation with the City Clerk, Manager of Special Projects Licensing and Permits and the Senior Manager of By-Law Enforcement recommends that requests for exemptions to City of Vaughan Noise By-law 270-81, as amended, for weddings, parties and other special events be granted for the period May 20, to October 18th, in each and every year, subject to the following conditions:

- a) A Special Event Permit has been applied for and granted by the Clerk's Department, if required,
- b) That the event holder contacts the York Regional Police with the time and date of the event along with a contact telephone number and name.
- c) That the exemption does not apply in "quiet zones" (within 250 metres of all exterior walls of a hospital).
- d) That an exemption only be granted for the hours of 17:00 hours to 01:00 hours (5 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) on Saturdays or on the evening before a holiday and 17:00 hours to 23:00 hours (5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) on other days.
- e) That the noise level be restricted to 90 dBA.
- f) That the noise exemption be restricted to conversation and the playing of music (excludes sounding of horns and ringing of bells etc).
- g) That all audio speakers for the event be directed towards the residence hosting the party and shall not extend above 2 metres from the ground level.
- h) That should York Regional Police determine that the noise level of a particular event is causing a disturbance, the exemption shall be automatically revoked at the time of such determination by the York Regional Police.

Purpose

The purpose of this exemption is to make the process of approving Noise Exemption Applications for residential weddings, parties and other special events, more efficient.

Background - Analysis and Options

There are an increasing number of requests during the spring and summer season for backyard weddings, parties and other special events throughout Vaughan. These typically require a noise exemption. Often participants do not seek this approval in sufficient time to meet the agenda deadlines to have the exemption granted by Council prior to the event.

Rather than deal with each request as a separate item, we are suggesting a blanket exemption subject to conditions. Also, a blanket exemption would cover those requests during the summer hiatus in meetings. All conditions would have to be complied with to the satisfaction of the Senior Manager of By-law Enforcement and the Manager of Special Projects, Licensing and Permits. Applicants must still obtain a special event permit where required, and comply with the conditions of that permit.

In the event complaints are received, By-law Enforcement Officers will be available to attend; and charges can be laid if warranted.

Previously, this item has come forward on an annual basis. This year the recommendation is that it apply from this year forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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